

Newnan Cultural Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2020

Members in attendance:

Mak Strickland
Betsy Burnette
Bob McKoon
Phyllis Graham
Bette Hickman
Craig Ruby
Jaami Rutledge
Evette Jones

Visitor: Michael Sebacher

Chairwoman Phyllis Graham called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. Michael Sebacher briefly spoke about who he was, what he represented and presented their dilemma on lack of space for their art group. Afterwards, Bette Hickman assured him that the committee will talk more with him and how to move forward in finding a solution to his lack of space. Phyllis mentioned specific people that he would need to contact and meet. Michael was dismissed.

Chairwoman made a motion to approve November/December meeting minutes. Approval was granted. Motion was made by Chairwoman to accept and approve the Budget and money for the Financial Report. Approval was granted.

Bob McKoon went over the new business and spoke about the mailing list being updated. Also announced that the artists were finalized for Wadsworth Week and Friends. Bob spoke about the location for the reception to be at Lillian Gardens and that they will provide everything, set up for the reception and provide the food. "It will be a turn-key job."

Chairwoman Phyllis Graham informed that Bette Hickman contacted the Trolley for the Patron transportation to the reception. Bette Hickman gave the idea for the mailing list to include information that the Patrons will have access to the trolley transport so that it will help in last year's confusion.

Jaami Rutledge and Bob McKoon tag-teamed in relaying information to the committee in refurbishing the dressing rooms and stage area. It will include painting, carpet cleaning, and changing out the bulbs. They will be looking at catalogs in case they are able to switch out the light fixtures.

Jaami Rutledge informed the committee that Ben McLeod will be able to simulcast and upgrade the camera to HDMI so that the competitors will be able to see what is going on. They will also try to clear-com the TVs to see if they work for the performers and TV access to competitors.

Bob McKoon announced that the piano rental was taken care of by Robert Hancock for the Wadsworth Week.

Bob left at 12:36pm – left group to 7 members so no votes could be taken from here

Jaami Rutledge proposed for future business for the committee to discuss possibility in renovating the Wadsworth Theatre and embarking on this task for 2021. Proposed creating a committee that will embark on a Wadsworth vision in renovations.

Chairwoman Graham gave the new members a verbal itinerary of the Wadsworth Week and Friends as well as the Young People's Concert, and description of the competition. She also mentioned and invited the members of the NCAC to a sub-meeting that will be held possibly on Friday, February 7, 2020. (A time had yet to be determined when the meeting was called to end.)

Bette Hickman discussed the committee's need to "step it up" and get the seats filled and people excited about the event so that it will be a sell-out. She mentioned how excited the committee is about having new members that bring a lot to the table in their individual talents and ideas for the group.

Chairwoman Graham received email from Paulo about dates for his show. Chairwoman Phyllis Graham proposed that the NCAC allow Southern Arc Dance Studio to have use of the theatre with out having to pay any rental fees for the April 16, 2020 – April 18, 2020 dates. Chairwoman also made a proposal to allocate funding to Southern Arc Dance studio from any surplus in funding from the Wadsworth Week and Friends as a sponsor to Southern Arc Dance Studio in a separate future motion.

Chairwoman announced that there were no updates in the Pirate Show.

Evette Jones announced that the Jazz in the Park is in June and September and will discuss more with Katie Mosley on those events.

Chairwoman Phyllis Graham proposed that Bette Hickman become Vice-Chair and be able to stand in for Chairwoman Phyllis Graham and conduct meetings in case the Chairwoman is not able to be present. (No vote but was wanting this to be noted.)

Bette Hickman discussed how Dean Jackson arranged for the students to hear the Piper Jones Band at their school and suggested that the committee needed to continue the relationships they have with all public and private schools. She discussed the Scotland Trip as well as the description and tours of the trip to the sister city.

Chairwoman Phyllis Graham mentioned that \$3,000 was paid to the Piper Jones Band.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at noon in the Wadsworth Auditorium.