

Centerville Arts Commission January 9, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Present: Mary Ann Gasior - chair, Harish Trivedi, Linda Snyder, Francine Riley, Mark Taylor, Carol Wasson, Tiffany Shaw-Diaz, Nora Gessner, Angie Tapogna – Arts Program Coordinator and guest Cindi Klinck – Director of the Washington Centerville Public Library.

Minutes recorded by Carol.

Mary Ann opened the meeting introducing our guest, Cindi Klinck who provided us with a packet containing information about the Book of Kells programs in 2007. There were over 10,000 in attendance. The CAC had donated \$500 to the library to promote the scholar series programs – Francine had assisted in developing the exhibit and was thanked by Cindy. In 2007 the library focused on programs that described the life and times of that period – the Middle Ages.

In 2008 the library will be doing the arts of the times. Will have two artists doing sculptures and woodcarvings as artists-in-residence. The Cairo page – never before seen – will be on exhibit. Will have artists, musicians and dancers doing various programs.

Provided us with a sponsorship packet and asked us for money. Described in detail the programs listed requesting sponsorship monies. Mark asked how much they actually need – library covering the administrative and marketing costs. The programs, which are out of their scope, are what need sponsorships. The library has a foundation which has only \$14K in monies, so they need as much in donations as possible. Will enable the library to provide quality programs. Goal is to involve the people in the community in the arts. Angie asked what their time frame for needing to know how much they will receive – early February. Wants to pay a small stipend to the people who direct the programs.

Discussion on contribution to library: Looked at 2008 budget. Annual contributions line is \$2,200. We gave \$500 to the library last year. Must give \$1,500 to Centerville Community Band and giving \$500 to Centerville Community Chorus. Can take some money from the FAM budget because we don't have FAM this year. Mark asked about the money coming directly from the city. Mary Ann explained the city set up our contribution line for such requests. Mark brought up the sponsorship monies conflict we had last year. We can only speculate on their situation – they may have to cancel some of their events. We can dictate the program we want to sponsor. Harish explained the funding and administration of the library comes under the dictate of the school system. Library board is appointed by the school board. Tiffany said we should sponsor the artist-in-residence which is \$200 and that program is in February. Everyone agreed this was a good idea. Tiffany made the motion, Carol seconded. Motion passed. Mark only nay vote.

Linda asked we revisit this at our next meeting so we can possibly give them more later. Harish thinks we should be involved in their decision making process. Carol feels this is overstepping boundaries. Mark does not feel we should be giving funds to city organizations – that we should be giving to other individual organizations. Tiffany says it makes us look good to other city organizations – puts our name out there in a positive manner. Harish feels we should ask the city for a larger allocation for this type of funding in 2009.

Approval of Minutes from December – One spelling mistake: the winning posters (should have been) for Diversity Council. Tiff moved to approve and Mark seconded.

Art Coordinator's Report: Summer series, all but one concert is confirmed. Amphitheater fire – the bulk of the damage was on our cabinet side. \$45K in damage. Supposedly the repairs will be done in time for the concert. Our stuff is covered in soot and sustained heavy smoke damage. Public Works will assess if salvageable or needs to be replaced. Think fire caused by teenagers smoking and the bales of hay placed in the back to protect the shell caught fire. Variety Series – Angie contacted Doktor Kaboom about Nora working with him for kid's activities. Invited us to attend his show at the Schuster the end of Jan. Suggested we do our take and make activity at the end of the show.

Summer Committee Report: Confirmed list on Angie's report. Update: contracts have been signed by Johnny Cash tribute, Dwight Lenox, and Phil Dirt. The Kettering Civic Band and the Centerville Community Band will be doing one concert each. This is the earliest the line-up has been completed. Carol said Beef's is still interested in doing concession stand and will be in contact with Carol.

Variety Series Report: Carol gave a report. Now have 27 artists and SinfullyGF will be providing desserts instead of Esther Price. Danny Voris performing instead of Acoustica. On front page of city's website, on Centerville Reports Today on Feb. 4 with Carol and Mike Elsass (with his artwork for display). Doktor Kaboom on March 30 and SMAG on April 13. Carol brought samples from Sinfully GF and the commission loved them.

Diversity Committee Report: Mentioned in Centerville Bellbrook Times – front page - and will be in January 10 Neighbors Section of the Dayton Daily News. Angie will be on Channel 2 with Marsha Bonhart on January 10 and Tiffany will be presenting awards at the MLK breakfast. Karen Volke – emcee of breakfast – would like for us to do this again. All work will be shown in police art gallery in February – Nora will handle that.

Announcements: State of the City address on January 28 at 6 PM and we are invited. Two articles about U-Tube video from city July 3 concert with someone firing rifle into barrel and about the fire. Tiffany said good-bye, thanked everyone and said she had learned a lot. City has said Joyce can remain on the Arts Commission even though she is moving to Beavercreek.

Next month meeting will be February 6. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.