

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission
October 11, 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, September 13, 2018 at the Municipal Center

Members Present: Laura Lerman, Jennifer Cebry, Deborra Zukowski, Grant Ossendryver, Andrea Spencer, Donna Montelone, Robert Kaiser, Tracy Van Buskirk

Members Absent: Susan Kassirer

Auxiliary Member: None

Public Participation: None

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

- The minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting were approved (moved Zukowski, seconded Cebry)
- Officers' Reports: Laura reminded the commission that the ordinance forming the CAC stipulates that we provide a Cultural Arts Event Calendar. Some events are available on the Commission website but it is not a comprehensive list. Grant Ossendryver volunteered produce a calendar that will be available on our website and Facebook page. Andrea Spencer noted that the Newtown Environmental Action Team shared a documentary with her about the environmental impact of single use plastic bags. Four members of the Commission talked with Michelle Hiscavich at their monthly meeting to explore making this documentary available to the school system via Chris Canfield, Science Department Chair.
- Treasurer's Report: No report
- Public Participation: None
- Art Festival: Compliments were extended to Jennifer Cebry for organizing this successful event. A separate meeting will be scheduled for late October or early November to discuss the event.
- The Gallery: The current exhibit is of the work of three artists. The reception was well attended with music by Salan Ray, a local student.
- Showcase at the Library: The current display is about the various events hosted by CAC during October, National Arts and Humanities month. November's exhibit will be by the Southern Connecticut Polymer Clay Guild. Laura is discussing a possible display of books by local authors to be arranged by Byrd's Books.
- Poet Laureate: Dan Rosenthal re-appointed Lisa Schwartz to serve an additional three year term.
- Website: Nothing new.
- Other Business: The CAC was contacted by Kaia Fahrenholz, who offered us several boxes of memorabilia from Newtown's first Arts Festival which took place starting in the late 60's and ran for 12 years. It featured fine art, music and dance. Celebrities such as Lena Horne performed. The items can be at least temporarily stored by Dan Cruson, Town Historian. Tracy Van Buskirk reported that she attended the Annual "Business Supports the Arts" Awards Breakfast for the Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut. She noted that the tablecloths had been painted by graffiti artists and were sold to attendees as a fund raiser.

She also reminded the group that the Connecticut Office of the Arts provides local grants and it might make sense to pursue that avenue.

There being no further business, it was moved (Van Buskirk), seconded (Ossendryver) and voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Van Buskirk

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

2018 NCAC Meeting Schedule

January 11, 2018

February 8

March 8

April 12

May 10

June 14

July 12

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September 13

October 11

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December 13