

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission Minutes of March 7, 2019 Meeting

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

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2019 in Meeting Room #2 at Edmond Town Hall

Members present: Deborra Zukowski, Rob Kaiser, Jennifer Cebry, Sue Kassirer, Laura Lerman, Tracy Van Buskirk, Suzanne Lang, Grant Ossendryver

Members Absent: Andrea Spencer

Auxiliary members present: None

Public present: None

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

- Acceptance of the Minutes: it was moved (Zukowski) and seconded (Van Buskirk) to accept the minutes of the Feb 7, 2019 meeting. Kassirer noted that she had agreed to serve on the Scholarship and Grant Committee, not Suzanne Lang, as the minutes stated. It was moved (Zukowski) and seconded (Cebry) to amend the minutes as noted. Passed unanimously.
- Officers' Reports: Laura Lerman stated that the Newtown Bee had the wrong date and location for the NCAC meeting. The information is taken from the Town website. Shannon at the Bee will be covering the new gallery shows each month. The Vice President was not in attendance.
- Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Cebry (reporting on behalf of Treasurer Jim Cebry) noted that we have paid for the annual membership in the Chamber of Commerce. We have approximately \$5,000 in our operating account.
- Public Participation: None
- Town Budget: The annual budget for the Cultural Arts Commission for the fiscal year beginning 6/30/19 was reduced from \$2,500 to \$0, justified by the Town because the CAC Special Reserve Fund has a balance of \$187K. Discussion centered on how we have always endeavored to stay within our annual budget without undue reliance on the reserve fund. However, because of the budget reduction, we will now be using this fund for activities. Jen Cebry agreed to determine what a reasonable amount would be needed to make the Art Festival more of a success in 2019. Discussion also covered

other activities that would benefit from freeing up the Reserve Account, such as concerts.

- Newtown Arts Festival: Progress is being made. Discussion was mostly about the central art installation and the form of public participation art, such as chalk drawing on sidewalks and a weaving fence.
- Scholarships and Grants: The deadline for scholarships is March 18 and was March 11 for Grants. Interviews will begin on April 5.
- Gallery at the Municipal Center: SCAN now, K-12 show the first two weeks of April, followed by Maureen Caparelli from late April to mid May.
- Gallery Showcase: Weaving through end of March, K-12 mid April, Three Potters to end of May.
- Library Showcase: Three Potters through March, Linda Dohanes in April, painted rocks in May.
- Risk A Verse: Tracy Van Buskirk gave an update. There will be a good variety of speakers at the event which is scheduled for April 7th.
- Website: nothing new.
- Other Business: Deb Zukowski shared a box of archived documents from the original Newtown Arts Festival that took place in the late 60's and early 70's. The photos and programs were very interesting and in good condition. Jen Cebry announced that she will be the Program Director at the new Community Center and suggested that she act as liaison between the CAC and CC. The proposal was moved (Van Buskirk) and seconded (Kassirer). Passed unanimously.
- There being no other business it was moved (Cebry) and seconded (Zukowski) to adjourn. Passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Tracy Van Buskirk
Secretary

The Cultural Arts Commission meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 pm.