

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

November 8, 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, November 8, 2018 at the Municipal Center

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

Members Absent: Jennifer Cebry

Auxiliary Member: None

Public Participation: None

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

- The minutes of the October 11 meeting were approved (moved Zukowski, seconded Kaiser)
- Officers' Reports: Andrea Spencer and Donna Montelone meet with Michelle Hiscavich monthly to discuss how the CAC can work effectively with the school system. They continued discussions on making the "Bag It" documentary available to the school system via Chris Canfield, Science Department Chair. Michelle also expressed willingness to make sure a flyer announcing the scholarship program is distributed to parents at the upcoming Parent Teacher conferences.
- Treasurer's Report: No report
- Public Participation: None
- Art Festival: No report
- The Gallery: The current exhibit is the Flagpole Photographers.
- Showcase at the Library: The current display is by the Southern Connecticut Polymer Clay Guild.
- Website: No report
- Other Business:
 - Tracy Van Buskirk presented the 2019 proposed meeting schedule for the CAC. It will meet the second Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Municipal Center. The calendar was approved (moved Van Buskirk, seconded Montelone). It is attached to the minutes.
 - Deborra Zukowski reported that there will be a meeting of the Fairfield Hills Master Plan Review Committee on Dec 5th at Town Hall South at 7 pm. One of the topics will be how best to showcase the arts at FH. This committee thought a sculpture garden would be good, and Andrea Spencer noted that there is excellent outdoor art in Washington, CT.
 - Rob Kaiser reported that the David Wax Museum concert at ETH did not have a large attendance but probably broke even or had a small surplus. This was a joint CAC-ETH event.
 - Deborra Zukowski and Laura Lerman will work with John Bukowski of the Friends of Newtown Seniors to share notices of cultural events in Newtown.
 - The "Three Potters" of Newtown have applied for a grant to purchase a glass display case that will spend some of its time at the Municipal Center. The display cost is \$1,000 which matches the grant, but there are about \$200 of additional costs to move it.

- Susan Kassirer went to the Westport Fine Craft show and mentioned a silk painter who might be a great addition for the Arts Festival because she has an interactive program for kids to help dye the silk.
- Grant Ossendryver is looking for some singers to perform in the lobby of ETH before the movie “A Miracle on 34th Street” in December. His music school is a sponsor.

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