

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

October 12, 2017

Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at Town Hall South.

Members Present: Laura Lerman, Tracy Van Buskirk, Rob Kaiser, Jen Cebry, Donna Randle, Andrea Spencer, Deborra Zukowski

Members Absent: John Conk, Grant Ossendryver

Auxiliary Members: Elaine Martin

Public Participation: Chris Dumoulin

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- The minutes of the 9/14/17 meeting were approved.
- Officers' Reports:
 - President: Laura Lerman reported that the Commission purchased hooks to be used for the gallery displays at the Municipal Center.
 - A motion was made and passed to accept Deborra Zukowski as a member of the Cultural Arts Commission. She was then welcomed by all to the Commission.
- Public Participation: Chris Dumoulin introduced himself and shared that he is interested in the arts and will help as needed.
- Naming the Gallery at the Municipal Center: Rob Kaiser submitted several ideas for discussion. The most popular suggestions will be refined and submitted next month for a vote.
- Art Festival: Jen Cebry reported that the festival was a great success with a profit of about \$15K that will be used for future grants, scholarships and other areas as identified. She thanked everyone who volunteered their time and talents. Discussion centered around vendor feedback, attendance, utilization of the big stage. Jen offered to run the festival again next year and all members enthusiastically accepted her offer.
- Destination Newtown: This event will take place on 11/16 at Edmond Town Hall. Volunteers are needed. The CAC will sell t-shirts and hand out material for the Grants and Scholarship programs.
- Grants and Scholarships: Discussion centered on making the application process simpler. The submission deadline for Grants will be March 2 and will be promoted at Destination Newtown with a Save The Date flyer.
- Website: Walter Dolan is doing a great job as a volunteer. We are all encouraged to submit additions to the website with as much lead time as possible.
- Gallery: Phil Keane's photography show ends this month. Next is Flagpole Photographers. The Showcase in the library will have a display from the Newtown Historical Society.
- The Film Festival is on Saturday, October 21st.
- Some of the CAC attended a September Legislative Council meeting where a Proclamation was made to designate October as Art and Culture Month in Newtown.
- The final performance of the Newtown Friends of Music will take place on Sunday, October 15th. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.