

**Whitehouse Arts Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2017**

Members present: Matt Meeker, Jan Robie, Susan Gdowik, and Emily Remaklus. Others present: Mindy Curry, Council Representative and Barb Knisely, Community Development Coordinator.

Matt Meeker called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Emily made a motion to approve the minutes and Jan seconded.

Staff Report:

- Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday 11-12:30pm and in need of volunteers.
- New art exhibit in the hallways from Shanna Richie from Aspiring Hands.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> our next exhibit will be old photographs from Whitehouse High School graduation classes.

Buskerfest

- The Grape Smugglers have been confirmed to play at the Buskerfest.
- A liquor permit is still in the talks for the Buskerfest.
  - An area needs to be mapped off for where alcohol will be permitted.
  - The idea of a Bring Your Own Liquor was also mentioned.
  - By using Bring Your Own Liquor we would not have fundraising opportunities with liquor, but then we also would not need to worry about providing the liquor.
- A horse-drawn carriage or golf carts could be used to help people get from place to place.
- Jan mentioned maps would also be helpful this year so that people know where to go.
- Mindy explained how the beer tent works at Cherry Fest so that WAAB would have something to model off if we decided to obtain a liquor license.
- Promotion for the event is necessary.
  - Susan suggested using Facebook this year to promote.
  - Mindy said if we have information together before Cherry Fest we could use that event to help promote Buskerfest.
- Mindy suggested putting something together (an article) for the June newsletter which will be the last newsletter to go out before Buskerfest.
- 4-6pm is the proposed time for the Buskers and 6-9pm for The Grape Smugglers.
- Food: A chicken bbq would be a huge draw if the fire department or another organization would be willing.
- Next month we should bring Trish back to our meeting to help finalize some details with our collaboration.
- Asking if a permit is needed for audience members to bring their own liquor needs to happen soon, and we need to see if we would have to zone off an area where the alcohol would be permitted.

New Business

- Mindy mentioned bicycle racks will be added throughout the Village and Council is interested in adding some element of art into the bicycle racks. WAAB is being asked to keep this interest in mind and to research and recommend ideas.
- Digital signs will be added in Whitehouse soon and will make an easy way of advertising for local events, including Buskerfest.
- Matt mentioned collaborating with other regional art groups such as the Anthony Wayne Arts Commission.

- Barb passed around ideas for downtown art and a map of a community's art walk. The hope is for WAAB to designate an arts area somewhere downtown.

Susan made a motion to adjourn at 7:11pm and Jan seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Remaklus