

**Committee for the Arts
Minutes
March 26, 2012
MPD Community Room**

Present: Amy Cordeiro, Rod O’Hanley, Lisa Hansel, Diana Skaggs, Linda Phelan, Sharon Morgera, Carmela Geer, Lisa Hansel, Diane Andrews

The Oxbow Farms Project

- 2 step process to complete the self portrait paint on canvas project – a preliminary sketch and then paint on canvas session.
- The committee is committed to helping with that process
- Next step is to meet with the Boys and Girls Club leadership to move the project forward with an anticipated date to begin the project on April 18th and continue onto the 30 from 4:00 to 5:15. They will also discuss the possibility of obtaining supplies. This time period would take care of the preliminary drawings.
- Carmela will ask for high school volunteers to provide community service for this leg of the project.
- Diana and Sharon will talk with Club Respect about having a table and displaying their work at the Celebration of the Arts and in public buildings.
- The second leg of the project would occur in the month of May.

License Plate Project

- Only a 501 c 3 can engage in this project. The committee is not set up for this.
- Linda offered to come back to the next meeting with information on what the process would be for a developing a not for profit “Friends of Middletown Arts” group.

Celebration for the Arts

- The committee discussed the possibility of raising the participation fees for vendors for next year’s event to help me the increasing costs of putting on the events.
- Linda moved to increase the artist vendor fees from \$25 to \$30 and the food vendor’s fees from \$50 to \$100. The committee agreed unanimously.
- Performance Artists – there is a need for a portable wireless microphone system.
- The process for the rack cars will begin soon.

New Business

- District Art Show scheduled for the Week of May 14th. Committee members are encouraged to volunteer to support the event.
- The committee discussed asking if it would be possible to purchase special name tags for committee members to wear at public events. This discussion will continue into the next meeting.

Adjourned at 6:33pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carmela Geer, Secretary