

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission (NCAC)  
February 28, 2012  
Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 7:30 PM, at the Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT.

Members Present: Sharon Cohen, Rob Kaiser, Donna Mangiafico, Robert Rabinowitz, Donna Monteleone Randle, and Jennifer Rogers

Members Absent: Jennifer Johnston

Auxiliary Members Present: Martin Blanco

Guests: Kate Katcher

Jennifer Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 22, 2011 and January 24, 2012 meetings were approved as written.

Officer Reports: Jennifer Rogers attended two state-run forums that focused on generating guidelines for grants for 2013 and cooperative marketing initiatives.

Treasurer Report: Donna Mangiafico will process check requests and deposits until a treasurer is recruited.

Programs and Events:

- Flagpole Radio Café – Martin Blanco announced that more funding has come through. Advanced ticket sales for the March show featuring guest artist Livingston Taylor are going well. He is expecting a full house. Martin also discussed the February 4<sup>th</sup> show. He reported on a few issues at the Town Hall. The Board of Managers was contacted that evening and Martin later attended one of their meetings to discuss. The Board of Managers reviewed their policy not to book an event in the gym and in the main theatre at the same time. They also adjusted the fee for the theatre.
- Pre-show Receptions – The March 24<sup>th</sup> pre-show reception will feature the submissions from the Newtown Arts Festival arts contest. The winner of the contest will be honored. Members of the Arts Festival committees will also be prepared to speak about fundraising packages, etc.
- Arts Festival – Donna Mangiafico provided an update. Sharon Cohen suggested adding, “how did you hear about the contest?” to the art contest application.

Grants: NCAC grant discussion was tabled until Jennifer Johnston meets with the town attorney.

Website: Rob Kaiser has been working on a word press platform for the website. The issue is the calendar.

Public Participation: Kate Katcher shared information about the Stray Kats Theatre Company. Play with your Food at Stone River Grill will be Friday night. The show begins at 8:30 PM. Stray Kats will be performing "By the Heirs of St. Patrick" on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Alexandria Room.

Other Business:

Stratford Hall/Arts Center: A subcommittee has been formed – Sharon Cohen, Robert Rabinowitz, and Jennifer Rogers volunteered. Jennifer Johnston and Robert Rabinowitz met with Liz Stocker about EDC and the Arts Center. They will work on a grant together for the Stratford Hall project. The next step is to invite contractors to provide cost estimates. Robert Rabinowitz reminded members to review the proposal he emailed and provide feedback ASAP.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 27, 2012, 7:30 PM, Meeting Room 1, Newtown Municipal Center