

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

January 11, 2018

Meeting Minutes

The Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the Municipal Center

Members Present: Laura Lerman, Tracy Van Buskirk, Andrea Spencer, Grant Ossendryver, Jen Cebry

Members Absent: Rob Kaiser, Deb Zukowski

Public Participation: Lisa Schwartz

Laura Lerman called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

- The minutes of the 12/14/17 meeting were approved (moved Ossendryver, seconded Cebry)
- Officers' Reports:
 - President:
 - Laura noted that the Gallery name and logo were approved at the Jan 2nd BOS meeting.
 - John Conk is no longer a member of the Commission resulting in an opening for any Newtown registered voter of any affiliation. Interested parties should send their resume to Sue Marcinek in the First Selectman's office.
 - There was an article in the Bee about our Grant and Scholarship program which mentioned that any organization that supports the arts is eligible for the Grant program, not just arts organizations.
 - First Selectman Dan Rosenthal complimented the CAC for the beautiful and sensitive show commemorating the 5th anniversary of the 12/14 tragedy.
 - Treasurer: Treasurer Jim Cebry was not in attendance but Jen said there was nothing new to report.
- Public Participation: Lisa Schwartz and Tracy Van Buskirk said they would be interested in hosting the third Risk A Verse event. It will take place on Sunday April 22nd. Suggested speakers were discussed.
- The Gallery: The current show is Marlene Carafa's photo exhibit of the Second Co Horse Guard. Next up is SCAN and then Rhonda and Chase Cullen's photography in April. The K-12 show will probably be accommodated in the various meeting rooms of the Municipal Center. Laura will arrange it. It was noted that the ongoing exhibit at the Municipal Center of animals available for adoption will be on hiatus for a while because the quick pace of adoptions has negated the need for photographs.
- Showcase at the Library: The current show is "Learn Something New" with ideas to expand your horizons in 2018.
- Art Festival: The first meeting for the 2018 festival will take place on 2/15/17 and will meet monthly thereafter on the third Thursday of each month. Jen emphasized the need for subcommittee leaders. Kyle Liddy will arrange a social media workshop for the CAC members in the near future which will be a big help in promoting the Art Festival and other CAC events.

- Other Business: Jen Rogers wanted to know if the CAC will continue to support the film series she arranges. It was confirmed that we will. There was some discussion about rental space at ETH for the weaving club or other art related activities.
- Website: Walter Dolan was not in attendance, but has been very responsive in updating the website as needed.

There being no further business, it was moved (Cebry), seconded (Spencer) and voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm.

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All meetings to be held at the Municipal Center unless otherwise noted.

2018 NCAC Meeting Schedule

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