

## **Newtown Cultural Arts Commission July 12, 2018**

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE NEWTOWN CULTURAL ARTS  
COMMISSION AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

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

**Members Present:** Laura Lerman, Tracy Van Buskirk, Deborra Zukowski, Rob Kaiser (arrived 7:15), Grant Ossendryver (arrived 7:25), Andrea Spencer, Sue Kassirer

**Members Absent:** Donna Montelone, Jennifer Cebry

**Auxiliary Member:** Elaine Martin

**Public Participation:** None

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

- The minutes of the 6/14/18 meeting were approved (moved Spencer, seconded Kassirer)
- Officers' Reports: Nothing new to report
- Treasurer's Report: No report
- Public Participation: None
- Art Festival: Meeting scheduled for July 19.
- Newtown Environmental Action Team: This organization is having a show of international recycled bags (used instead of plastic), to be held at the Municipal Center Gallery in September. The NCAC is the co-sponsor.
- The Gallery: Photographer Phyllis Bettino will exhibit July 15 to August 31. There was some discussion about repeat exhibitors. Priority will be given to new exhibitors and artists from Newtown. Grant Ossendryver reported that new Community Center is interested in having art displayed there. The Commission would be interested in curating/coordinating art there, although there is some concern about possible humidity from the pool damaging artwork. Grant is willing to coordinate this effort.
- Showcase at the Library: In July, Kelly Makuch, a fused glass artist, is scheduled to display. There was discussion about CAC liability with regards to copyrights and damage to artwork. Sue Kassirer will forward a release form to Laura that is being used by SCAN.
- Grants and Scholarships: Andrea will send photos and text for the NCAC website. Two individuals have applied for grants.
- Website: The NCAC site is up and running. The Art Festival website is currently a stand-alone site (with cross-links). There was some discussion as to whether this was the best structure to maximize visits. Deborra described a master website that would highlight all activities throughout the year and coordinate directly with other social media platforms such as Facebook.
- Other News: Nothing to report.

There being no further business, it was moved (Van Buskirk), seconded (Kaiser) and voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Van Buskirk