

MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY ARTS & HISTORICAL COMMISSION
August 13, 2020
6:00 pm

Members present were: Aubrey Miller, Daniel Dreher, Mike Phillips, Suzette Cross, and Thomas Jones (6:30).

Also present were: Phil Shirley, PRT Director, Katie Smith, Clerk to Council

Call to Order

Aubrey Miller called the meeting to order at **6:00 pm**

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve as presented by Aubrey Miller, seconded by Daniel Dreher.

Vote was Unanimous

Treasurer's Report

Current balance in the A/H account is \$7,500.

Discussion items

1. Passport Distribution status/feedback-Several members noted some venues not currently open due to the pandemic. Will keep trying to get passports delivered. Commission open to monthly spotlight presentation from community partners to improve awareness. Commission will explore an industry reception later this year.
2. Artist in Residence program-update provided
3. Historical Marker Application-Form is updated and ready for circulation.
4. African American Historical Marker request- **Motion** by Aubrey Miller, seconded by Suzette Cross and unanimously carried to fund \$500 to sponsor the State approved Historical Marker through the SC African American Historical Foundation for the Bethel Colored Methodist Church in Westminster.
5. South Cove Park-Hall Family Cemetery-Mr. Shirley provided an update of the work completed on the Hall Family Cemetery and invited the Commission to the October 24 dedication co-sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution.
6. External Grant procedures-update provided
7. Industry Collaboration-Commission discussed how to collaborate with community partners. Mr. Shirley will seek additional feedback from Visit Oconee SC on increased ways to highlight Arts, Historical and Cultural resources.
8. FY21- **Motion** by Thomas Jones, seconded by Daniel Dreher to offer up to ten (10) \$500 mini-grants for marketing and promotion of a project, event or venue within the arts and historical industry in Oconee County. The Goal is to disburse funds by the December meeting.
9. Currently a vacancy in District 4- questionnaires are available on the County website at <https://oconeesc.com/council-home/committees-and-commissions>

2020 Meeting Dates-All meetings are held in Council Chambers at 6pm

September 17

October 8

November 12

December 10

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Phil Shirley