

Centerville Arts Commission  
October 5, 2011

Members Present: Jim Teske, Chairman, Sue Butler, Betty Lou Carney, Kera Estep, Joanie Haverstick, Marty Holzinger, Marlene Orendorf, and Walt Smucker.

Members Absent: Bill Burns, Sierra Kelley, Ginny Strausburg, Jill Wallace, and Kay Wick.

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

The meeting was called to order by Jim Teske, Chairman at 7:05 PM.

A general discussion of the 2011 concert season took place -- specifics given under committee reports.

### Minutes

The minutes of the September 7, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

### Staff Report

Kristen reported that there was no news on the 2012 Budget Request since our last meeting. Kristen distributed flyers received from the South Slavic Club of Dayton and Dayton International Festival, Inc. announcing a concert on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Centerville High School's Performing Arts Center by The Duquesne University Tamburitzans. They are a touring group of university student singers, dancers, and musicians who perform dances, song and music of Eastern Europe and neighboring cultures.

### Committee Reports

- Art Gallery - Kera announced the Art Gallery was scheduled through December 2011. The Digital Photo Contest Winners will be hung in the gallery from ~~Nov.~~ Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Michael Carr, photographer, is scheduled for late December - January. She has not scheduled the featured artist from Art at the Trace because that person has not been chosen as yet. Jim is considering an artist whose work is large abstracts -- oil on canvas.
- Summer Concerts - Enclosed in the committee meeting packets is a report by Walt Smucker, Concert Committee Chairperson, that is his review of the 2011 Season. A motion was made by Walt requesting Thank You letters be sent to the 2011 sponsors as well as Centerville Catering & BBQ -- including an invitation to return in 2012. Kera seconded the motion -- it passed unanimously. Walt reported that Wesley, 2011 Stage Manager, was excellent. Kristen reported her exit interview was good. Several committee members are willing to write Wesley Letters of Recommendation should she request them. Sue Butler requested that 2-way radios be available for use in 2012 by the stage manager and parks crew for emergency and other necessary contacts. A motion was made by Walt that \$100 be donated to the Food 2 Go program to thank Kay Eckert for her "assistance" at the concerts. Betty Lou seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. *(In a memo received from Kristen dated 10/6/11, the committee was informed that Mr. Horn, City Manager, stated all decisions for City funding are a decision by City Council. Walt has requested that a thank you letter be sent to Food 2 Go.)* A lengthy discussion took place regarding the "Wishing Well". Summer 2011 concert revenue was only \$25.00. Jim is going to contact other organizations who may want to "rent" the well for their events. Rental was suggested at \$25/day. Sue requested that the Concert Committee meet after the 2012 budget number is confirmed to review the 2011 concert performances and recommend for 2012. Walt circulated his spread sheet regarding a number of bands and his opinion/rating of their performances.

- Digital Photography Contest - Kristen reported there were 282 photos entered in the contest (182 from Centerville -- the rest from other communities as well as from out-of-state). 750 people voted for the "People's Choice Award" and a panel of local photographers selected the other winners.
- Cultural Day - "A Day in Lebanon" was held at the library on Oct. 1 from 11 AM - 2:00 PM. Marlene reported that they had received wonderful support and turnout from the St. Ignatius church members. The food and program was very good. It was disappointing that the attendance was only 150 people (last year's attendance was 600). A short discussion was held regarding a memo Kristen received from the library (Amy Allgeier) to be excused from their payment of \$100 that was previously agreed upon because of the staff time and supplies donated by the library. The Arts Commission agreed that we should not contribute any more money than the \$300 we originally agreed upon.
- Harp of Grace - This concert is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM in the Central Theatre at Centerville High School. Kristen prepared the programs for this concert. Commission members were asked to serve as hosts for this event.

#### New Business

Included in the meeting packet was a copy of a memo from Jim Teske to Jessie Lytle and Greg Horn proposing a "Gazebo Project". Members present felt that the proposed project has merit, but the major discussion will be held at the November meeting where a larger attendance of members should be present.

The next meeting of the Arts Commission will be on November 2, 2011. There will NOT be a meeting in December 2011.

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Butler, Secretary