

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

March 24, 2015

Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday March 24, 2015 2015, at Town Hall South.

Members Present: Robert Rabinowitz, Donna Mangiafico, Laura Lerman, Jen Rodgers, Robert Kaiser, Donna Randle, Andrea Spencer

Members Absent: Jen Rodgers, Jen Cebry

Auxiliary Members: Terry Sagedy, Elaine Barbara

Laura Lerman called the discussion to order at 7:20 PM.

- Minutes: Minutes of February 24, 2014, NCAC meeting, approved unanimously
- Officers Report:
 - Laura Lerman (Chair):
 - Laura met with Bob Rau about an idea for a multi use building
 - Email from Jim Allyn – he would like to give us credit at Open Mike nights
 - Met with Flagpole photographers – they’re having trouble finding places to meet – Laura is starting an inventory of places to meet in town
 - Jen Rogers (absent)
 - Robert Rabinowitz (Secretary)
 - New heads for NCAC drum set including bass drum head with NCAC logo
- Treasurer’s Report (Donna Mangiafico)
 - Status of accounts
 - Payment of bills
 - Investing:
 - Laura & Donna M met with Bob Tait – because its town money we can only invest in CDs (no stocks – we can’t risk the principal).
 - Motion by Donna M to invest \$100,000 from our savings account in a 2 year CD, second by Andrea. Passed unanimously.
 - Motion by Donna M to invest \$20,000 of the arts festival money in a 2 year CD, second by Andrea. Passed unanimously.
- 2015 Arts Festival (Terry Sagedy):
 - Festival planning meeting this Thursday March 26
 - Majority of activities will probably be on weekends with some activities on Wednesdays and Thursdays
 - Discussion options of doing something on Labor Day Weekend
 - Returning events: Children’s Art Party, Wordsmiths, Improv night, Live at Edmund Town Hall
 - Other possible events: Friends of Music, Film Festival
- Community Center:
 - Laura met with Pat about community center
- Grants
 - No response on submitted grants

- COA grant deadlines coming up – we need someone to submit letter of intent and to write the grant
- Motion by Andrea to allocate up to \$2000 to hire a grant writer to apply on behalf of the NCAC for the COA Arts in Place Grant. 2nd by Robert R. Passed unanimously.
- Programming
 - NYA after school program – request for funding for supplies
 - We need to create a set of guidelines for type of funding we'd consider
- Library display case coordination/sponsorship going well. Flagpole Photographers are up next.
- Destination Newtown:
 - NCAC Booth
 - Discussion of display options
- Warehouse & Equipment
 - Need to get list/spreadsheet of artwork that was donated.
- NCAC Scholarships and Grants
 - No update
- Website
 - Healingnewtown.org now redirects to NCAC website
 - Rob K has obtained the premium template for updating the NCAC site!
 - Municipal Center Gallery and Library showcase information needs to go up on our website
 - Naming of the Municipal Center Gallery – think of ideas
- Newsletter
 - No update
- Public Participation
 - None
- Other Business
 - Donna R: Call to Veteran Artists – request for NCAC to help get the word out.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2015, Town Hall South Meeting Room (lower level).