

# Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

## March 25, 2014

### Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2013, at NCAC/HN offices at 14 West Street, Newtown

**Members Present:** Robert Rabinowitz, Donna Mangiafico, Donna Jennifer Rogers, Laura Lerman, Andrea Spencer, Donna Randle, and Robert Kaiser

**Members Absent:** Jennifer Cebry, Ted Kreinik

**Auxiliary Members:** Linda Parsloe, Lindsay Kelkres, and Patrick Kearney

**Guests:** Rebekah Harriman-Stites

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

- Minutes: Minutes of January 25, 2013, NCAC meeting, approved unanimously
- Officers Report:
  - Laura Lerman (Chair):
    - Thanks to Terry for workshop, thanks to Ken Lerman for getting color printer to work
    - Motion by Robert R to pay annual \$50 membership to CAWC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen R, approved unanimously.
  - Jen Cebry (vice chair): absent
  - Robert Rabinowitz (Secretary): None
- Treasurer's Report (Donna Mangiafico):
  - Report of accounts status
- Grants: Rebekah Harriman-Stites
  - Preparing "boiler plate" information that can be used in all grant applications
  - Interviewed NCAC commissioners both current and past
  - Need to work with other town organizations that put on arts/music programming
  - Info/documentation will be provided for our review prior to the next meeting.
  - They can also do the actual applications at their regular rate of \$100 an hour.
  - NCAC commissioners need to now decide what type of grants we want to apply for and then more specifically which grant foundations
  - Need to discuss with Jen Cebry regarding grants for programming
  - We need clarity about what we are going to apply for
- Cultural Arts Center
  - Long term goal
- HealingNewtown: update by Laura Lerman
  - Many workshops and classes are set up
  - Discussion of "open studio Fridays" and "close knit Thursdays"
  - Ukulele performance in plan
  - Possible song writing workshop
- Church Lease
  - Discussion of extending lease through November 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Motion to continue lease at 14 West Street through November by Donna R, seconded by Robert R (including request to amend lease to allow either party to give 60 day notice and option to stay beyond Nov 1 with 60 days notice at a time). Passed unanimously.

- 2014 Arts Festival
  - Terry Sagedy (Festival Director) could not attend tonight
- Branding Workshop follow up:
  - Terry Sagedy could not attend tonight
- Scholarships & Grants
  - Donna R and Laura L status update
  - Georgia Southern University is giving NHS seniors an opportunity to compete for stings (music) scholarship
- Newsletter & Website: (Jen R & Lindsay)
  - Newsletter was mentioned in Newtown Bee “Top of The Mountain” column
- Army Band (Donna R)
  - Free concert at Newtown High School
- Destination Newtown
  - Motion by Donna R to spend \$150 for a half table to promote NCAC and Arts Festival (unless we can barter in exchange for presence at Arts Festival). Seconded by Donna M. Passed unanimously.
- Newtown Earth Day (Rob K)
  - NCAC will have a booth
- Public Participation:
  - None
- Other Business
  - Motion by Donna M to change NCAC meeting times from 7:30pm to 7:00pm. Second by Robert R. Passed Unanimously.
  - 1939 film festival (Jen R) – partnering with other organizations
  - Motion by Donna R that NCAC support opening reception of 1939 Film Festival. Up to \$200. Seconded by Andrea. Approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 22, 2014, NCAC/HealingNewtown Offices, Lower level Newtown Congregational Church, 14 West Street, Newtown at 7:00 PM.