

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of Tuesday, 06 March 2012
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:03p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Tom Bruhn, Scott Lehmann, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* Blanche Serban, Joe Tomanelli. *Others present:* Jay O’Keefe (staff).
2. The draft **minutes** of the 07 February 2012 meeting were approved as written.
3. **Membership.** Jay reported that Anke Finger is interested in joining the Committee; her name will be submitted to the Town Council.
4. **Storrs Center.** Kim reported that Christopher Levesque of the Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation will meet at lunch on 20 March with anyone interested in **co-op art gallery in Storrs Center**. Tom & Scott indicated that they could probably attend; Kim will e-mail the Committee about this. It would be good to have some local artists there who are enthusiastic about an arts presence in Storrs Center, if any can be identified.
5. **MCC exhibits.**
 - a. **No new applications** have been received.
 - b. Is the exhibit of **Mansfield School Art** going to happen? At the last meeting, Blanche seemed confident that it will go up, but April 15 is not that far off.
 - c. Jay provided a **site-map to information about art exhibits** on the Parks & Recreation Dept. website. Information about current exhibits at the MCC is under “Events” on the Parks and Rec home page. To access the exhibit application form, click on “Forms, Maps, & Schedules” (upper left), then on “Application to Exhibit Art” under “Forms”.
 - d. To clarify use of the **exhibit application form**, a cover page should be added with routing instructions: (1) to exhibit at the MCC, submit the form to Jay; (2) to exhibit at the Mansfield Library, secure the Librarian’s approval and then submit the form to Jay; (3) to exhibit at the Senior Center, apply to its Committee, (4) to exhibit at some other town building (many of which do not have installed hardware to hang art), first meet with the Committee to explain what you have in mind. The form itself could then be slightly modified with (say) boxes to check for the proposed venue and display period.
 - e. Kim suggested giving artists the **option of exhibiting for only 1.5 months**, since some artists have expressed reluctance to commit their works for 3 months. There was general agreement that this would be OK. The application form should be modified to include this option. {We now have two *de facto* exhibit periods of this length: Apr 15 – May 31 (School Art) and Aug 27 – Oct 14.}

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)	

6. **Adjourned** at 7:30p. Next meeting: 7:00p, Tuesday, 03 April 2012. Ilias Tomazos from the Greek Orthodox Church has indicated that he will attend to discuss use of the not-yet-completed Greek Theatre on Dog Lane; David will remind him.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 09 March 2012; approved 03 April 2012.