

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

April 12, 2018

Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at the Municipal Center

Members Present: Laura Lerman, Tracy Van Buskirk, Andrea Spencer, Grant Ossendryver, Jen Cebry, Rob Kaiser, Donna Montelone, Sue Kassirer

Members Absent: Deborra Zukowski

Auxiliary Member: Elaine Martin

Public Participation: Jen Guman

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

- The minutes of the 3/8/18 meeting were approved (moved Van Buskirk, seconded Cebry)
- Officers' Reports:
 - President:
 - Laura reported that the Risk A Verse event on April 8th was a success. There were a lot of positive comments and hopes for an even bigger event next year, perhaps with more student involvement.
 - Treasurer: Jen Cebry, on behalf of Treasurer Jim Cebry reported that \$300 was raised at the Risk A Verse event.
- Public Participation:
 - Jen Guman is a new member of the Board of Governors at Edmond Town Hall ("ETH"). Her goal is to revitalize ETH to make it a hub for Newtown, attracting events, meetings, shows and other activities. Jen is a professional in affinity marketing and plans to use her skills to improve ETH. As part of their desire to make ETH cash flow positive, the Board is exploring working in partnership with other organizations, such as NCAC. There was discussion about a collaborative effort to bring talent to ETH and share in the profits. NCAC members noted some past frustrations in how time consuming it is to book space. We asked Jen to look into having one designated Board member we can work with, a "fast track" approval process, and the possibility of a public bulletin board to highlight town events that would be located in the ETH lobby.
- The Gallery: The current show is Rhonda and Chane Cullen's photography. Next up is a photography exhibit by David Anderson. Sue Kassirer spoke about a possible display of art from recycled products. This is in conjunction with an effort to ban single use plastic bags from Newtown, which will be discussed at the next Legislative Council meeting on April 18th.
- Showcase at the Library: The current display is about large scale knitting. Next up is a display about glass arts.
- Art Festival: Jen Cebry distributed the sponsorship brochure. Everyone is encouraged to distribute it and solicit sponsors. The Lords of 52nd Street are booked as the Friday night headliner. Ideas are still being considered for Saturday night. Ten vendors applications have been received on Zapplication. Tracy Van Buskirk, Andrea Spencer and Jen Cebry will judge

vendor applications. Sue Kassirer will work with Tracy Van Buskirk on the Art of Farming tent.

- Grants and Scholarships: Donna reported that two applications were submitted for the “organization” grant but none for the individual grant. Ten applicants have been received for the scholarship program. Donna asked if a fourth scholarship could be funded given the number and quality of applicants. A \$1,000 additional scholarship award was approved unanimously (moved by Montelone, seconded by Cebry).
- Website: Rob Kaiser reported that the Zapplication is up and some verbiage added.

There being no further business, it was moved (Spencer), seconded (Van Buskirk) and voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

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All meetings to be held at the Municipal Center unless otherwise noted.

2018 NCAC Meeting Schedule

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