

**ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Meeting of Tuesday, 07 February 2012  
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:04p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Tom Bruhn, Kim Bova, Scott Lehmann, Blanche Serban, Joe Tomanelli (from 7:27p). *Members absent:* David Vaughan. *Others present:* Anke Finger, Jay O’Keefe (staff).

2. The draft **minutes** of the 03 January 2012 meeting were approved as written.

3. **Storrs Center.** An arts presence in Storrs Center would be nice but is unlikely unless local artists or the University can be interested in it. Blanche noted that retail space in Storrs Center appears to be too expensive for individual artists or small commercial galleries and that there does not seem to be much enthusiasm in the local arts community for putting in the time and energy required for a successful cooperative gallery. Perhaps the University could be interested in supporting a small gallery – maybe in the UConn Co-op’s space at Storrs Center – to provide intern opportunities for business and art students. Kim has not yet been able to talk with Karla Fox about this but will try again.

4. **MCC exhibits.**

- a. Blanche reported that she hadn’t been able to find the exhibit application form on-line. Jay is sure it is there, but perhaps some additional links are needed.
- b. Scott reported that the **Quiet Corner Photography Club** wants the summer display period (01 June to 17 August) for its exhibit of photos of Joshua Trust properties. It would like to use the hallways and display cases.
- c. Jay indicated that the Connecticut **Department of Social Services (DSS)** again wants to exhibit photos of children in need of adoption to raise awareness of this issue. He thinks DSS wants the hallways from 01 September to 15 October and will contact DSS to confirm.
- d. The Committee has had some difficulty in finding exhibitors for the display cases. To fill this space, Tom suggested approaching collectors as well as artists. The Committee agreed that an exhibit of (say) kachina dolls from somebody’s collection would be fine, if no local artist wants the space.
- e. Joe suggested approaching the Community School of the Arts about exhibiting at the MCC. Kim will contact Heather Bunnell about this. Joe will also encourage some artists he knows to apply.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
15 Jan – 14 Apr	<i>Kenneth Dubay</i> (wooden bowls)		<i>Jan Geoghegan</i> (encaustic & mixed media)			
15 Apr – 31 May	<i>Mansfield School Art?</i>					
01 Jun – 17 Aug	<i>Quiet Corner Photo Club</i> (Joshua Trust photos)				<i>Quiet Corner Photo Club</i> (Joshua Trust photos)	
27 Aug – 14 Oct	Festival on the Green advertising & Art Show winners				<i>DSS Have a Heart?</i> (photos of adoptable kids)	
15 Oct – 14 Jan					<i>Jim Gabianelli</i> (machine art)	

5. **2012 meeting dates.** In 2012, the Committee agreed to meet (as usual) on the first Tuesday of each month, except that the July meeting should be on Tuesday, 10 July, to avoid conflict with the Fourth of July holiday.

6. **Manchester Arts Commission.** Jay distributed an announcement of brainstorming & networking events organized by the Manchester Arts Commission to bring together people interested in promoting the arts in Manchester.

7. **Adjourned** at 7:45, after which members spoke informally with Ms. Finger about what the Committee does and has done in the past. Next meeting: 7:00p, Tuesday, 06 March 2012. Ilias Tomazos from the Greek Orthodox Church has indicated that he will attend the April meeting to discuss use of the not-yet-completed Greek Theatre on Dog Lane.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 12 February 2012; approved 06 March 2012.