

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

July 22, 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 Jennifer Rogers, Laura Lerman, Andrea Spencer, Donna Randle, Rob Kaiser, Ted Kreinik, Jen Cebry

Members Absent: Donna Mangiafico

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

Guests: Robert Rau (Art in Residence Gallery), Shannon Hicks (Newtown Bee)

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

- Minutes: Minutes of June 24, 2014, NCAC meeting, approved unanimously
 - Motion by Donna R, seconded by Ted – passed unanimously
- Officers Report:
 - Laura Lerman (Chair): None
 - Jen Cebry (Vice Chair): None
 - Robert Rabinowitz (Secretary): 573 NCAC FB Likes, 974 Festival Likes, 2,801 HN Lines
- Treasurer's Report
 - Donna Mangiafico: Absent
- Arts in Residence Gallery (Robert Rau)
 - Art Gallery in the Rau's own home
 - Several shows a year – each show with a theme, all shows are
- Arts Festival (Terry Sagedy)
 - Most of the artistic planning (programming) is complete.
 - Please send Terry your budgets for the areas you're responsible for.
 - Sponsors are still needed.
 - Discussion of our float in the Newtown Labor Day Parade.
 - Next Arts Fest meeting is Tuesday July 29th, 7pm, NCAC/HN Offices, 14 West Street (Newtown Congregational Church)
 - Festival sponsors discussion (Donna R)
- App Proposal (Jen Rogers)
 - Everyone to have read the info sent out in advance
 - Discussion of the app – cool, “street cred,” but very expensive – the concept is good – something to look at for the future
 - Perhaps we can hire someone to create a custom NCAC app?
 - Discussion to continue in future meetings
- Scholarships & Grants (Donna R)
 - 2014 grants have been announced
- Receiving Grants
 - Discussion of writing grants to fund future NCAC programs
- HealingNewtown
 - Summer camp was sold out and very successful

- Workshops and classes continue
- HN artwork has been returned and is now known as “The Newtown Collection” and will be on display at the Arts Festival
- Motion by Robert R to stop paying rent on space in Newtown Congregational Church when the current lease ends. Seconded by Donna R.
 - Discussion of motion. If passed need help from town to move everything from the space to the warehouse. Reminder however that the warehouse itself is donated space so we can’t count on always having it available to us.
 - Passed unanimously
- New name for HealingNewtown:
 - Going forward: until we have a new space, all events and activities will be conducted under the auspices of NCAC
- Workshops and classes – going forward we should have discussions with Newtown Schools and Parks & Rec about partnering.
- Discussion of stand-alone workshops
- Newsletter (Jen R & Lindsay) – discussion of next newsletter
- Public Participation: None
- Other Business:
 - Sunday Cinema Series – Jen R has 6 sponsors

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm

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

**Newtown Cultural Arts Commission
2014 Meeting Dates
Tuesdays - 7:00 PM**

2014 NCAC Meeting Schedule

January 28, 2014
February 25, 2014
March 25, 2014
April 22, 2014
May 27, 2014
June 24, 2014
July 22, 2014
August 26, 2014
September 23, 2014
October 28, 2014
November 25, 2014
December 16, 2014