

## **Newtown Cultural Arts Commission**

### **Minutes of March 3, 2022 Meeting**

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

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission, held a meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2022 in the Community Center.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Commission Chairman Laura E. Lerman.

**Members present:** Laura Lerman, Andrea Spencer, Roger Connor, Jen Cebry, Daniel Ferreira, Robert Kaiser, Robin Lynch, Tracy Van Buskirk

**Members absent:** Grant Ossendryver

**Auxiliary members:** None

**Members of the Public:** None

1. **Minutes:** It was moved that the minutes of the February 3, 2022 meeting be approved, passed unanimously.

2. **Officers' Reports:** None

3. **Treasurer's Report:** on behalf of Treasurer Jim Cebry, Jen Cebry reported that the \$5,550 State grant was received and deposited into the operating account. The payment requests for web development services have been received. Approximately 17 vendor checks received for the upcoming Art Festival.

4. **Art Festival:** Sponsorships coming in: \$1,000 from Ingersoll Rand, \$1,500 from Aquilla's Nest Vineyard. The vineyard is interested in selling bottles of their wine at the festival. Should not conflict with Beer and Wine Garden sales of glasses of wine. "Save the Date" card is printed, samples distributed to the group. All agreed the artwork is fabulous. Laura may arrange for a display of the other entrants' art at the Muni Center. Jen Guman at Edmond Town Hall submitted a list of top ten reasons the Friday night concert should be at ETH. We are all agreed this is a good idea. She also has proposed a revenue sharing (between CAC and ETH) for the concert. It is contingent on getting \$5,000 in sponsorship revenue, which the commission felt was doable. ETH will handle up front and house costs; concessions and tickets will be split 50/50. The estimate is for approximately 400 ticket sales at \$35-45 depending on who the talent is. See attached. Daniel, Barbara Snyder and Jen Guman will work on locating the band. Robin questioned the \$1,000 estimate for the rider. Daniel said it was just a rough estimate.

5. **Grant from Connecticut Cultural Fund:** The grant is being used to develop the website for the Festival and will also be used for improvements to the CAC website. Enhancements could include videos on the landing page.

6. **Scholarships and Grants:** Scholarship forms have been available for a while. Andrea will pick up completed forms at NHS on 3/14. Grant applications are available with due date of April 15, with final decisions made by 4/30. If not enough applications are received, Laura is willing to approach past applicants.

7. **Public Participation:** None.

8. **Community Center:** Jen Cebry discussed the arson fire that occurred on Jan 27<sup>th</sup>. Ducts are being cleaned from smoke damage. Summer camps programs are being finalized and there will be lots of art programs.

9. **Public Art:** Recommendations for guidelines on public art have been made to the Community Center Board.

10. **Municipal Gallery and Artisans' Showcase:** Images of Neil Bittner's stained glass art is on display. Linda Dohanes' works in different media are in the Showcase. April will be the K-12 show, both on the walls and in the Showcase.

11. **Other Business:** Laura shared that Barbara Snyder will not be continuing as Chairman of the Art Festival in 2023, so we should all start thinking of a possible replacement. All agreed that this is one of the toughest and most time consuming unpaid positions in Newtown.

Robert moved and Daniel seconded that we adjourn. No discussion. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

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Secretary  
Newtown Cultural Arts Commission