

Centerville Arts Commission Meeting  
July 6, 2011

Members Present: Bob Waker, Acting Chairman, Bill Burns, Sue Butler, Betty Lou Carney, Kera Estep, Marlene Orendorf, Walt Smucker, Jim Teske, Jill Wallace, and Kay Wick.

Members Absent: Marty Holzinger, Sierra Kelley, Ginny Strausburg.

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

The meeting was called to order by Bob Waker, Acting Chairman, at 7:05 PM.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the June 1, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

**Staff Report**

Kristen reported on the impact to the City of Centerville by the passage of Ohio's two-year budget for 2012 and 2013 which began on July 1, 2011. Centerville will lose about \$2M which is approximately a 20% cut in state funding. Copies of 2 articles from the Dayton Daily News regarding this new state budget were distributed, and a general discussion followed. The money allocated to the Arts Commission by City Council for 2012 will definitely be reduced, and the new budget figure for the Commission will be determined in a month or two. Several suggestions were discussed as to how the commission will "live within" the new budget figure. Possible reduction of the number of summer concerts as well as reduction of financial support to other school and community events was discussed.

**Committee Reports**

- Art Gallery - Kera reported that Beth Phillips, photographer and a native of Centerville, will be featured in the Gallery during July. A reception for her will be held in the Gallery on Tuesday, July 12 from 6-8 PM. In August the featured artist will be Tricia Calvert and the reception for her is tentatively set for August 5. The artist has requested that there be music at the reception, and Bill volunteered to see if a student group could be scheduled. September's artist will be John Laird, In October and November the exhibit will be the photo contest entries, and Michael Carr will be the featured artist in December and January.
- Digital Photography Contest and Workshop - This event is sponsored by the Arts Commission and the Centerville Library. Kera reported the contest will run from August 1 - September 11. Workshops will be held at the Centerville Library on August 27 at 10 AM ("Beyond Point and Shoot") and 1 PM ("Photoshop Editing"). Kera will be teaching the 1 PM workshop. A flyer was distributed to the committee listing dates for judging, Winners' Award Ceremony, and additional information.
- Cultural Day - "A Day in Lebanon" will be held at the library on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 11 AM - 2 PM. This program is jointly sponsored by the Arts Commission, the Library, and the Centerville-Washington Diversity Council. Marlene has represented the Arts Commission at the planning meetings for this event, and Jim also serves as our liaison to the Diversity Council.



- Battle of the Bands - This year's attendance was 98 compared with 300 attending last year. Discussion followed -- is the interest fading? -- is this in the wrong time of year? -- is this competing with the annual Talent Show? -- perhaps next year we financially support only the Original Night event.
- Summer Concerts -- Staffing concerns were discussed relative to the Jazz & Peace Festival on July 9 and the National Night Out on August 2. Additional comments were made regarding this year's concert attendance (the Americana concert attendance has been dropping for three years), and about the comments that were written on the survey responses. Kay suggested that the Arts Commission consider having its own float in next year's Americana Parade.

### Old Business

The Arts Commission members are recommending that Jim Teske be appointed Chairman of the Commission by City Council for the term of July 2011-2012.

### Announcements

Sue reported that Cynthia Fraley, Executive Director of Hithergreen Center, asked if Hithergreen could have a table/booth at the 2012 Art at the Trace. The commission members support the idea, and Cynthia will be asked to contact Jim Teske regarding Hithergreen's participation.

Kristen and Walt visited St. Leonard's facility to see if it could be used as a rain relocation site for summer concerts. They reported that it would be too small for our purpose. Further discussion led to the possibility of using Rec West for a rainout site. Kristen will contact Jesse Lightle, Township Administrator, to see if this could be arranged.

As this was Bob Waker's last meeting, he thanked the members for their support and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity he had to serve on the Arts Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Butler, Acting Secretary