

## Sucy Committee Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2023 Scituate Library 4 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:06 In attendance: Anita, Betty, Suzanne, Peter, Diane, Sue H., Emilie, and Susan S.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** After noting one correction (Peter attended the 11/7/23 meeting) the Minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat C has resigned from the committee due to family and business obligations therefore, we are looking for a volunteer to finish his term as treasurer (expires next September). Please let Anita or Betty know if you are interested. Meanwhile, Emilie will continue to serve in that capacity. Thanks, Emilie.

Currently there is \$8150.67 in our account. We are waiting for the \$367.67 we are owed. When that comes in, we will have \$8518.34 in our account. Emilie will contact Pat C about our Zelle account.

**THE OLYMPIC PROJECT:** Anita attended the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting with the students and parents. AMG who could not attend our meeting sent in her report: Students: 17 total. 11 from Scituate, 3 from Dennis-Yarmouth HS, 2 from NC and 1 from RI. In addition to track and field events, the 14-year-olds will participate in basketball, our 15-year-olds will play table tennis and our 16-year-olds will play volleyball. The teams will be mixed in nationalities. Spain dropped out but France, USA, Italy, and Germany are participating. There will be 60 students in total. Some will be referees. The third chaperone is Jim O'Shaughnessy who will also coach basketball. Table tennis will have practices at the Senior Center with Ed Kelly as coach. We need to look for funding for the bus ride to and from Logan. We are looking for some volunteers to start working on fundraising for that need. Soon, students will be filling out information forms to send to their host families. The plan is to place two students in each one. What's App will be a means of communication. Volunteers are needed to help manage the communication chain.

**THE FRENCH ART PROGRAM:** Jill Sanford will make a presentation on the History of French Art at the Scituate Performing Arts Center at 10 AM on December 21<sup>st</sup>. The event is not open to the public but our committee members may attend.

**THE FILM FESTIVAL:** We received projection dates from Emily at the Reel theatre. They are as follows:

January 10,11,22,23,24,25 February: 1 and 14 March 4,5,6,7 A discussion followed regarding our choice of dates: Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> for an evening film and Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> for a matinee. We are still in the process of choosing two films. Susan S will view Au Revoir le Bonheur for the evening film and we decided Chocolat would be good for the matinee. There are concerns around the cost of the film series. Emily charges \$150 an hour for use of the cinema (\$450 per film for us) and in addition, she needs to research and let us know what the licensing charges will be. Diane suggested we return this

year to the Senior Center and do some research during the year about how to fund the festival at Reel Cinema, but the consensus is that this could be a really good opportunity for us to get exposure and involve the town in an international cultural event. In addition to showing our films, we discussed asking restaurants to offer dishes or cocktails in line with the country's film and Emily suggested she could offer something similar in the concessions. It was noted she has a liquor license.

We talked about researching grant money to help defray the costs of the film festival (ECE and SEA). Diane, Anita, and Betty will attend a meeting about the film series with the other two committees on Friday at 10 at the library. Feel free to attend. We will bring our film choices for Emily to check on licensing fees and discuss funding and logistics.

**FUTURE EXCHANGES:** No news to report. Natalie is too busy with the Olympic project to think about our next trip to Sucey. It was noted that we have hosted the summer Sejour Linguistique several times but have not sent a group to Sucey yet.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. Emilie told us we have a Facebook page now whose name is in line with the other two committees'. It is **Scituate Sister City-Sucey**. Emilie is the administrator. Please follow the group! So far there are 6 members.

2. Ann spoke with Fred at the Senior Center about the possibility of doing a French cooking lesson/ presentation at the center. He is open to the idea and needs to learn more. Sue H will meet with him to discuss particulars (will participants be involved in the cooking process, or will he demonstrate a recipe while participants look on then sample what was prepared?) If you would like to help with this committee, let Sue know. This will be a Spring activity. Diane distributed some cookbooks that were created by Sucey and us some years back. Sue will bring them to her meeting with Fred.

3. It was suggested that at our next meeting, we send around a sheet of paper to record our names, email addresses and phone numbers so that we could communicate more easily. We can distribute the list in an email in the near future.

4. Sucey mugs: we can sell these at future events. We have Scituate Sister City Project mugs, too. Emilie is the point person for them.

5. Calendars: the group responsible for this fundraising event hasn't had a meeting yet but our committee has a few questions about how to improve the calendar sales and drawings when they do meet. Diane will check with Scituate Community Christmas about how they ran their just concluded calendar raffle and report back.

ADJOURN: 6:30 PM    Next meeting: Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>    Scituate Library 4 PM