

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission
May 27, 2014
Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday May 27, 2014, at NCAC/HN offices at 14 West Street, Newtown

Members Present: Robert Rabinowitz, Donna Mangiafico, Donna Jennifer Rogers, Laura Lerman, Andrea Spencer, Donna Randle, Jennifer Cebry, Ted Kreinik, Rob Kaiser

Members Absent: None

Auxiliary Members: Terry Sagedy, Linda Parsloe, Maureen Trotto, Patrick Kearney

Guests:

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

- Minutes: Minutes of April 22, 2013, NCAC meeting, approved unanimously
 - Motion by Donna R, seconded by Donna M
- Officers Report:
 - Laura Lerman (Chair):
 - Laura and Donna M meet with the new Superintendent for Newtown Schools, Dr. Joseph Erardi, Jr.
 - Jen Cebry (vice chair): \$1700 donation for HealingNewtown from Art With Heart from Rockford Illinois.
 - Robert Rabinowitz (Secretary): None
- Treasurer's Report (Donna Mangiafico):
 - No expenses since last meeting
- Arts Festival (Terry Sagedy)
 - Queen Street Banner is arranged
 - Sponsorships in the works
 - Duck Race – we had a table set up, got lots of interest in the festival
- HealingNewtown
 - Update (Laura L)
 - Summer Camp is a go
 - Stray Kittens summer program
 - Print making workshops are being planned for June, July, August
 - Valerie has reserved 2 blocks of time for exhibits at Municipal Center
 - HealingNewtown installation at Municipal Center
 - Talking to sound companies (outdoor stage, PA)
 - Offers have gone out to all the bands
 - Pitney Bowes is loaning us some people in the Fall – idea is to use them to catalog and organize the warehouse
 - Lease for HN at Congregational Church has been revised and will be sent to Laura and Donna – cost has been reduced
 - We loaned the Karaoke Machine to Middle School for an event, it went very well
- Branding Workshop (Terry Sagedy)
 - Next session: 7:30pm Thursday June 5th at SCB, 153 South Main – Terry will send out a note to confirm

- Grants (Donna R)
 - All info has been provided by Rebekah's firm
 - NCAC members need to make bios
- HealingNewtown (Laura)
 - Summer camp is full
 - Mentoring program set up
 - New classes being planned
 - Plans for a HN display at the Arts Festival
 - Laura L & Donna M meet with Dr. Erardi, Newtown Superintendent of Schools – He offered to provide space in the schools for our programs - Andrea S will follow up on this. (Send your questions to Andrea)
- Cultural Arts Center
 - Firehouse
 - Everyone should visit
 - Meeting June 2nd is town meeting regarding future of Firehouse
- NCAC Scholarships and Grants (Laura, Donna R, Andrea)
 - NCAC Scholarship winners will be announced Wednesday June 4th
- Destination Newtown:
 - Made new connections
 - Suggestion to do an updated booth for next year
- Newtown Celebrates 1939 Movies (Jen R)
 - Jen met with ETH Board of Managers – they are talking about an “adopt a movie” program
 - Discussion of expenses for opening weekend and future expenses for Blu-ray/DVD and licensing
 - Discussion of donating Blu-rays/DVDs to Booth Library after the showings at ETH
 - Motion by Donna R, seconded by Andrea that NCAC allocate \$350 out of NCAC fund (buying of the Blu-rays/DVDs for a total of \$286 plus \$53.15 for costumes, plus shipping and handling) toward the 1939 Film Festival. Passed unanimously.
 - Motion by Andrea to allocate \$500 for operational and miscellaneous expenses toward the 1939 Film Festival, seconded by Jen C. Passed unanimously.
 - Motion by Donna M to allocate up to 1150 for 1939 Film Festival out of the NCAC gift fund, seconded by Rob K. Passed by majority, one nay vote (Donna R).
- Newtown Summer Concert Series
 - Terry will talk to Jen Marlin about coordinating NCAC/Arts Fest Parks & Rec concerts
- Newsletter & Website: (Jen R & Lindsay)
 - Newsletter Update
- Public Participation:
 - None
- Other Business
 - App for Arts festival and other events (Jen R) – Jen will send out information
 - Donna M will be gone all of July. Lisa Schwartz will cover for her treasurer duties.
 - Donna R motion to vote Lisa Schwartz in as an auxiliary member, second by Robert R – passed unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 24, 2014, NCAC/HealingNewtown Offices, Lower level Newtown Congregational Church, 14 West Street, Newtown at 7:00 PM.