

Minutes of the Neenah Arts Council
Wednesday, April 26, 2017 - 4 p.m.
Neenah City Hall Hauser Room

Members Present: Chairman Tami Erickson, Jane Lang, Kristine Moe, Paul Seveska, Trina Woldt, Lauri Asbury, Anne Marie Brunner-Abderholden, Pat Rosenak **Non-Voting Committee Members Present** - Brandon Robak, Laurie Olson, Gretchen Raab

Others Present: Mayor Dean Kaufert, Chris Haese, Cari Lendrum

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm. Committee members introduced themselves explained their connection to the arts in Neenah.

Public Comments

Mayor Kaufert welcomed the members of the Neenah Arts Council and thanked everyone for their service. He mentioned the importance of the Arts for the City of Neenah. He said that the arts are important for the city's economic development and also for tourism. He added that the arts enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Neenah. Chris Haese, Director of Community Development, also mentioned that the arts are important to the community and also for people looking to relocate to the City of Neenah.

Mission of the Arts Council

The group decided that the mission of the Neenah Arts Council needs to be established. Erickson will collect mission statements from other Arts Councils which will be reviewed at the next meeting. The Neenah Arts Council mission will be decided on at the May meeting.

Inventory Of the Arts in the City of Neenah

Erickson suggested that the city should take an inventory of the current public art and art offerings in Neenah possibility adding this information to the Lifestyles and Culture page on the City of Neenah website. It was mentioned that links to various art venues could be added. An art related scavenger hunt was also suggested.

City of Neenah Creative Economy Week Proclamation

A draft of the City of Neenah Creative Economy Week Proclamation was distributed to the group. The Proclamation was presented at the Neenah City Council on Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

Neenah Art Council Appointments Information

A sheet with the council's names and emails was distributed. An updated sheet will be distributed at the next meet. Correction - Gretchen Raab's email is raab@neenahlibrary.org and John Arzberger has decided not to be a member of the council. A new member will be appointed by the next meeting.

Announcements and Future Agenda Items

It was suggested at the beginning of each meeting that each member could share upcoming events for their organization. We plan to brainstorm ways to expand current events and to enhance musical performance opportunities.

Reminder to all please accept or decline the email meeting invitation.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, 165 N. Park Avenue, Neenah

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Erickson
Neenah Arts Council Chairman