

## **Newtown Cultural Arts Commission**

### **Minutes of July 7, 2022 Meeting**

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

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission, held a meeting on Thursday, July 7, 2022 in the Community Center.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Commission Chairman Laura E. Lerman.

**Members present:** Laura Lerman, Andrea Spencer, Roger Connor, Jen Cebry, Tracy Van Buskirk, Robert Kaiser

**Members absent:** Grant Ossendryver, Daniel Ferreira, Robin Lynch

**Auxiliary members:** None

**Members of the Public:** None

1. **Minutes:** It was moved that the minutes of the June 2, 2022 meeting be approved: moved by Andrea, seconded by Robert, passed unanimously.

2. **Officers' Reports:** None

3. **Treasurer's Report:** On behalf of Treasurer Jim Cebry, Jen Cebry reported that the annual report for the fiscal year ending 6/30/22 is not yet final. The gift fund has a balance of \$24,083, the savings account balance is \$41,449 and the investment account has a balance of \$135,566. The PayPal account is \$0 (\$1,304 was moved from Paypal to the gift fund on 6/30).

We have received \$5,500 from the Connecticut Cultural Fund grant with \$1,900 remaining to be received. We have spent \$2,900 on the festival and CAC website and \$500 for logo design.

4. **Art Festival:** Barbara Snyder proposed in an email received and circulated to the Commission that the CAC become the lead sponsor of the Amy Helm concert at a cost of \$2,500. Both the ETH and the Art Festival Committee had committed to each finding a \$2,500 sponsor, but we have not been able to get any one sponsor for this amount. We will commit the \$2,500 from general funds that have already been raised for the festival. The question is whether the Arts Festival or the CAC should be the named sponsor. A motion was made by Roger to allocate the \$2,500 and name the CAC as the sponsor on PR. Jen seconded. Discussion centered on the good PR we will receive and the opportunity to showcase our new CAC logo. The motion passe unanimously.

5. **Grant from Connecticut Cultural Fund:** Discussed under Treasurer's Report.

6. **Scholarships and Grants:** Andrea reported that we usually have photographs of the scholarship winners to put on a poster for the Art Festival, but she has not been able to secure a photo of one of the recipients so it was agreed to use an image of that person's artwork.

7. **Poet Laureate:** Laura has two possible names for someone to fill this position that has been empty since Lisa Schwartz moved away.

8. **Public Participation:** None.

9. **Community Center:** Jen Cebry reported that the Yoga Festival is returning on October 15. An outside patio will be constructed at the CC and may be finished in time for the Yoga Festival.

10. **Public Art:** No update.

11. **Municipal Gallery and Artisans' Showcase:** The shows will now be on view for 6 weeks instead of one month to optimize PR and because of how time consuming it is to hang and then break down shows. Megan Ferreda will be showing her work in August.

12. **Other Business:** None.

Jen moved and Rob seconded that we adjourn. No discussion. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Tracy Van Buskirk  
Secretary  
Newtown Cultural Arts Commission