

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

February 10, 1998

3:30 P.M.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Present: Suzanne Merighi Austin Gould
Jean Jones Mel Brody
Penny Watson Sunako Oyale
Freeholder Charles Griffiths

Kim Wood, Director
Nancy Cannone, Acting Secretary

The meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission was called to order on Tuesday February 10, 1998 at 3:30 p.m., in the Freeholder Meeting Room, County Administration Building, by Chairman Penny Watson.

The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of January 13, 1998. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Austin Gould, seconded by Suzanne Merighi, and passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

The meeting was turned over to Director Wood who reported on the following:

OLD BUSINESS:

GRANT APPLICATIONS: Director Wood passed out to Commission members a list of the 18 organizations that submitted grant applications.

GRANT REVIEW PANEL: The Director stated that she mailed a package of all the applications to each member of the Grant Review Panel for their review - prior to a meeting of all members to discuss each application in detail. No specific date has been set as yet, but it will probably be either the 3rd or 4th of March.

250th ANNIVERSARY:

(LECTURE SERIES) A Press Release is being readied announcing the three lectures that Suzanne Merighi has put together. In addition to sending the Release to the local papers, Director Wood has sent notices to all those listed in the Artist's Directory, local library's and Wheaton Village.

(PHOTO EXHIBIT) Penny Watson reporting on the Photo Exhibit stated that the twenty-four historic pictures mounted on 6 display boards, are ready and will go on display at the Warren Lummis Genealogy Library in Greenwich during the month of April. It was suggested that other library's in the County, plus Wheaton Village, may also be interested in displaying these pictures, and they will be contacted.

(PHOTO CONTEST) Mel Brody reported that he has spoken to Bob Rose who has run such contests before. The County Recreation Commission is also planning to sponsor a photo contest in conjunction with the 250th anniversary, and it was agreed that the Cultural & Heritage Commission would tag on to the Recreation Commission's contest. The contest will be held in the fall of this year and prizes will be given.

CCC&HC FUND-RAISER: Director Wood reporting on the status of the July Collins Concert said she had received her first donation of \$100.00 toward sponsorship of the concert. She has meetings scheduled with possible major sponsors on February 11th., and as soon as these sponsors are lined up there will be a BIG Press Release promoting the Concert. Mrs. Wood passed out literature to Commission members explaining the different Benefit Packages.

BOOK PROJECT: Penny Watson stated that she had a phone conversation with Barbara Bruno recently. Ms. Bruno reported that she is working on the Book and believes she will be finished on schedule.

PILOT PROGRAM: The Pilot Program at FCI Fairton being sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Endowment for the Arts is moving ahead. Mrs. Wood along with Penny Watson recently went to the prison and interviewed three candidates. She believes they have found the right person to run this theater program at the prison. The gentleman's name is Roy Luetzow and he is a theater artist who has run programs in the Ventnor area. The Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission will receive a fee of \$1,000.00 for the minimal work done to coordinate this program.

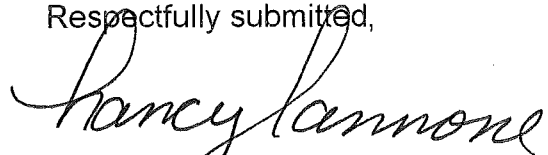
NEW BUSINESS:

FRIENDSHIP CONCERT: Director Wood reported that two of the Philippines most renowned concert pianists Della Gamboa Besa and Anamaria Gregorio de Guzman, will be guests of Mr. Rick Cassell of Millville following their concert at the Kennedy Center in Washington D. C. Because of their friendship with Mr. Cassell, they have agreed to perform, without charge, a "Friendship Concert" at the Millville Public Library on April 26th at 2:00 p.m.

ENCORE AWARDS: The Encore Award Banquet is scheduled for March 10th, the same day as the March Cultural & Heritage Commission meeting. Director Wood urged Commission members to try to attend this Banquet with recognizes performing artists. She suggested that following the regular meeting Commission members could gather and go on to this meeting which is being held at the Palladium Ballroom atop Caesar's Casino in Atlantic City.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Carrone
Acting Secretary

**REMINDER: The Next CCC&HC Meeting is scheduled for
MARCH 10, 1998**