

# **Newtown Cultural Arts Commission**

## **January 12, 2017**

### **Meeting Minutes**

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

**Members Present:**, Laura Lerman, Jen Cebry, Donna Randle, Rob Kaiser, Tracy Van Buskirk, Scott Switzer, Grant Ossendryver, Andrea Spencer

**Members Absent:** John Conk

**Auxiliary Members:** Elaine Martin, Jim Cebry, Lisa Schwartz

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

- Officers Report:
  - Laura Lerman (Chair): Jim Cebry has agreed to be Treasurer. This is not an elected position.
  - Andrea Spencer (Vice Chair):
    - No new items.
- Treasurer's Report (Jim Cebry)
  - Transition of account access and procedures is underway from the previous Treasurer to Jim Cebry.
- Election of Officers
  - The two open positions are Chair and Secretary. Donna Randle moved to nominate Laura Lerman for Chair and Tracy Van Buskirk for Secretary. Seconded by Scott Switzer. There were no other nominees. The nominees were elected.
- Library Showcase & Municipal Gallery
  - Municipal Gallery: George Duncan's photography of the Fruit Trail had a good show; with excellent attendance at the reception. The current show is the Second Company Horse Guard, February will be SCAN.
  - Library Showcase: starting tomorrow will be a showcase of the CAC sponsored movies to be shown at ETH this year.
- Arts Festival (Jen Cebry)
  - Art Festival Committee meetings will be third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be Thurs 1/19 at 7 at Town Hall South.
  - Jen covered a number of subjects relating to the Festival, including replacement of the Entertainment Tent with a band shell type structure, Friday night concert will showcase Sawyer Fredricks if he doesn't have a conflict, location of food trucks, need for someone to run Emergency Services, traffic control, merchandise; month long events will be schedule for October, not September.
- Risk A Verse (Tracy Van Buskirk & Lisa Schwartz).
  - No big changes from last year. To take place on Sunday 4/23 at 2 pm at the Meeting House. The idea of some corporate sponsorship was discussed.
- Grants and Scholarships:
  - Applications for the CAC scholarships will be due 3/22/17.
  - We have enough funds for three \$1,000 scholarships, and \$600 towards a fourth.
  - Donna Randle made a motion to award three scholarships and defer the decision on a fourth until and if there is a need, in which case the Commission will review

obtaining the additional funds needed from the Gift Fund or other sources. Tracy seconded and the motion passed.

- Website/Social Media (Robert Kaiser)
  - The CAC and Arts Festival have been combined. A link on the CAC page connects them. Members are encouraged to populate the site with content. There is a dedicated Poet Laureate page. Rob will send out Word Press instructions and may conduct a workshop.
- Other Business
  - Donna Randle discussed Teacher of the Year awards sponsored by the VFW. She encouraged members to nominate Newtown teachers who promote citizenship.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

## **Newtown Cultural Arts Commission**

All meetings to be held at: Conference Room, Town hall South unless otherwise noted.

### **2017 NCAC Meeting Schedule**

January 12

February 9

March 9

April 13

May 11

June 8

July 13

August 10

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14