

**Whitehouse Arts Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2017**

Members present: Matt Meeker, Claudia Spann, Jan Robie, Emily Remaklus, and Mindy Curry. Others present: Barb Knisely

Claudia called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Jan made a motion to approve the minutes and Matt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Staff Report:

- The first concert in the park is June 24th with The Free Band. A young local girl, Evie VanVorhis, will be opening the show with the National Anthem and will sing again during intermissions.
- The flower market started last weekend with seven vendors.
- July 5th is the Founder's Day event.

Buskerfest

- Claudia stated that at this point WAAB needs to have the banner fixed with the new date.
- WAAB also needs to meet with Trisha Pizzfried to determine what her plans are with food. Trisha will be invited to the next meeting to talk about her plans, and hopefully an additional May meeting will be added.
- Vito's and Switchback catering will both be contacted about providing food for the event.
- WAAB is very interested in bringing liquor into the Buskerfest, but a permit is still needed. Sertoma will be contacted about partnering with WAAB in this matter. With the alcohol, a large number of volunteers will be needed.
- Mindy explained the process of bringing alcohol into the event, and WAAB is unsure of how many volunteers we would have to properly set up and run a beer tent.
- Barb also reminded us that the fencing would decrease space from where the buskers could perform.
- Mindy suggested we use the Buskerfest as a way to rededicate the soldier monument in the park. This would bring more people to the park, as well as media.
- Claudia suggested that maps should be printed so that people can find performers.
- As a way to recoup some money, it was suggested that WAAB charge for The Grape Smugglers performance. It was also suggested that a good will offering could be sufficient.
- We were informed that September 9th is also Bowling Green's Black Swamp Arts Festival which could possibly affect attendance of the Buskerfest.

New Business

- WAAB discussed possibly joining with the Anthony Wayne Arts Council. Emily suggested WAAB wait until the end of the year after all of the major WAAB events before trying to combine with Anthony Wayne Arts Council.
- Madeline Duhammel is a local artist who has a CD for sale to help raise money for her trip to Europe. She will be playing with Matt Meeker and his musical partner from 3-4pm on Saturday at the Cherry Fest.

Jan made a motion to adjourn at 6:52pm and Emily seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Remaklus