

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

February 3, 2015

Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday February 3, 2015, at the Newtown Municipal Center.

Members Present: Robert Rabinowitz, Donna Mangiafico, Laura Lerman, Jen Rodgers, Jen Cebry, Robert Kaiser

Members Absent: Donna Randle, Andrea Spencer

Auxiliary Members: Terry Sagedy, Elaine Barbara

Laura Lerman called the discussion to order at 7:13 PM.

- Minutes: Minutes of December 16, 2014, NCAC meeting, approved unanimously
- Officers Report:
 - Laura Lerman (Chair):
 - Laura and Donna M met with 1st Selectman (Pat Llodra) and the NCAC is now responsible for scheduling art exhibitions at the Municipal Center.
 - Jen Cebry (Vice Chair)
 - Nothing
 - Robert Rabinowitz (Secretary) – Thank you letter from Faith Food Pantry
- Treasurer's Report (Donna Mangiafico)
 - Status of accounts
 - Discussion of investing HealingNewtown Funds and some of Arts Festival Funds
 - Discussion of funding from town.
- Election of NCAC Officers
 - Chairman. Nomination of Laura Lerman by Robert R, Second by Jen J. Passed unanimously.
 - Vice-Chairman, Nomination of Andrea Spencer by Laura L, Second by Jen J. Passed unanimously.
 - Secretary, Nomination of Robert Rabinowitz by Laura L, Second by Rob K. Passed unanimously.
 - Treasurer – Donna M reappointed by unanimous decision.
- 2015 Arts Festival (Terry Sagedy):
 - We need a person (or people) to help obtain sponsors for the festival
 - We need graphic design help with the festival
- Grants Writing
 - Robert R met with Valerie Culbertson, excellent progress being made. 2 proposals have been officially submitted now (Lillian Butler Davey Foundation, Fairfield CT Community Foundation). More are in the works.
 - Motion by Robert R to allocate \$1325 for 52 hours of grant writing work on behalf of the NCAC. Seconded by Jen Rogers. Passed unanimously.
- Programming
 - Andrea Spencer will be taking over programming responsibilities for the NCAC working with Parks & Recreation

- Library display case coordination/sponsorship going well. We will publicize it on the NCAC web site and Facebook page.
- Destination Newtown:
 - NCAC Booth
 - Discussion of display options
- C T Conference on Tourism, May 12th - suggestion that we send a representative.
- Warehouse & Equipment
 - Our equipment in the warehouse needs to be moved to a different area in the warehouse this Friday. Volunteers needed to help.
- NCAC Scholarships and Grants
 - Motion by Robert R, second by Rob K, to allocate up to \$4,250 for 2105 Grants and Scholarships. Approved unanimously.
- Website
 - Rob K looking into updates for NCAC website. Motion by Rob K to allocate \$60 for a premium website template. Seconded by Jen R. Approved unanimously.
- Newsletter
 - Working on the on-line calendar
- Public Participation
 - None
- Other Business
 - Awards for supporters of the arts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2015, Town Hall South Meeting Room (lower level).