

**Minutes of the Neenah Arts Council**  
**Wednesday, July 10, 2019 - 4pm**  
**Neenah City Hall**  
**Hauser Room**

**Members Present:** Chairman Tami Erickson, Pat Rosenak, Sean Keepers, Nikki Hessel, Emma Santiago, Jane Lang, John Timmer, Anne Marie Abderholden

**Non-Voting Committee Members Present:** Jim Kluge, Branden Robak, Gretchen Rabb

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm

The minutes were approved for the May 8, 2019 and June 12, 2019 Neenah Arts Council meetings.

**Night Rocks** - Sean Keepers and Tami Erickson gave an update on this event. The date will be Thursday, October 3 due to the Packers/Eagles Game scheduled for Thursday, September 26. Sean Keepers said that venues have been contacted and a list is being developed that will include the featured music and times. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

**Summer Plein Air Event** - The event will be held on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 11am - 1 pm., along with the 45th Annual Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass Arts Festival Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Neenah Parks & Recreation's pop-up canopy will be used. The museum will provide a table. Tami Erickson and family, Jim Kluge and Sean Keepers plan to volunteer at this event. Tami said that she was contacted by Eric Miller from Foxley's Gallery about a group of plein air artists that may be on site for the Arts Festival.

**CommunityFest - A Neenah Menasha Event - Music in the Park.** Jane Lang reported that this went well. If this is held next year, she suggested that more announcements should be made in the park during the event and a sound system should be on hand.

Nikki Hessel mentioned Future Neenah received many proposals from local and regional artists for a community art project that will turn 24 manhole covers into unique works of art for **Neenah Art[works]: Uncovered**. Once accepted, artists will receive a blank cover (actual size, but a much lighter poly board material that can be altered) and work their magic transforming it into a piece of art using their preferred medium. Details for this event are still in progress. Future Neenah is looking for organizations that will sponsor a manhole cover.

**Upcoming events:**

**45th Annual Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass Arts Festival** will be held on Sunday, July 21st, 2019 from 10am until 4pm at Riverside Park. There will be 65 artists, great food, children's activities and a beer garden with live bands on the lakeside lawn of the museum.

**Riverside Players** "Theatre in the Park" 63rd Season will feature *Clue - The Musical*, July 25 - 28 & July 31 - August 4.

**Neenah Historical Society Annual Cemetery Walk** - Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm - 8:00pm at Oak Hill Cemetery. Costumed re-enactors will share the stories of some of Neenah's amazing former residents. Refreshments will be served. Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per car load.

**Future Neenah Farm to Table Sunset Dinner** - Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30pm - 8:30pm Mahler Park, Neenah. An elegant open air dining experience. Awaken the senses with farm fresh culinary delights prepared by talented local chefs. This is a rain or shine event. Menu created based on seasonality and availability of farm market fresh ingredients. Call the office to be added to the wait list. 920-722-1920. The event is sold out as of July 24, 2019.

**4th Annual Pow Wow** - Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:30pm - 4pm Celebrate the Native American history and culture of this area, and join the Neenah and Menasha Historical Societies for our 4th Annual Neenah-Menasha Inter-Tribal Pow Wow. The Pow Wow will feature dancers and drum groups from throughout Wisconsin, and the traveling exhibit, "Bittersweet Winds" will also be on display. Native American food and crafts will be available for purchase. The Neenah Landmarks Commission will also host free Voyageur Canoe rides from Shattuck Park.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14 at 4pm at Neenah City Hall in the Hauser Room.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Tami Erickson  
Neenah Arts Council Chairman

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