

## **Newtown Cultural Arts Commission**

### **Minutes of March 4, 2021 Meeting**

These minutes are subject to approval by the NCAC, at the next meeting

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission, held a meeting via video conferencing on Thursday, March 4, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Commission Chairman Laura E. Lerman

**Members present:** Laura Lerman, Andrea Spencer, Roger Connor, Tracy Van Buskirk, Sue Kassirer, Jen Cebry, Grant Ossendryver, Suzanne Lang

**Members absent:** Robert Kaiser

**Auxiliary members:** Barbara Snyder

**Members of the Public:** Nancy Cole

Minutes: It was moved by Andrea that the minutes of the February 4, 2021 meeting be approved, seconded by Roger and passed unanimously.

Officer Reports: No news.

Treasurer's Report: None.

Art Festival: Barbara provided updates on planning for the festival:

- Elaine Martin will run the front gate as usual, along with Newtown Savings Bank co-workers.
- Lots of work has been done on the website with a framework to which content can be added as it is finalized. All members encouraged to provide Barbara with any suggestions on the website or other festival related subjects.
- Connie Widman and Roger Connor will coordinate volunteers
- T shirts and posters will be pre-sold online with pick up starting in June at the Community Center. Jen will confirm that is ok with Matt and set a date Jen also will assist with setting up the software to do multiple item sales on the website. Of note, the sponsors will only be on the volunteer t shirts (yellow). General sales t shirts will be blue.
- Lynn Hungaski will be in charge of soliciting sponsors with assistance from Barbara. The sponsorship levels will have a lower starting dollar amount and will range up to \$1,500. Laura will send the list of sponsors sorted by year to everyone. If anyone has useful contacts at area businesses, please give name/contact info to Barbara.

- Tracy asked when NAF organizational meetings will start and it was agreed they should take place on the second Thursday of each month starting April 8.
- The Brookfield Craft Center will have a tent with interesting demos. This will be a great addition to the festival. More “Freeway” attractions.

Public Art at Fairfield Hills: Lindsay is talking directly to Amy Mangold about the dog park building with a dog-centric design.

Community Center: Jen reported that next session starts on 3/8. Everwonder and the library are hosting programs.

Public Participation: Andrea reported on behalf of Nancy that Nancy has come up with a great final design for the NAF t shirts.

Facebook Page Calendars: Laura is posting 2-3 times a day. In addition to sources already mentioned, Michelle Hiscovich is sending school related content.

Scholarships / Grants: Scholarship deadline is March 15. Andrea has two grant possibilities in the works, including the mural project mentioned earlier.

Municipal Gallery/Showcase/Library Showcase: Muni Center is finally open and the SCAN exhibit is hung. Because of COVID, no opening reception. The showcase will have a display in April. The library is moving the wooden showcase to a new location. Depending on final location, we will assess the traffic and decide whether or not to continue with monthly displays.

Website: No news aside from the work on the linked NAF site.

Other Business: None.

It was moved by Tracy to adjourn, seconded by Andrea, no discussion, passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.