

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

December 15, 2015

Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday December 15, 2015, at Town Hall South.

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

Members Absent: Jen Cebry

Auxiliary Members: Elaine Barbera

Guests: Tracy van Buskirk

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

- Minutes: Minutes of Special (Arts Festival) November 17, 2015, NCAC meeting, approved unanimously
- Officers Report:
 - Laura Lerman (Chair):
 - 50th Anniversary of NEA – Laura was invited to be one of four people filmed for Connecticut segment due to our HealingNewtown Project
 - Andrea Spencer (Vice Chair): None
 - Robert Rabinowitz (Secretary): None
- Treasurer's Report (Donna Mangiafico)
 - Town budgeted \$2,500 for the year for NCAC in 2015. Our hope for 2016 is that we will get at least that again.
 - Review of year's finances
- Weaver's Lease & Path Forward (they need dedicated space)
 - Laura L spoke to Amy Mangold and there doesn't appear to be any rooms available in the schools however Parks & Rec are still looking at options
 - Suggestion – is Edmond Town Hall a possibility?
- NCAC Scholarships and Grants
 - Motion by Robert Rabinowitz to fund Grants and Scholarships at \$2,000 each (total \$4,000) for 2016. Seconded by Donna R. Passed unanimously.
- Film Festival (Jen R)
 - Over 300 people attended the final film of the year: "The Sound of Music"
 - This year's series has been quite successful... attendance has been great

Library Showcase

- December Show: Paul Gallant
- January: Pottery Showcase
- Municipal Center Gallery
 - December – Virginia Zimmerman
 - January – Marleen Cafarelli
 - February & March – SCAN
 - April - Flagpole Photographers will partner with the Newtown Animal Shelter to take pictures of the animals and show them to help them get adopted

- May - Glen River
- Website (Rob K)
 - Discussion of updates to website
 - Rob has shared a demo site for us to look at – everyone needs to send feedback and suggestions to Rob
 - We will be continuing with Webpress
 - We are looking into merging NCAC and Arts Fest hosting into one domain
 - We also need to explore getting both sites hosted by Town of Newtown on town website
- Social Media (Elaine)
 - Elaine is going to change the header on our FB page
- Newsletter (Jen R)
 - December newsletter was recently published
 - We are looking for someone to take over running the newsletter going forward
- Public Participation
 - Tracy is going to apply to become a NCAC commissioner and is looking forward to participating.
 - Motion by Donna R to make Tracy an auxiliary member. Seconded by John. Passed unanimously.
- Other Business
 - Bench – Donna R will follow up.
 - Community Center discussion

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

**Newtown Cultural Arts Commission
2016 Meeting Dates
Tuesdays - 7:00 PM**

All meetings to be held at: Conference room at Town Hall South unless otherwise noted

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