

Centerville Arts Commission Meeting
January 8, 2014

Members present: Ginny Strausburg, Tom Bankston, Betty Lou Carney, Jim Collins, Joanie Haverstick, Marlene Orendorf, and Walt Smucker

Also Present: Kristen Gopman, Assist. to the City Manager

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ginny Strausburg, Chair

Minutes from the November 6, 2013 were presented followed by a motion to approve by Betty Lou Carney with a second by Marlene Orendorf. The minutes were approved.

Staff Report: Official word has been received that Belinda Kenley will no longer be the liaison to the City Commission. The new liaison will be John Palcher. A meeting will be set with him and or we will invite him to our next meeting.

Art Gallery: The Gallery schedule was included in the meeting packet. The May – August artists are TBD from a list of 4 on the printed schedule, and the name of Shon Walters was discussed. A reception for the Cathy Pearson exhibit is scheduled for 1/16/14, 6 – 8 pm.

Classical Series: Tom Bankston reported that the plan for a performance of a children's opera by Dayton Opera is being rethought because 2 performances of the piece are already scheduled in Centerville Schools. An alternate program of Opera Arias and Musical Theater by the Opera at St. Leonard's is being pursued for March. We will check with Sierra as to any other classical program issues that still may be pending.

Art at the Trace: A list of artists was distributed to which can be added the name of Chris Newman. A volunteer sign-up sheet for help with the event was passed around and flyers were distributed. The menu was discussed, as well as the addition of a 2nd bar, the raising of the ticket price at the door from \$12 to \$15, and providing of bottled water at the artist stations. Two community art pieces from the class with Mike Elsass at the Centerville Pop-up Gallery will be raffled. Raffle tickets will be sold at the check-in table. The Deron Bell combo will again provide music for the event.

Summer Concert Series: Walt reported that all is set with the bands for this summer. There is one new band (bluegrass). The National Anthem singers are TBD. We are hopeful that last year's stage manager will return. Sponsors are being solicited.

Photography/Cultural Day/ Poster Contest: Betty Lou reported that a couple of middle schools are interested in the poster contest. The logo design is going to be contracted out. No news on Cultural Day (partnership w/ the library).

Announcements: The name of Laura Haywood has been offered as a potential commission member.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Tom Bankston