

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

Minutes of September 3, 2020 Meeting

These minutes are subject to approval by the NCAC, at the next meeting

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission, held a meeting via video conferencing on Thursday, September 3, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Commission Chairman Laura E. Lerman

Members present: Laura Lerman, Andrea Spencer, Deborra Zukowski, Suzanne Lang, Jen Cebry, Tracy Van Buskirk, Rob Kaiser, Grant Ossendryver (joined at 7:14)

Members absent: Sue Kassirer

Auxiliary members: Jim Cebry

Members of the Public: none

Minutes: It was moved that the minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting be approved; moved by Spencer, seconded by Van Buskirk, no discussion, passed unanimously.

Officer Reports: No reports.

Treasurer's Report: All bills are paid. The checking account has a low balance, so Jim Cebry suggested that \$3,000 be transferred. Jen Cebry made a motion to transfer \$3,000 from the savings account to the checking account, seconded by Zukowski, no discussion, passed unanimously.

Public Participation: none

Support/Spreading the arts via Facebook Page: Laura thanked everyone for their participation. Jen Cebry thanked Laura for filling in when others could not. Tracy noted that viewership of the page has increased and about 90 posts remain available for viewing.

October Events / Arts Festival: Sheila Torres at ETH said she is having difficulty finding performers for indoor events. Beth Young is trying to line up some improv performers, but it looks like the October events will be tough to book.

Public Art at Fairfield Hills: Funds were made available and the materials for the outdoor public art "Door" project are being delivered to Paula Brinkman's house. Laura is interviewing some of the participating artists for media coverage. Photos will be taken throughout the process with the hope of a gallery show next year documenting the evolution of the door art. Rob Kaiser

suggested that the outdoor art could be part of a bigger initiative to beautify some of the distressed properties at FH. There was general agreement.

Grants: Deadline for grants is Sept 14. No submissions received yet. The pandemic has impacted the usual ways of promoting this program.

Showcases and Gallery: Still no word on when the library or the Municipal Center will be able to host displays.

Poet Laureate: The requirements are on our website and Laura is working on promotion.

Website: Rob is keeping it up to date.

It was moved by Deborra Zukowski to adjourn, seconded by Andrea Spencer, no discussion, passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.