

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of Tuesday, 03 February 2015
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 5:05p by Tom Bruhn. *Members present:* Tom Bruhn, Scott Lehmann, Prescott Powers, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* Kim Bova. *Others present:* Kimberly Blair (staff).
2. The draft **minutes** of the 1/06/15 meeting were approved as written.
3. **Eagleville Schoolhouse.** The Committee's memo regarding future use of the Old Eagleville Schoolhouse was e-mailed on 1/11/15 to Town Manager Matt Hart (receipt acknowledged on 1/15/15). It is attached.
4. **Application to exhibit art form.** The final draft of David's improved form and cover letter will, he hopes, be presented at the March meeting. An artist's bio and statement should be requested under "Art Display Procedures".
5. **Policy on exhibiting prize-winning works of art at the MCC.** Nobody could remember whether the Committee had actually given final approval to a policy statement on exhibiting prize-winning works of art at the MCC (to the effect that any invitation to display such works is conditional on their satisfying the guidelines in the MCC Art Display Policy). {The answer is "No": According to item 6 of the 12/14/14 minutes, a final draft was to be considered at the January meeting. But no final draft was presented.}
6. **Committee reappointments.** Kimberly indicated that Committee members would be reappointed to another one-year term, beginning March 2015, unless they resigned. Scott requested that the March meeting be his last; he has been on the Committee for a long time and is over-extended.
7. **MCC exhibits.**
 - Kim, Tom, & Scott helped **Andrew Facchinetti** install his exhibit of mixed media works on 1/15/15. A close examination of the one work about which some concern was voiced at the Committee's 1/06/15 meeting failed to find any basis for excluding it from the exhibit.
 - No new applications to exhibit have been received.
 - Tom's **draft letter** inviting artists to apply to exhibit their work at the MCC was discussed. Suggested additions: note that hard copies of the application form are available at the MCC reception desk; enlarge the list of types of art that have been/might be exhibited (e.g., to include sculpture, fine craft art, jewelry); advertise the MCC as a vital center of activity in town, insuring that many people will see work exhibited there. Tom will revise the draft for the March meeting. Once approved, the letter will be e-mailed to Peggy Church for forwarding to Quiet Corner Artists.
 - Scott suggested attempting to organize another exhibit of **Mansfield school student art** for the 4/15 to 5/31 period. Prescott will ask the art teachers at the Middle School and Southeast Elementary if there is interest in this. Tom will ask Kim if she knows whom to contact at Goodwin and Annie Vinton Elementary Schools.
 - Tom suggested **inviting school art teachers** to exhibit their own work at the MCC and/or to join the Committee.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
01/15 – 04/14					<i>Andrew Facchinetti (mixed media)</i>	
04/15 – 05/31	<i>Mansfield school art?</i>			<i>Mansfield school art?</i>		

7. Adjourned at 5:33p. Next meeting: 5:00p, Tuesday, 03 March 2015.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 04 February 2015. Approved 03 March 2015.

Attachment: Memo on Old Eagleville Schoolhouse

To: Matt Hart, Town Manager
 From: Arts Advisory Committee
 Re: Old Eagleville Schoolhouse
 Date: 07 January 2015

The Arts Advisory Committee believes that the Old Eagleville Schoolhouse, now being vacated by Joshua’s Trust, would be a very attractive venue for arts instruction and exhibits. One can even imagine a coffee-house gallery with changing exhibits and chairs & tables for people to meet over light refreshments. Live acoustic music and spoken word, now little heard in this Town, could be presented as well.

At present, the Town appears to have adequate space for art exhibits and classes. However, this situation could change if demand for arts instruction by the Community School of the Arts (CSA) increases or space currently used for arts is reallocated to other purposes. The Town does not own or control the facilities on the Depot Campus now used for instruction by CSA.

Accordingly, the Arts Advisory Committee believes that it would be wise to reserve the option of making the Schoolhouse a dedicated arts facility. It should not be assigned to any agency in perpetuity, nor should its interior space be carved up into smaller rooms. Finally, users of the building should be amenable to having art displayed in its public areas.