

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

Minutes November 2, 2023

The minutes are subject to approval by the NCAC members at the next Arts Commission Meeting

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2023, in the Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Commission Chairperson Laura E. Lerman.

Members Present: Laura Lerman, Andrea Spencer, Jennifer Cebry, Michael Jehle, Robyn Lynch, Grant Ossendryver

Members Absent: Jim Cebry, Rob Kaiser, Terry Sagedy, Linda Parsloe, Roger Connor, Dan Ferreira, Dina Sabia

Auxiliary Members: None

Members of the Public: None

1. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from October 5, 2023 by Jennifer Cebry, 2nd approved by Michael Jehle. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Officer's Reports:**

Ms. Lerman attended the health fair and would like NCAC to be represented there because the Arts supports music, dance, poetry which promote good health. Her plan would be to make brochures available for the dance studios and community theaters. A trifold with a QR code would direct people to their website. They would give away kazoos and there would be an iPad with a 30 second loop on how to play the kazoo.

Treasurers report- The savings account has a balance of \$41,525.24. The gift fund has a negative balance of \$3,646.23. There will have to be a transfer made to fund this account. The Arts Festival PayPal account has a balance of \$605.88. NCAC is \$14,419.73 in the red from the Arts Festival. Still awaiting generator cost. The balance of the CD's is \$130,547.96.

3. **Arts Festival:**

There was mention of discussion of the 2024 Chairman.

The next festival is scheduled from September 13-15th, 2024.

NCAC is appreciative of the sponsors who supported the Arts Festival despite the cancellation.

There was discussion on what to do with the volunteer t-shirts.

4. **Public Participation:** none

5. **Municipal Gallery; Artisan's Showcase-**

Flagpole Photographers are in the municipal gallery with 300 photos through December 28th. Holiday gifts can be picked up December 8th. The reception is November 12th from 2:00-4:00. Potters will be at the showcase starting November 3rd and will be sharing the reception with the Flagpole.

6. Scholarships, Grants:

NCAC offered to do the administration work and publicity for the Scan scholarship.

Grants start in January.

The Arts Festival planning starts in January.

7. Commission Website: Sip 'n Shop is coming up. The first Winter Farmer's Market is starting once a month with 11-12 vendors on Tuesday Nov 14, from 2:00-6:00. The rest will be in December, January, and February. There will be a variety of products sold. The Market will be set up inside the Newtown Community Center.

8. A motion to adjourn was brought by Robyn Lynch and seconded by Andrea Spencer. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Holden, Clerk