



City of Centerville
Arts Commission
Municipal Building
Kingseed Law Library
Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m

Members Present:

-Chairperson Jim Collins, Community Resources Coordinator Drew Simon, Terry O'Brien, John Curran, Rosemary Eustace, Deogratias Eustace, Clara Wharton, Lana Guirieva, Richard LaRue, Ashlynn Blatz., Councilman John Palcher, and Jan Colson.

Members Absent:

n/a

Minutes:

-Clara made a motion to approve the November 1, 2023 minutes. Terry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff Report-(Drew)

-Stubbs Park:

Closed February 2024 through May 2025 for renovations. Check website for list of improvements.

-Benham's Grove:

New event center moving forward, 'Possible' start date will be late summer/early fall 2024. Check website for list of improvements.

-Volunteer Centerville

Is a new program starting soon. All volunteer opportunities within the city will be under one umbrella, making volunteering easier for residents.

Committee Reports

-Art Gallery(Ashlynn):

Erica Hawk featured artist for January, reception is Jan.4.

2024 every committee member will take a month and purchase cookies/punch (city will reimburse) for artist's reception-if they choose to have a reception.

-Classical(John):

Jim Collins moved to increase the Classical Committee's budget to \$2500 from \$1500. Terry made a motion to accept. Seconded by Deogratias. Motion passed.

Drew would like to collaborate with Miami Valley Community Association. A meeting will happen to talk about collaborating.

-Interactive Committee/Performing Arts Group/Friday Events(Terry):

Christmas Show was a success and will plan again for 2024

Party in the Park will be at St. Leonard this year. Dates: June 14, July 12, and Aug 9. We will need at least 2 people in the tent by 5 for each event

Uptown/Cornerstone Music (Jim):

Jim and Drew are contacting bands. Events will be every other Friday, alternating Uptown and Cornerstone, May - September

Summer Concerts(Jim):

Only 2 this year at St. Leonard's due to Stubbs Park being renovated.

Library Events/Art Contests(Jan):

Winners announced and plaques and blankets on their way. Finalist was selected by Jane, Mayor, and Kate. In July/August contest will be revisited.

Drew and Kate will get with Jan.

New Business

Ashlynn Blatz announced her resignation from the Centerville Arts Commission.

Tea Party is on hold this year due to Benham's Grove renovation.

Pop up Super Hero Bash/Pop up Princess Party are new ideas for possible events for children.

Council Liaison Remarks

Councilman John Palcher thanked everyone for coming and their dedication to the Arts Commission. It was a great year and will continue through 2024.

Meeting adjourned 8:02 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jan Colson