

## Centerville Arts Commission

August 1, 2012

Members Present: Tom Bankston, Sue Butler, Betty Lou Carney, Jim Collins, Kera Estep, Joanie Haverstick, Marlene Orendorf, Mary Scott, Ginny Strausburg

Members Absent: Sierra Kelley, Walt Smucker, Kay Wick

Also Present: Kristen Gopman, Assistant to the City Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ginny Strausburg, Chairperson.

Minutes – The minutes of the June 6, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Staff Report – Kristen reported the following:

- Tom Bankston was appointed to the Arts Commission and was welcomed to his first meeting.
- Sue Butler was reappointed to the Arts Commission in June, and Kay Wick was reappointed to the Arts Commission in July. There are currently 3 vacancies on the Arts Commission.

### Committee Reports –

- Art Gallery – Kera reported the following schedule for the Art Gallery:  
August -- Andy Snow, photographer (no reception to be held at his request)  
September & October – Ron Rollins, painter (acrylic abstracts)  
November & December – Digital Photo Contest Winners  
January 2013 – Katie Sule, photographer (WSU student)  
February 2013 – Jim DeLange, glass (Art at the Trace featured artist)
- Summer Concerts –
  1. Wishing Well – Jim Collins moved and Betty Lou Carney seconded a motion to “advise City Council the Arts Commission would like them to declare the Wishing Well ‘Surplus Property’ so it can be sold.” The motion passed unanimously.
  2. Concert Surveys – Walt left a message before leaving on vacation that he would like the “Help Us Plan for Next Season surveys” resumed for the month of August. The Marketing Committee had already determined that no surveys would be done this season – reason being after 2 seasons of surveys it was obvious that in general those in attendance would support the music group they came to hear. After discussion, the commission agreed to have announcements made at the August concerts to go to the city’s website to report their musical reviews and requests.
  3. Betty Lou reminded the commission that we need more “host” workers at the concerts, and to sign up if you are able to volunteer at the remaining concerts.
  4. Americana Concert 2013 – City Council members had suggested that the Arts Commission start this 1 hour concert at 7:30 PM and conclude at 8:30 PM. After discussion, it was agreed that we would continue to have ALL concerts start at 7:00 PM so as not to confuse the public.
- Classical Committee – this committee was to meet after tonight’s regular meeting however with Sierra’s absence (chairperson) the meeting was cancelled. Kristen reported the Classical Committee had \$600 left in their budget for another performance, and that the October 20 date for the Central Theatre at CHS is available. Joanie reported she had talked with Jim McCutcheon who stated he was interested in performing (in addition to the Guitar Fest). Sue suggested the



Classical Committee might want to pursue a performance by 5-6 string instrument players from the Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra.

- Digital Photography Events – Kera reported the Photo Workshops would be held at the library on August 18 and the Digital Photo Contest runs from Aug. 1-31. Information flyers are available and a press release went out July 25. Photo judging is Sept. 12-18 with winners notified by Sept. 21. A Winners' Awards Ceremony will be held in the Art Gallery on October 28 from 2:30-3:30 PM.
- Cultural Day – Marlene reported "A Day in Scotland" would be held at the Centerville Library on September 8 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Attractive flyers are available to the public that list the day's events.

**New Business** –

- Tree Carving – Kristen received a letter suggesting the Arts Commission have a "tree carving contest" using the stumps of some of the ash trees that are being removed in Stubbs Park due to the emerald ash borer. Greg Horn, City Manager, does not support this idea because tree carving by citizens using chainsaws could be dangerous. He would support hiring a professional tree carver. After discussion, the commission decided not to pursue the suggestion of a "citizen tree carving contest".
- 2013 Budget Request – Commission members had been provided copies of the Arts Commission Budget Request (proposed) from Kristen. It was recommended that we request the same amount as we had done for 2012 (\$35,000). Jim Collins moved and Marlene Orendorf seconded a motion to approve the 2013 Budget Request as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Butler, Secretary

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