

MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY ARTS & HISTORICAL COMMISSION
November 30, 2017
South Cove Park
6:00 pm

Members present were: Mari Noorai, Tony Adams, Shawn Johnson and Janet Gorman

Also present were: Phil Shirley, PRT Director

Call to Order

Mari Noorai called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of May 11 and Nov. 30 will be approved at next meeting

Treasurer's Report

Current balance in the A/H account is \$7,200. Fall reception costs \$300

Discussion Items

1. **Fall Reception follow up:** A total of 18 guests signed in for the Fall Reception. Great feedback from all and Walhalla Civic Auditorium is interested in hosting the next reception. Mr. Shirley will contact WCA and determine date options and report back.
2. **Passport Program:** Mr. Shirley shared the press release for the first couple who completed the passport. All reviews have been positive.
Motion by Shawn Johnson, seconded by Janet Gorman to print a 2nd edition utilizing up to \$2,500 with the Oconee Belle as the cover photo.
Mr. Shirley will begin the process of design and re-printing and report back.
3. **Sesquicentennial-** Mr. Shirley gave update on committee work.
Motion by Tony Adams, seconded by Shawn Johnson to sponsor an Arts and History Essay contest with school age children to coincide with the Sesquicentennial celebration. Mari will report back in January.
4. **Historical Marker-** Leslie White has been working with the Beacon Mill site for a location of the historical marker. Funds will be transferred over to the Oconee Heritage Center to handle the production of the marker. Leslie will provide an update at the January meeting.
5. **Ambassador Award-**The Commission awarded the 2017 Arts and Historical Ambassador Award to Martha File of the Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail. Mr. Shirley will prepare a press release and notify Mrs. File prior to releasing to the public. A plaque will be presented to Mrs. File at the next reception.
6. **2017 Meeting Schedule-** The commission will meet on the 1st Thursday of every other month except July at 6pm at South Cove Park. 2018 dates are as follows:

January 4th	July 12th
March 1st	September 6th
May 3rd	November 1st

Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Phil Shirley