

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

January 14, 2016

Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Thursday January 14, 2015, at Town Hall South.

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

Members Absent: None

Auxiliary Members: Jen Rogers, Terry Sagedy, Lisa Schwartz, Tracy van Buskirk

Guests: Bob Rau and Paul Fadus from the Newtown Economic Development Commission

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

- Minutes: Minutes of the Tuesday December 15, 2015, NCAC meeting, approved unanimously
- Officers Report:
 - Laura Lerman (Chair): None
 - Andrea Spencer (Vice Chair): None
 - Robert Rabinowitz (Secretary): Recommendation to move Public Participation to the beginning of the agenda for all meetings.
- Public Participation:
 - Bob Rau from Economic Development Commission
 - Discussion of Cultural Arts Center/Performing Arts Center
 - They have plans to evaluate Plymouth Hall as a possibility
 - Paul Fadus – regarding community center
- Motion by Robert Rabinowitz to make Jen Rogers an Auxiliary Member, 2nd by Donna Randle – passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report (Donna Mangiafico)
 - Discussion of NCAC finances.
- Officer Elections:
 - Jen C motioned to renew the current officers for another year, 2nd by Donna M
 - Laura Lerman: Chair
 - Andrea Spencer: Vice Chair
 - Robert Rabinowitz: Secretary
 - Motion to reappoint Donna M as Treasurer by Robert R, 2nd by Laura L. Passed unanimously.
- 2016 Arts Festival (Terry Sagedy)
 - Meetings will be held the 4th of every month
 - We need a volunteer to serve as director of fundraising
 - It's critical we get more sponsors for the 2016 festival
 - We also need volunteers for graphic arts, workshop/tent coordination, security, event specific coordinators, and an assistant festival director
 - We will once again do the weekends and Wednesdays format for events this year – throughout the month of September
- Poet Laureate Report (Lisa Schwartz)
 - Lisa will be serving as a judge for Poetry Out Loud in February
 - Lisa will be doing the opening poem for the SCAN show in April/May

- April is the 20th Anniversary National Poetry Month
 - Tracy suggests that NCAC host an event that month – possibly having different people in town read a poem
- Weaver's Lease
 - Jen C has been exploring possibilities but still nothing definite had come up
 - Rob K will also talk to Tier One as a possible option
 - Jen Rogers and weavers are preparing in the event the program will have to self-sustain (including paying for rent in the event an appropriate free space is not found).
- Equipment for Open Mic and Jazz Night events
 - Request by Jim Allyn to use equipment
 - Yes he can use equipment
 - The equipment cannot stay at the Tavern
 - We need to have a signed agreement that lists the equipment and value
- NCAC Scholarships and Grants (Donna R)
 - The applications are ready to be uploaded to the NCAC websites. Andrea will forward them.
- Film Festival (Jen R)
 - Jen Rogers is working with the Edmond Town Hall Board of Managers to present several films. Doctor Zhivago is the next movie in the series scheduled for Sunday, January 31st.
 - Jen R announced that she has sponsors for several other movies.
 - Jen R. and Andrea will meet to create a proposal an event to compliment the showing of Grease in Spring/Summer, which was suggested as a possible fundraiser for this year's festival.
- Library Showcase
 - Clay works are on display in the Library showcase.
- Municipal Center Gallery
 - Currently showing at the Municipal Center Gallery is Marleen Cafarelli's photography of the 2nd Company Governor's Horse Guard. Coming in April will be the photos of animal shelter animals for adoption.
- Community Center
 - The NCAC members will contact art groups and friends to advocate for a multiuse center, which will incorporate arts-related workshops, performances, and activities.
- Website
 - Rob K. continues to work with the web designer.
- Newsletter (Jen R)
 - Jen R. will work on the next newsletter and send it out in the coming weeks.
- Other Business
 - Jen Cebry reminded NCAC members that Joseph Williams is eager to retrieve his painting of a doll with spider plant in background. Mr. Williams donated his painting to HealingNewtown in early 2013. If anyone knows where it is currently being stored or if was lent out, please let her know.
 - Terry Sagedy announced that the Flagpole Radio Café will present three shows this season.
 - Terry Sagedy also announced that Jean Leonard has passed away. Laura Lerman will get in touch with her family about naming her memorial bench or sending them the \$2,500 sponsorship back.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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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