

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission
February 11, 2016
Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2016, at Town Hall South.

Members Present: Jennifer Cebry, John Conk, Rob Kaiser, Laura Lerman, Donna Mangiafico, and Donna Monteleone Randle

Members Absent: Robert Rabinowitz, Andrea Spencer

Auxiliary Members: Elaine Barbera, Jennifer Rogers, Terry Sagedy, and Lisa Schwartz

Guests: Bill Buchler, Paul Fadus, Karen Pierce, and Curt Symes

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Meeting Minutes:

- The January 14, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Officer Reports:

- Laura Lerman met with Needle Workers and Artist for the April Gallery.

Treasurer Report:

- Donna Mangiafico reported on the financial transactions since the January meeting.

Public Participation:

- Karen Pierce shared information about the Newtown Yoga Festival, which will take place on August 27, 2016 at the NYA. The Yoga Festival will feature a wide variety of health and wellness activities including a yoga buffet. The Yoga Festival organizers are requesting assistance, especially with marketing, advertising, and accounting. She would like to partner with another organization.
- Laura Lerman offered to meet with the Newtown Financial Director, Robert Tait, to discuss the possibility of a partnership.

Weavers' Lease:

- Jen Cebry offered her basement to weavers. Jen Rogers will discuss this option with the weavers vs remaining at the Newtown Congregational Church, which would require the weavers to pay the rent out of their donations. A motion was made for the NCAC to pay the rent for the next two months, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Film Series:

- Jen Rogers announced that "An Affair to Remember" is the next movie. "Sabrina" will show the end of March.
- Jen discussed adding closed captions for the hearing impaired. John Conk offered to help.
- Jen Rogers is looking into renting the Edmond Town Hall Gym for a dance to complement the showing of "Grease" on Sunday, May 22, 2016.

Newtown Arts Festival:

- The Arts Festival Committee will meet on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Terry Sagedy is working on reserving a meeting space. He will send out a notice in the coming days.

Poet Laureate:

- Lisa Schwartz discussed the Newtown Poetry Project. Several presenters have already agreed to participate. The event will take place at the Meeting House on April 3, 2016 at 2:00 PM.
- Lisa also announced that she would be reading a poem at the upcoming Flagpole Radio Café on February 27, 2016.

Scholarships & Grants:

- Donna Monteleone Randle asked that everyone help spread the word about the two \$1,000 scholarships available to Newtown students. Donna Mangiafico will post a link to the details and application form on the NCAC Facebook page.

Municipal Center Gallery & Library Showcase:

- SCAN is exhibiting at the Municipal Center Gallery. Glen River is scheduled for April.
- Counted cross-stitch is on display in the Library Showcase.

Newtown Community Center:

- The Newtown Community Center was discussed. Concerns were raised about inadequate space that may be allocated for multi-use such as arts, health & wellness, gathering, etc.
- Bill Buchler encouraged people to continue to attend the NCCC meetings to ask questions and voice their opinions.

Commission on Aging:

- Curt Symes and Andrea Spencer are working to make use of the Senior Center bus to provide seniors transportation to programs and events.

Website:

- Rob Kaiser reported that the new website should be live in the coming days. He will let people know when it is up.

Social Media:

- Elaine Barbera asked for assistance.

Newsletter:

- Jen Rogers is working on the next newsletter and asked people to send content.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Mangiafico