

## Centerville Arts Commission Meeting

November 2, 2016

Members present: Ginny Strausburg, Tom Bankston, Betty Lou Carney, Jim Collins, Kathleen Jablinski, Marlene Orendorf, Mary Scott

Members absent: Sierra Kelley

Others present: Kristen Gopman, Assistant to the City Manager and John Palcher, City Council Liaison

Ginny Strausburg, the chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on September 7, 2016 as distributed by Jim Collins with a second from Betty Lou. All present approved the motion.

Kristen gave a brief staff report; the 2017 budget has been submitted to council and will be reviewed in their November work session. Rachel Selby will be sworn in on November 21st as a new member of the CAC giving us a total of nine members. Please continue to search for new members to add to the commission. Kristen also mentioned that we will be getting an invitation to the Holiday Volunteer Party sponsored by the City of Centerville. This will be held at Yankee Trace on Wednesday, December 7th from 2 - 4 PM.

**Art Gallery:** We had a nice turn out this evening at the Police Station for the winners of the CAC sponsored photography contest. The photos will be on display through the month of November. The 2017 schedule for the art gallery is in our packet. We have commitments for all the months with the exception of July, August, September and October. The police department has asked for the display case to be used for the month of May. They are going to use that for a memorial dedication during the month of May.

**Classical:** Tom Bankston discussed the option of doing one large event in 2017 incorporating the opera, the ballet and the philharmonic orchestra. The budget for the Classical Series is \$1,500.00. The location of such an event was discussed with an option of the Epiphany Lutheran Church on Far Hills suggested by Betty Lou. Kristen was going to make a call to find out if this facility would be an option. We are looking at a spring event.

**AATT:** Kristen reported that we have 17 artists confirmed for the event on February 25th at Yankee Trace. We have a maximum of 19 artists based on the new layout we are going to try this year. There was some discussion about the music. We would like to keep Deron Bell - but will ask him to 'tone' it down a bit and perhaps only have two instruments. Kristen will call and ask him about as a possibility. The walls will be re-painted for the show. Kristen bought the paint (\$82.00) and the city workers will do the painting. Kristen will also check with Jason and see when we want to meet to discuss the food options.

Ginny suggested that we give each artist a certificate of participation so they have that for the portfolio. We also discussed having judges and giving some awards to the artists - 'Best of Show' or 'Mayor's Choice Award'. Please give this some thought and let Marlene or Kathy know if you have ideas on this suggestion. Again this year, we will ask for artists to provide us with a donation that we will enter into a raffle for those present at the show.

**Summer Concert:** Jim passed out a tentative schedule for the 2017 concert series. We reviewed the bands he had listed and made suggestions for those to keep and those to omit. Kristen suggested starting a week later to save some money if necessary. Kristen will work on getting in touch with the bands and getting their prices. Betty Lou mentioned that the Centerville Community Band would like to perform one night each month on a regular basis. There was some discussion about that and the cost involved to keep the event staffed. Jim gave Kristen a suggested name for the sound position - this pays \$350.00 for the season. Kristen will follow up on that and let us know the costs we are right now.

**Interactive/Photography:** We had 279 photos entered with a total of 445 votes. We covered this earlier under the staff report - nice turn out tonight. We will continue to hold the reception for a week night as opposed to the Sunday afternoon ceremony we have had in the past.

**New Business:** We passed around a 'thank you' note to give to the City Council members for their help in the Summer Concert Series.

**Announcements:** There will be no December meeting. January 4th, 2017 will be our next meeting. Don't forget the Holiday Party at Yankee on December 7th.

Ginny adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Marlene Orendorf