

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

September 23, 2014

Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday September 23, 2014, at NCAC/HN offices at 14 West Street, Newtown

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

Members Absent: None

Auxiliary Members: Terry Sagedy, Patrick Kearney, Lindsay Kelkres

Guests: None

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

- Minutes: Minutes of Aug 26, 2014, NCAC meeting, approved unanimously
 - Motion by Jen C seconded by Donna R – passed unanimously
- Officers Report:
 - Laura Lerman (Chair): None
 - Jen Cebry (Vice Chair): None
 - Robert Rabinowitz (Secretary): NCAC Meetings move back to Town Hall, Meeting Room 1, starting in October
- Treasurer's Report (Donna Mangiafico)
 - Status of accounts
- 2014 Arts Festival (Terry Sagedy)
 - Festival was a huge success
 - Our third successful year has firmly established the Arts Festival and "Arts Month" in Newtown as a major event in Newtown
 - Festival wrap-up meeting will be 7pm October 30th HN offices
 - Lots of people have expressed interest in volunteering next year
- 2015 Arts Festival (Terry Sagedy)
 - September 19th & 20th
- Scholarships & Grants (Laura)
 - Once again we had phenomenal applications from wonderful artists. Grants went to Stray Kats (Kate Katcher) and Max Galassi and Virginia Zimmerman
- HealingNewtown
 - Last 3 programs are scheduled
 - Jen C is handling the move of equipment/items/supplies out of the office to the warehouse prior to October 27th
 - Pitney Bowes volunteers will be helping catalog and label music and light equipment in the warehouse during the 1st week of October
 - Can we sell donated Art? A: what was the donor's intent? For now the consensus is that no, it belongs to the town. Can we talk to the town about having it displayed in town buildings and offices?
 - Location of Key Fob for warehouse – lockbox.

- Motion by Jen C to spend \$30 on key lock box for warehouse fob, Second by Robert R. Passed Unanimously. To come from HN fund.
- Valerie's last day is October 18th. Motion to allocate \$100 for a gift card for Valerie by Robert R, Second by Donna R. Passed unanimously.
- Laura L met with Amy Mangold (Parks and Rec) to discuss integrating our programs with the Park & Rec programs. Amy is all in favor of this partnership. NCAC will have its own section in their catalog.
- Laura L will be meeting with Dr. Erardi (Superintendent of schools) about use of space/rooms in the Newtown schools for our programs.
- Newsletter (Jen R & Lindsay) – We now have over 1000 subscribers!
- Receiving Grants (Robert R)
 - Robert R, Laura L, Jen C, Jen R and Ted K met on 9/22 to discuss the type of grants we wish to apply for.
 - Laura L will send the info to Veronica Parsloe who will be volunteering to write grant applications for us.
- Sennheiser Speaker Repair (Robert R)
 - Patrick will drive the speakers to Sennheiser in Olde Lyme CT to save us shipping costs.
- Other Business:
 - Robert: Talk at Newtown Library scheduled for Sept 24th at 6:30pm by author Craig Harris "The Band: Pioneers of American Music"
 - Donna: now that the arts festival is over we need to get the other committee's on the agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 28, 2014, NCAC/HealingNewtown Offices, Lower level Newtown Congregational Church, 14 West Street, Newtown at 7:00 PM.