

Centerville Arts Commission

February 1, 2012

Members Present: Sue Butler, Bill Burns, Betty Lou Carney, Jim Collins, Joanie Haverstick, Marlene Orendorf, Walt Smucker, Ginny Strausburg, Jill Wallace

Members Absent: Kera Estep, Sierra Kelley, Marty Holzinger, Kay Wick

Also Present: Kristen Gopman, Assistant to the City Manager

The meeting was called to order by Kristen Gopman, Acting Chairman at 7:00 PM.

Minutes – The minutes of the January 4, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Comments from Bill Burns – Bill advised the members of the commission that due to his father's illness and the extra time needed to be with his parents while still working and helping his wife with their small children, he felt it advisable to request a Leave of Absence from the Arts Commission (possibly for 6 months) if the City Council would approve such a request. He expressed his desire to still remain a part of the Arts Commission, but would resign if that was asked of him. He also stated his interest and support of the Arts Commission activities would continue. Kristen will forward Bill's request to City Council. Other members of the commission expressed their best wishes to Bill and his family. *(Bill was excused from the meeting at this time.)*

Staff Report – Kristen reported the following:

- "Arts Commission Refresher" -- copies of the following documents were included in this month's packet: 1) The City of Centerville's Mission Statement; 2) the Arts Commission Mission Statement, Purpose, Officers (and responsibilities), General Information, and Examples of Activities; and 3) Chapter 280 of the City Ordinances "Arts Commission". These documents were reviewed by the commission members.
- An updated listing of the members of the Arts Commission was distributed. Any corrections in the information should be given to Kristen.
- A brief discussion was held relative to openings on the commission and when Council would proceed with applications. Also, the Arts Commission still needs a Chairperson. The next scheduled meeting of the Arts Commission is March 7; however, because a number of members are unable to attend that meeting and also because there appears to be no urgent business at that time the commission voted to cancel the meeting on March 7. The next meeting will be held on April 4, 2012.
- The commission's budget allows for 3 members to attend the Ohio Governor's Awards Lunch on May 9th in Columbus. Those members who are interested must advise Kristen as soon as possible. Reservations close on April 9.

Committee Reports

- Art Gallery – Kristen reported that the Art at the Trace featured artist, Matthew Burgy, will have his work on display from February 8 through the end of the month. There will be a reception for him on February 17 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.
- Art at the Trace – Marlene reported that she, Ginny and Matthew Burgy had taped a presentation for the Centerville Community Channel shows. Kristen distributed tickets and flyers to members, and a sign-up sheet was available to sign-up for various duties the day of the show (2/11/12).

- Summer Concerts – Walt reported that the schedule was complete and costs were “under budget”. A copy of the Business Sponsorship Brochure that was designed by Kristen and the Marketing Committee was reviewed and received good comments.
- Digital Photography Events – Sue commented that she had received suggestions from the public requesting the workshops be “less advanced and more of a beginner level” as well as possible workshops that would be geared toward specific camera models/brands.

New Business

- Benham’s Grove Request – this year Benham’s Grove celebrates their 20th Anniversary and they plan to recreate the opening ribbon cutting ceremony on April 25. On July 29 they are planning a “Vow Renewal” for those couples who were married at Benham’s Grove. The ceremony would be followed by the participants attending the concert at Stubbs Park (performance by Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra). Benham’s Grove trustees have requested they be permitted to display a sign at Stubbs Park promoting their July 29th event. Arts Commission members unanimously approved allowing this request.
- Heart of Centerville Request – the Heart of Centerville business organization regularly schedules special events in their area on the 3rd Fridays of May, June, July and August. This year they would like the Arts Commission to assist with the May 18th event (a live art demonstration i.e. sidewalk chalk drawings was suggested). Additionally, they would like to pursue plans for a major event with the Arts Commission. Several members of the Arts Commission agreed to be part of a committee to explore ideas and possibilities for a major art event in 2013. Kristen will forward this information to the Heart of Centerville representative. (update: on February 3, Kristen emailed that the exploratory meeting will be held in the Law Library on 2/27 at 9:30 AM).
- Food2Go – members did bring donations to this program to the meeting, and they will be forwarded to the representatives of Food2Go.

Adjournment -- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Butler, Secretary