

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

October 28, 2014

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting Tuesday, October 28 in the Conference Room at Town hall South, Main Street, Newtown.

Members present: Jennifer J. Cebrey, Jennifer Rogers, Donna Randle, Laura E. Lerman, Andrea Spencer and Rob Kaiser.

Auxiliary members: Linda Parsloe, Terry Sagedy, Lindsay Kelkres

Guests: Barbara , Lois Barber

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:15.

Programming (formerly HealingNewtown) Laura E. Lerman

- A report outlining how we could support certain Recreation Department workshops was presented.
- Jen C. moved that all courses be financed, Jen R seconded.
After discussion Jen C modified her motion to exclude one course at \$350. Jen R. seconded
Resulting total: \$1880
Passed unanimously
- Jen Rogers moved that we rent a room at Congregational Church to support the weaving workshop at \$150 a month; total \$1800 for a year.
Andrea seconded.
Passed unanimously
- Jen Rogers moved that we support the weaving workshop by allotting \$1000 for supplies. Jen Cebrey seconded
Passed unanimously

- We have more than \$400 on a BJ's card with membership expiring in May. Suggest that we use it for the reception after/during **Gone with the Wind** as part of the money already allotted to the event.

Treasurer's Report

- In Donna M's absence, Laura Lerman gave the treasurer's report.

Warehouse & Equipment (Laura, Rob)

- Town has moved us from the church to the warehouse.
- Warehouse fob is in the receptacle at the warehouse
- Rob Kaiser will be handling our "Loaning program" for our equipment.
- Rob Kaiser will be overseeing the inventory of equipment. Pitney Bowes volunteers have already done most of it.
- Tables and chairs will remain at the church as long as the weavers are there.

Newsletter & Website (Lindsay, Rob, Jen R)

- The website committee has been reevaluating the software we currently use.
- They are putting out to bid a new design of the website. Expect it to be \$2000.

Grants (Robert, absent)

- The volunteer that has been working with us can no longer spare the time. We need to refocus our energies. And determine if we need professional help in applying to grants.

Film Festival (Jen R)

- **Gone with the Wind** set for November 23. Already have 80 reservations.

2015 Arts Festival (Terry Sagedy)

- Danbury Hall is gone. We have room to expand, if we wish.

- Many events were sold out...can we expect even more attendance?
- Pilobus? Can we sponsor an entire performance?
- Can we monetize events that were free this year?

Public Participation

- Lois Barber: suggests that we sponsor a Christmas House Decorating Competition similar to one she experienced in New Jersey.
- Because our next meeting is in late November, it would be too late to vote for funds or our participation.

Recognition Activities (Jen R)

- Suggest that we have an award night or include an award ceremony at the arts festival.

No other Business