

# Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

## June 24, 2014

### Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday June 24, 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, Rob Kaiser

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

**Auxiliary Members:** Terry Sagedy, Patrick Kearney, Lindsay Kelkres, Maureen Trotto

**Guests:** Mary Barrett Anders (mbanders53@gmail.com)

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

- Minutes: Minutes of May 27, 2013, NCAC meeting, approved unanimously
  - Motion by Donna R, seconded by Donna M
- Officers Report:
  - Laura Lerman (Chair):
    - Art4Newtown Project – goal: create a museum of fine art in Newtown
    - Art4newtown.org
  - Jen Cebry (vice chair): Absent
  - Robert Rabinowitz (Secretary): None
- Treasurer's Report (Donna Mangiafico):
  - Finance update/balances
  - Motion by Donna M to allocate \$500 deposit to Keno Graphics from NCAC budget for printing of flyers. Seconded by Jen R. Approved unanimously.
  - Motion by Donna M to allocate \$1000 down payment from NCAC budget for Rooster Ball catering to Galluccico Catering. Second Donna R. Approved unanimously.
  - Motion by Donna M down payment to Spence Sound of \$1000 from NCAC budget for sound for Newtown Arts Festival. Seconded by Jen R. Approved unanimously.
  - Motion by Donna M to reimburse Terry Sagedy for deposit of Rooster Ball Band (Nu Cullers) of \$210 from NCAC budget. Seconded by Jen R. Approved unanimously.
- Public Participation: S.H.O.P. – Sandy Hook Organization for Prosperity (Mary Barrett Anders)
  - Project: Revitalization Through The Arts – building a volunteer corp of people from Newtown to focus on Sandy Hook Center, Sandy Hook Village
  - Event: Artwalk Project – in September
  - Pop-up Storefront Program – storefront.com – any empty storefront for temporary show/gallery
- Arts Festival (Terry Sagedy)
  - July 7<sup>th</sup> – grounds meeting with town / Fairfield Hills
  - HN artwork will be coming back from Chicago and on display at festival – Jackie DeFlumeri will curate
  - Motion by Donna M to allocate \$750 prize money out of the NCAC 2015 budget to go to the winning artist of the 2015 Artwork contest. Second by Rob K. Approved unanimously.

- Branding Workshop (Terry Sagedy)
  - Update – final report
  - Terri will send report to NCAC commissioners
    - Next meeting everyone will have reviewed the report and be prepared to discuss and come to decision.
    - Laura will solicit responses by Friday before next NCAC meeting (or create Survey Monkey)
- HealingNewtown
  - HN artwork is coming back from Chicago – Laura will make arrangements for it to be returned to warehouse.
  - Update (Laura L)
    - Very successful printing program just completed
    - Reception Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> of art show curated by Valerie/HN – “Celebration of Your Life” – Newtown Municipal Center, 5-7pm.
- Newtown Celebrates 1939 Movies (Jen R)
  - Currently has paid sponsors and working on others
- 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
  - Discussion of arts festival focused edition
- Grants
  - Motion by Donna R to allocate a maximum of \$1,000 each for two grants – one to be made available to a local Newtown artist, and one to be made available to a Newtown Art Organization - to come out of NCAC monies. Total of a maximum of \$2,000. Seconded by Donna R. Approved unanimously.
  - Standing grants committee will meet to discuss application procedures, forms, etc. Selected artists/organizations will be announced before the 2014 Arts Festival.
- Other Business
  - Discussion of arts mobile app / festival app
  - Worksheet and Guidelines for Member’s Projects
  - Motion to adopt Worksheet and Guidelines for Member’s Projects as the official procedure for proposing projects to the NCAC. Second by Donna M. Approved unanimously.
  - Donna M will research and recommend any updates to the by-laws as far as procedures for project proposals.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

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