

Centerville Arts Commission
November 2, 2011

Members Present: Jim Teske, Chairman, Sue Butler, Bill Burns, Betty Lou Carney, Marty Holzinger, Sierra Kelley, Marlene Orendorf, Walt Smucker, Ginny Strausburg, Jill Wallace, Kay Wick

Members Absent: Kera Estep, Joanie Haverstick

Also Present: Kristen Gopman, Assistant to the City Manager

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

Minutes

The minutes of the October 5, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

Staff Report -- Kristen reported the following:

- There will not be a regular meeting of the Arts Commission in December.
- The Concert Committee will meet immediately following tonight's regular meeting.
- On Thursday, December 1, a Holiday Open House will be held at Yankee Trace from 2:00-4:00 PM for the City of Centerville volunteers.
- Centerville City Council has reappointed Marty Holzinger to the Arts Commission for another 3 year term. (Thanks for serving, Marty!)
- The Arts Commission 2012 Budget Request was formally presented to the administration. Our effort of reducing our request by 25% than that for 2011 was appreciated. We were advised that the city's support of other groups (i.e. Hithergreen, Americana) is also being reduced in 2012 by 25%. We were also advised to prepare for an additional 25% reduction for the 2013 year -- however -- if the Arts Commission can collect donations/sponsorships totaling \$8750.00 by September 2012, there will NOT be another 25% reduction for 2013. A brief discussion was held on how we might go about increasing donations to the Arts Commission programs.

Committee Reports

- Art Gallery -- Kristen reported approximately 86 people attended the Photo Contest Winners' Reception on October 16th.
- Harps of Grace -- Sierra reported that approximately 100 people attended this concert on Sunday, October 9th at 4:00 PM. The location of the concert (Central Theatre at Centerville High School) was confusing for some attendees who thought it was going to be held in the Performing Arts Center. Cost for this concert was \$300 for the Harps of Grace and \$170 for the theatre rental (custodial fee). A general consensus of the commission was that we schedule this concert again in 2012. Date and location to be determined.
- Art at the Trace -- Date for 2012 is Saturday, February 11 from 6:00-9:00 PM. Jim reported that the featured artist will be Josh Halpern (Oakwood resident) whose work is generally large abstracts done in oil on canvas. Josh Halpern's work will be on display at the Art Gallery in February 2012. An interesting note about this artist is that he is also an accomplished cellist, and that talent may also be demonstrated at Art at the Trace. A brief discussion was held about raising the ticket prices from \$5 to \$~~X~~ presale, and \$~~Y~~0 to \$12 purchased at the event.

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Old Business

- Gazebo Project -- Jim reviewed recent developments on his idea to make Centerville the "Gazebo Capital of America". Jim has contacted Kroger's regarding a grant request for \$500,000 (think BIG!) to fund 2 major events to be held in 2012 as a "kick-off" to this project. The first event would be held in the spring at a celebration of Benham's Grove 20th anniversary. This would be done in cooperation with the Friends of Benham's Grove. A portion of the grant money would be spent on a landscaping project at Benham's Grove that would "tie-together" walkways with the gazebo to make the space easier to use in all seasons and weather. Jim would like to see a document designed and published that lists all the Centerville gazebos and their locations. Such a document could be the basis for *group tours* to the gazebo locations in Centerville. Again, these tours could begin in the 2012 spring/summer. The finale of this celebration would be a special summer concert at Stubbs Park where a glass gazebo would be installed like that in the Sound of Music. The concert performers would be the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, and one of their selections would be the music from the "Sound of Music". Jim hopes to get an initial reply from Kroger's within two weeks.

New Business

- Diversity Council Art Contest -- Kristen shared with the committee an email she received from Helen Anagho-Beny (Chair, Community Projects) of the Diversity Council requesting the Arts Commission assistance on a Centerville Washington Twp. Diversity Council Art Contest. The ^{breakfast} contest would be held at Yankee Trace on January 16th, Martin Luther King Day. Tentative plans are to have 3 levels of competition (primary/elementary, middle school, high school). Jim Teske and Bill Burns agreed to serve as judges. The commission is not in favor of offering funding for prizes.

The next meeting of the Arts Commission will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned by 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Butler, Secretary