

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

May 26, 2015

Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday May 26, 2015, at Town Hall South.

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

Members Absent: John Conk

Auxiliary Members: Terry Sagedy, Elaine Barbara

Guests: Faith Mangiafico

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

- Minutes: Minutes of April 28, 2014, NCAC meeting, approved unanimously
- Officers Report:
 - Laura Lerman (Chair): nothing to report
 - Andrea: nothing to report
 - Robert R – Submit agenda items
- Treasurer's Report (Donna Mangiafico)
 - Motion to allocate \$1040 for moving of equipment from warehouse to new location by Donna M, second by Jen J. Passed 6 to 1 (opposing Robert Rabinowitz, reason it should have been the Town's responsibility to either move the items or pay for the movers).
 - Status of accounts
 - Payment of bills
 - Motion to make Faith Mangiafico auxiliary member and assistant treasurer by Donna M, second by Jen R, passed unanimously.
- 2015 Arts Festival (Terry Sagedy):
 - Terry will schedule an Arts Festival grounds meeting in the next couple of weeks
 - Fund raising effort will launch on June 1 – Terry will email out the PDF
- Grants (Andrea)
 - It was determined that we are not currently in a position to apply for the COA grant that we had been looking at.
 - There is another regional grant coming up for application in July that we will be looking into.
- NCAC Space Requirements / Community Center (Rob K / Laura)
 - Economic Development Commission is discussing the idea of creating a conference center in Newtown. Laura will be meeting with Bob Tait and Robert Rau.
 - Laura is also meeting with the architect who is evaluating all existing town space to promote the needs of the NCAC
 - NCAC space needs:
 - Climate controlled warehouse for equipment art
 - Multipurpose room
 - Offices/meeting space
 - Dedicated spaces for different disciplines where equipment and artwork can be left
 - Adequate parking
 - Appropriate flooring

- Warehouse Move (Rob K)
 - New space is Braun Moving & Storage
 - Rob K handled arrangements for the move
- 2015 Local Arts Agency Census (Jen R, Laura)
 - Laura will fill it in
- Poet Laureate (Laura, Donna M)
 - NCAC recommendations sent to Pat Llodra
- NCAC Scholarships and Grants (Donna R)
 - There were some outstanding applicants again this year for the scholarships. The two recipients will be announced next week
 - Grants will be announced in June – submission will be in August
- Film Festival / Town Hall Managers (Jen R)
 - There will be another festival this year. Four films: Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Casablanca, Breakfast at Tiffany's, Sound of Music
- Destination Newtown (Laura)
- Website (Rob K)
 - Rob suggests we revisit the idea of hiring someone to revamp the NCAC website – Rob will come back at June meeting with a proposal.
- Newsletter (Jen R)
 - Please promote
- Public Participation
 - None
- Other Business
 - Jen Rogers: weavers bought a new loom and it is set up and regular events continue
 - Andrea: Summer Jam Concert Series
 - Donna R: Benches – Laura will try contacting again.
 - Jen J: Dave Booker's art work / parks & rec – follow up on having it hung – Laura will talk to Amy Mangold
 - Rob K: Open Mics run by Jim Allyn – equipment loaned by NCAC

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 2015, Town Hall South Meeting Room (lower level).