

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

Minutes of February 3, 2022 Meeting

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

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting via Zoom on Thursday, February 3, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Commission Chairman Laura E. Lerman

Members present: Laura Lerman, Andrea Spencer, Roger Connor, Jen Cebry, Grant Ossendryver, Daniel Ferreira, Robert Kaiser, Robin Lynch

Members absent: Tracy Van Buskirk

Auxiliary members: None

Members of the Public: None

1. **Minutes:** Grant amended the motion to increase the number of scholarships to four. Andrea seconded the amendment. Rob Kaiser moved that we give Barbara Snyder \$500 in seed money for the arts festival; Jen seconded it. It was moved that the amended minutes of the January 6, 2022 meeting be approved, passed unanimously.
2. **Officers' Reports:** None
3. **Treasure's Report:** All receipts should go to Jim first. At request of the Finance Department, Jim will then create a one-page document of receipts and pass everything to the Finance Department.
4. **Newtown Arts Festival:** Meetings will be held the second Thursday of the month, 7pm, at the Community Center. Ryan Patrick's graphic was chosen by the CAC's selection committee for this year's festival.
5. **Grant from CT Cultural Fund:** Laura and Andrea spoke about the need for commission members to consider what revisions they want for the NCAC website. The commission has 1 year to use the grant funds. Robin said her husband, Jason Lynch, has a background in web design and has offered to help us. It was also suggested that we contact Park Group Solutions in Newtown, the same company that is designing the NAF website.
6. **Scholarships and Grants:** Laura noted that we have gotten fewer grant applications in the past years. Once an applicant is rejected, they do not reapply. If we do not receive any applications this year, or none that we want to award, Andrea and Laura will review past applications and work with former applicants.
7. **Public Participation:** None

8. **Community Center:** Jen worked with Matt Ariniello to create an application and guidelines for art at the Community Center. Julia Provey has 2 Lucite murals that are ready for display at the CC. A special hanging system has been identified that will accommodate the size and weight of the murals.
9. **Committee on Public Art:** Jen asked subcommittee members to forward all information they have gathered. Jen is constructing a report with guidelines and procedures for getting public art approved in Newtown.
10. **Municipal Gallery; Artisans Showcase:** Twelve submissions not chosen for the 2022 Arts Festival graphic, along with artists' statements, are on exhibit in the Municipal Center showcase through February. The exhibit is called, "The Newtown Arts Festival Through the Eyes of Twelve Artists". Linda Dohanos will be exhibiting her work in March. SCAN is in the gallery through February. Neil Bittner will display his work in March. The K-12 art exhibit will be shown in the gallery and showcase the first two weeks of April.
11. **Website:** See item #5.
12. Grant moved and Rob seconded that we adjourn. No discussion. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.