

## **Centerville Arts Commission Meeting Minutes November 1, 2023**

**Members Present:** Chairman, Jim Collins, Community Resources, Drew Simon, Jane Rodgers, Rosemary Eustace, Jan Colson, John Curran, Clara Wharton, Betty Lou Carney, Terry O'Brien, Ashlynn Blatz, Deogratias Eustace, John Palcher, Council Member  
Introduced new member: Richard LaRue

**Members Absent:** Lana Gurieva

**Minutes:** Clara moved to approve the minutes and Rosemary second the motion. Motion carried.

**Staff Report:** Drew provided information on the holiday concert, sponsored by the City of Centerville and Washington Township, November 17. November 19, walk presented by Heart of Centerville and Arts Commission will involve all business and restaurants. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. carriage rides will be available. The tree lighting at Benham's Grove will be at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Community Band, Community Chorus and Alexis Gomez. Miami Valley dancers will perform. Crumbl Cookies is donating 600 cookies. Boston Stoker is donating hot drinks. Santa will be there for pictures with the children. Green giveaways will be given to the children.  
25,000 attended the Fall Fest. Drew thanked everyone who worked.

**Art Gallery:** Kate has sent out contracts to the artists. Receptions will be planned in January.

**Classical Committee:** John is to contact Patrick Reynolds for a possible concert. Also, UD and other sources. He needs additional info in planning the music.

**Interactive Committee:** Terry is advertising by video, flyers, posters and 4x6 postcards for business to hand out promoting Holiday Concert, November 17. Local Focus in DDN is another advertising source.  
Party in the Park received a \$1700.00 donation from John Palcher.  
John shared Uptown Music had 30/40 attending. Suggested asking musicians to volunteer. Received a good response from the public. Alternate groups with

Cornerstone Park. Change Uptown time to 6:30-8:30 p.m. Consider green space at Aschel Wright and businesses that are closed as new locations for the music.

**Summer Concert Series:** Survey CHS, Sinclair and St Leonard's for 2024 concerts. Stubbs Park will be under construction next summer. Once a month, contract live full bands for 2025. Have (2) Party in the Park events.

**Centerpieces Mural Program:** The mural will be completed on the wall of the Meridian before winter. Businesses will be approached to donate lights over the mural to enhance the art. Interest has been received to have a mural on the playground at Cline Elementary.

**Library Event:** 25 applications were submitted. Jan Colson will be the new chair. The commission will decide from email submissions. Winners will be exhibited in the December art gallery. A panel will be selected to decide the finalists. Winners will receive a blanket with the Centerville Seal and a plaque.

**Council Liaison Remarks:** John Palcher

John complemented Jim and Drew for their talent and support. He discussed the upcoming budget. Improvement projects for Stubbs Park, Yankee Trace and Benham's Grove.

It is important that each member attend the meetings.

We will not have a December meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Rodgers for the final time.

Wishing the best for the Arts Commission and the City of Centerville.