

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission

Newtown Arts Festival Committee Meeting Minutes

February 15

The Newtown Arts festival Committee of the Newtown Cultural Arts Commission held a meeting Thursday, February 15.

Present: Jen Cebrey, Jim Cebrey, Sue Kassirer, Andrea Spencer, Deb Zukowski, Linda Dohanos, Terry Sagedy, Tracy Van Buskirk, Grant Ossendryer, Lisa Schwartz, Laura Lerman

1. Chairman of the Arts Festival Jen Cebrey chaired the meeting:
2. Appointment of Terry Sagedy as Artistic Director responsible for “overall artistic feel of the festival”
3. Signature Art still being developed. Artist will be Virginia Zimmerman. Art will be based on the “Welcome to Newtown” mural by Ms. Zimmerman on the railroad bridge support
4. Sub-Committee Chairman
 - Grounds: Jim Cebrey and Craig Harmelson
 - Beer & Wine Garden: Warren Spencer/ Andrea Spencer
 - T-shirts: Andrea Spencer
 - Volunteer: Connie Widman
 - Commission Tent: Laura Lerman
 - Front Gate: Elaine Martin
 - Artisans: TBS
 - Food Trucks: TBD (Discussion with Deb)
 - Publicity; Local Laura Lerman; State/regional: TBD
 - Entertainment: (Not only bands) Grant Ossendryer
 - Make & Take tent, Coloring, Art of Farming: Tracy Van Buskirk
5. Artist for Friday Night Concert TBD. Looking for an artist with national repute to draw concert goers from all over. Jen will investigate
6. Discussion: Concert versus play for Saturday night?
7. Other business:
 - October is National Arts & Humanities month. Terry suggested a theme of “Art in Motion” for festival; noted in the past that October had events Wednesdays and weekends: this year Wednesday will be more literary and weekends more performance
 - Jen is investigating using software for artisan recruitment and organization
 - Proposed hours for festival: Friday, 9/14: 5-10 pm; Saturday, 9/15: 11-6 pm; 6pm-10pm; Sunday, 9/16: 12-5pm
 - Proposed map of the festival was distributed; it will be finalized by July
 - Limit vendors to 120

Respectfully submitted

Laura E. Lerman