

# Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

## Minutes January 10, 2019

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE NEWTOWN CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AT THE NEXT MEETING.

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at The Newtown Municipal Center

**Members present:** Grant Ossendryver, Andrea Spencer, Deborra Zukowski, Rob Kaiser, Jen Cebry, Sue Kassirer, Laura Lerman

**Members Absent:** Tracy Van Buskirk (one vacancy)

**Auxiliary members present:** Lisa Schwartz

**Public present:** none

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

- Grant moved and Rob seconded that the minutes of the December 13 meeting be accepted as written. Passed unanimously
- Andrea Spencer reported that 2018 Grant Recipient Karen Pinto (representing her two co-recipients, the Three Potters) and Commission member Tracy Van Buskirk met with the assistant fire inspector to determine where a showcase can be placed in the Municipal Center. The showcase will be purchased with the proceeds of a grant awarded to The Three Potters in 2018. Andrea moved and Rob seconded that the Commission pay for the delivery up to \$225. Passed Unanimously.
- Lisa reported that the theater at Town Hall will be going “dark” during March for an audios update. Town Hall administrator Sheila Torres has suggested that the CAC sponsor a performance in the Alexandria Room. Lisa will find out if a fee for the use of the room will be involved.
- The Library Showcase this month is Parks and Recreation activities
- The Gallery at the Muni Center is featuring painter Anita Gregorski
- Lisa Schwartz, presenting as Town Poet Laureate, reported that the 2019 “Risk A Verse” event will be Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at The Meeting House starting at 2 PM. It will be presented by Lisa and Commission member Tracy Van Buskirk
- Rob moved, and Sue seconded, that the scholarships and grants be increased to \$1500 (from \$1000) and that the scholarships be limited to two

recipients. The grants would also stay at two. The motion was defeated 6-1. (Rob Kaiser was the affirmative vote.)

- Deb moved and Andrea seconded that the scholarships be increased to \$1250 (from \$1000) and there be three scholarships and two grants. The motion was passed unanimously.

- Laura noted that the by-laws of the Commission set voting for officers in July, to mirror the town's fiscal year. Deb noted that that meant that an officer could be elected in July and then not reappointed to the Commission in January. Laura said that she would have alternate wording to present to the Commission at its next meeting. This wording would mirror the date of the Commission terms.

- Deb noted that the by-laws require only that officers' resignations be sent to the chairman. There is no process for the chairman to submit a resignation to anyone else. Laura said she would submit to the Commission, at its next meeting, wording that would allow the chairman to submit her resignation to someone other than herself. Deb suggested we check the Town charter.

- Sue asked if it was possible to change the day of the meeting to another Thursday. The current meeting day overlaps the meeting of the Democratic Town Committee. Laura said she would look into the availability of the room on another Thursday and would check with the absent member to make sure she could make another Thursday. Laura will report back at the next meeting.

There being no further business, it was moved (Zukoswki) and seconded (Kaiser) that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura E. Lerman