

Newtown Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 7, 2024

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, March 7, 2024, in the Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Commission Chairperson Laura E. Lerman.

Commission Members: Laura Lerman, Jennifer Cebry, Andrea Spencer, Michael Jehle (absent), Roger Connor Jr, Daniel Ferreira (absent), Grant Ossendryver, Robert Kaiser (absent), Robyn Lynch

Auxiliary Members: None

Members of the Public: None

1. **Acceptance of minutes:** Andrea Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 1, 2024. Grant Ossendryver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Officers' Reports:** Tara's play opens tomorrow night at Town Players. Laura attended a talk with Randy Cohen, VP of research, Americans for the Arts, about the economic impact of the arts on Western CT arranged by the Cultural Alliance of Western CT. The entire report is 58 pages. The link will be emailed to all commission members. Laura recommends page 8. Jennifer stated that there weren't any changes on the treasurer's report from last month.
3. **Possible projects for 2024**
Risk Averse: Mike sent an email to Laura stating that his partner Sarah is willing to help but does not have time to chair.
Poet Laureate: Sarah is also willing to help out during the summer.
Health Fair 2024: Contact is Maureen Schaedler, admin for the Health Department. Waiting for a date. A request has been made for the typical number of attendees. Last year's Health Fair was in October.
4. **Arts Festival:** Arts Festival meetings begin next Thursday, March 14 at the Community Center in the same room as the NCAC meeting. Laura will send out an email with all the dates.
5. **Scholarships/grant**
Scholarships: Scholarship applications are due on Monday. Newtown High School sent out a reminder on FaceBook.
Grants Update on progress: The grant has had a lot of changes. The document formatting is hard to change. Robyn stated she could help with the formatting.
6. **Public Participation:** None

7. **Community Center** - Farmers Market on March 12 from 2-6 pm. There will be a new vendor Big G's Cookies out of Trumbull. A couple vendors have dropped out. Jen has started to work with Kristine Humber on a parent/child fruity watercolor class. The egg dive is on March 23. The Bunny Breakfast is on March 24.
8. **Municipal Gallery and showcase:** K-12 Exhibit April 1- 12; set up by the art teachers is March 27, 28. (Good Friday is March 29.) SCAN has agreed to extend to March 22.
9. **Commission Website:** We are currently listing March & April. 20 events for March and 5 events for April. Additions are added on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Laura is considering becoming the go to source for auditions in Connecticut. Laura adds all events that she hears about to the FaceBook page.
10. **All Other Business:** Newtown High School is performing UrineTown.

Roger Connor Jr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. Jennifer Cebry seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Dana Ulibarri, Clerk