

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission
March 10, 2016
Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Thursday March 10, 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: Donna Mangiafico, Tracy Van Buskirk

Auxiliary Members: Maureen Trotto, Elaine Barbera, Terry Sagedy

Guests: None

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

- Minutes: Minutes of the Thursday February 11, 2015, NCAC meeting, approved unanimously
- Officers Report:
 - Laura Lerman (Chair):
 - Laura & Andrea met with Senior Center
 - Laura met with Flagpole Photographers and Animal Shelter to plan show at Municipal Center
 - Laura met with Neil Bittner on Library show
 - Laura met with Glen River on Municipal Center Show
 - Laura met with John Bocuzzi to discuss cooperation on grants
 - Laura met with Pilobolus
 - Laura gave a presentation at Arts Day in Hartford
 - Andrea Spencer (Vice Chair): Andrea and Laura met with Senior Center
 - Robert Rabinowitz (Secretary): None
- Treasurer's Report (Donna Mangiafico)
 - Donna absent, no update.
- Public Participation: None
- Warehouse meeting Newtown School representatives, including Superintendent Dr. Erardi to go through artwork that would be appropriate for use in the new Sandy Hook school. We will also invite the families to come go through the art to what they might want.
- Donations to Newtown Schools (Robert R)
 - NCAC is arranging donations of orchestral strings, woodwind reeds, and drumsticks and mallets to the Newtown Schools
- 2016 Arts Festival (Terry Sagedy)
 - Terry will send out a notification of the next meeting
 - Winning artwork has been announced
 - Permit has been submitted to the town for the Festival Weekend
 - Jen J is organizing a dance events for the months of August and September
- NCAC Scholarships and Grants (Donna R)
 - All is moving along per schedule.
- Weavers will continue to use the space at the Congregational Church paying for it through their own finances but NCAC will continue to act as their sponsor and maintain the lease for them.
- Library Showcase
 - Currently on display at the Library showcase is Neil Bittner's works.

- Municipal Center Gallery
 - Currently showing at the Municipal Center Gallery is Glen River. Coming in April will be the photos of animal shelter animals for adoption.
- Community Center
 - Discussion of the report released by the Community Center Commission
- Website
 - New wordpress template is up and running, all commissioners have access to update the site now.
- Social Media (Elaine, Robert R)
 - Regular posts continue to be made to the NCAC Facebook Page
- Other Business
 - CT Arts Day – Terry said it was a great day and that Laura’s presentation was excellent.
 - Fairfield Authority meeting – Andrew Mangold presented the idea of a Fruit Tree trail. Jen J has had discussions with Andrew about NCAC also looking into having public art on the trails.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.