

## **Minutes of the Centerville Arts Commission Meeting**

Wednesday, September 7, 2016, 7:00pm

**Members Present:** Ginny Strausburg, Chair, Tom Bankston, Betty Lou Carney, Jim Collins, Sierra Kelley, Marlene Orendorf, and Mary Scott

**Members Absent:** Kathleen Jablinski

**Also Present:** Kristen Gopman, Assistant to the City Manager, and John Palcher, City Council liaison

Ginny Strausburg, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Jim Collins moved and Tom Bankston seconded a motion to approve the August 10, 2016 Meeting minutes. Motion was carried.

**Staff Report:** Information was included in our meeting packet about a vote from City Council to place an income tax increase of the November ballot. John Palcher discussed how the increase would be helpful for the community and how there has not been an increase in 32 years. 2017 Centerville Art Committee budgets are due back to Kristen at the end of September so we can finalize the Commission budget at the October meeting. Last month's potential member will not be going forward. We have a new potential member, Rachel Selby, who will be scheduling an interview with City Council.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Art Gallery:** We are full for 2016. At the time of the meeting we had no feedback yet from Derry Cox's Reception. October's Ken Grody's reception date is to come. December's artist, MB Hopkins, was discussed as a possibility for Art at the Trace and will be asked. February and March 2017 have been booked. Ronald Levi has requested November or December of 2017. January will be Art at the Trace's featured artist. We would like to offer Doug Fiely for this spot. Ed Ponikwia was suggested for the art gallery.

**Art at the Trace:** Paint for the walls came to \$82 which will be taken care of out of the Art at the Trace budget. No money will come from the Classical budget for this. A new layout has been made, we have space for +/- 19 artists depending on wall/table needs. Ticket prices will be \$15 pre-sale and \$20 at the door, same as 2016. Doug Fiely will receive offer for featured artist. Different music options are being considered, please send in bands for consideration. We will be letting artists know we would like them to bring new work for the 2017 show. Kristen will be contacting the artists we have already discussed for the 2017 show. We hope to keep the raffle the same as 2016, open to all artists to donate works.

**Classical:** Holiday Walk is Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please send any ideas for 2017 into Kristen.

**Interactive Committee:** The Photo Contest has ended. We received around 200 entries, judging will be in September. Reception will be November 2 5:30pm-6:30pm with awards at 6. Considering different food options for the reception as it will be later than in years past.

**Summer Concerts:** John Palcher passed on City Council's happiness with this season's program and the increased exposure we have been getting at the City Council meetings. Announcements and donation box have been doing well. Donations, spending, attendance, and audience show reviews were discussed. Jim felt it was a banner year! Jim and Betty Lou are continuing to review new groups and will

discuss a line up for next season for review. Stage manager Lyle did a great job again this year, we appreciate all of his hard work. Also Terry and the Chief of Police helped make this year great! Dave Shores will not be returning as our sound guy but may be interested in a Stage Manager position if it becomes available. We thank him for all of his work to help make our season great!

**New business:** Pass on to Kristen anyone who may be interested in joining, must be a Centerville resident.

Ginny Strausburg, Chair, adjourned our meeting at 7:44pm.

Submitted by Sierra Kelley