

Centerville Arts Commission Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2008

In Attendance: Mary Ann Gasior - chair, Harish Trivedi, Debbie Dyer, Dianne Nelson-Acosta, Mark Taylor, Carol Wasson, Francine Riley, Nora Gessner, Angie Tapogna – Arts Program Coordinator. **Absent:** Joyce Ahmad and Linda Synder.

Special Guest: Belinda Kenley, our new City Council liaison.

Mary Ann opened the meeting at 7 PM and introduced Belinda. Carol recorded the minutes.

Approval of January's Minutes: Change annual contribution line to have a \$. Harish moved to approve and Deb seconded.

Coordinator's Report: Art at the Trace in Living Arts magazine and just submitted information for the summer series and other events. First time we've been listed because lead time is three months.

Diversity Committee Report: Tiffany Shaw-Diaz attended the breakfast and Nora contacted teachers who had provided the majority of the student entries. Got lots of great coverage in the Dayton Daily News and Centerville Bellbrook Times and a Channel 2 interview.

Variety Series Report:

Art at the Trace – Danny Voris' group will be performing instead of Acoustica Duo. Carol appeared on Centerville Reports Today with Mike Elsass, the featured artist. Carol thanked Francine for all the work she did in acquiring the artists.

Doktor Kaboom – Nora saw his show at the Schuster and loved it. His show is very interactive, funny and for all ages. Angie booked him to appear on Centerville Reports Today on March 24.

SMAG Dance Concert – Date changed from April 13 to April 20.

Photography Workshop: Deb is suggesting a Saturday or Sunday afternoon and thinks the total budget will be \$1,000. Will have to decide from which category to fund the event. Workshop to be held at police station. Would like to have Sally Struthers for speaker at workshop – photographer and Fine Arts chair at Sinclair. Mary Ann asked if we wanted to pursue this and everyone agreed.

Library Donation: Revisited from January meeting. Decided we should have a deadline for contribution requests so we can plan our contribution requests to the city. As we do not have any more funds in our contributions line item to support groups, decision was made to keep donation at the current level of \$200 to give to the library, but invite Ms. Klinck to come back in the fall with any requests, allowing us to plan earlier for next year.

Art in the Heart Partnership: Heart of Centerville business association has come to us for assistance. Ad hoc committee met several months ago with Debbie Teeters and Angie met with her again. Debbie Teeters went to the City Council and got a favorable nod for Arts Commission involvement. Francine moved we apply for a matching grant from the Centerville Washington Foundation to help them for the

September event and Deb seconded it. We will then take the time to explore details – motion passed. It was suggested Debbie Teeters attend our March meeting with a specific proposal.

Announcements: Kristen Gopman is working on a grant through Montgomery County for obtaining recycling containers at Stubbs Park, and the City Council has received an application from the owner of Centerville Landscaping who is interested in being appointed to the Arts Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM