Centerville Arts Commission Meeting
November 6, 2013 7:00pm

Members Present: Ginny Strausburg, Chair, Betty Lou Carney, Jim Collins, Joanie Haverstick, Sierra Kelley, Marlene Orendorf, Mary Scott, and Walt Smucker

Also Present: Kristen Gopman, Assistant to the City Manager

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ginny Strausburg, Chair

Minutes from the October 2, 2013, the minutes were motioned for approval by Joanie Haverstick and Seconded by Mary Scott, and then approved.

Staff Report: Kristen reported that the 2014 budget will be brought before the City Council in December. On November 11, there will be a Veterans Day Celebration at Stubbs Park at 11am. There will be an unveiling of a piece donated by Virginia Hess (five bronze medallions, one each in tribute to US Armed Forces: Navy, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Marines) as well as a marker donated by the garden club. On December 4th, there will be a Holiday Volunteer open house from 2pm-4pm at Yankee Trace. Kay Wick and Sue Butler have resigned from the commission and will receive recognition for their service.

Art Gallery: Mary reported that the photo reception two Sundays ago went well and was well attended. The winning photos from the contest were framed and matted and looked great. The photos will be up at the Police Station art gallery until the end of the month. January and February's exhibit will showcase the Art at the Trace featured artist, Cathy Pearson we are looking for artists to cover the rest of the year -- suggestions are welcome.

Art at the Trace: Artists have been contacted to see if they are interested for 2014. We are open to suggestions for artists. November 22nd has been set as a deadline for artists to declare their interest for next year. It has been suggested to the artists be willing to sell their art, have an inventory of art available for show, and a suggested price range where we found artists have been more successful in selling their art. The committee is planning to meet in early December to decide who can be included, ticket prices, and how to address concerns from last year. We are aiming to have contracts out to artists in January.

Classical: A possible list of events was presented to the board for 2014 (chamber group, children's show, and holiday show), we will work within the events presented depending on availability of groups and venues- list was approved.

Poster Contest: Betty Lou reported that Jennifer is contacting 3 different schools, we are waiting to hear back. Also private schools are being considered to participate in the contest. Winners receive vouchers to spend at the farmers market.

Summer Concerts: Walt reported that the bands the committee wants are in place and they will be ready to move forward with contracts in January. The group has dropped some bands, added a new band, and kept an audience favorite.

New Business: Brush before the Brain (November 7, 2013) where the City Council will take a class with Mike Elsass at the pop up gallery. Each member of Council will make a piece and then they will work together on a piece. The plan is to include these pieces at Art at the Trace, how is to be determined.

Congratulations to Jim on his CDL!

2014 Summer Concert Sponsorship Brochure: The Platinum level was successful last year, the group approved raising the Platinum level sponsorship amount but still only allowing one sponsor at that level. Kristen will be updating the brochure and sending it out to potential sponsors. We would like to wrap up sponsors by the end of March 2014 to be able to move forward with the concert programs. Email Kristen with any updates or suggestions about the brochure. Jim has volunteered to take point on the brochure. The fans will still be sponsored by David's Cemetery and Routsong Funeral Home.

Spread the word to Centerville residents about Commission spots available- we have 6 spots open. No December meeting. Next meeting will be January 8, 2014.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:47pm

Respectfully submitted by Sierra Kelley