

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Arts Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 2, 2021
5:00pm

MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
Draft Minutes

1. Called To Order at 5:09 pm

Kim Bova	X		kbova@charter.net;
David Vaughan		X	dhvaughan@charter.net;
Judy McChesney	X		judy.mcchesney@gmail.com;
Ann Williams	X		anndavew@charter.net;
Susan Meisler	X		ssnmslr@att.net;
Kimberly Blair Rontey, MCC Liaison	X		ronteyKM@mansfieldCT.org;
Alicia Welch	X		Alicia062502@gmail.com;
Sarah Kaufold	X		kaufolds@gmail.com;
Anisah Richardson, MCC Staff	X		

2. Minutes of meeting on 2/23/21 approved and seconded.

3. No Public Comments

4. No Public Correspondence

5. New Business

A. New submissions for virtual art show need approval.

i.) Blanche Serban submitted a second view of the Mark Twain House

ii.) Ann Williams submitted Mt. Hope Snow Blanket.

Both were approved and seconded to add to the current show.
The town web site now has a link to our virtual art show.

B. Theme/Media for the next virtual art show

Anisah reported that the town's web site publishes a newsletter, and we can advertise our next virtual art show in the edition which comes out April 1st. After discussion we agreed to submit an advertisement to the newsletter. Art work must be submitted by an April 19th deadline for the virtual art show which begins June 1st. We can review submissions at our May meeting. Susan will draft an ad, Anisah will forward it to the newsletter staff.

Discussion continued re: types of art (visual, choral, instrumental, etc.) to include in the virtual art shows. Sarah noted the need for a forum for all artists to gather to discuss what they are doing and to inspire collaboration. We decided to revive the artists' paper bag lunch meetings we held at Lenard Hall shortly before the pandemic ended such gatherings. They can be replaced temporarily with zoom meetings. If the group is large, smaller groups can meet separately by interests. An email will be sent to those artists who participated in earlier paper bag lunches to join the zoom on a Wednesday in March. (N.B: We did not determine a definite date. **I wrote a draft of a very brief invitation, which follows this copy of the minutes. Would you please edit/ amend and return to me. If you are able to attend the meeting, suggest a Wednesday date that you can attend, and let me know.**)

This meeting can help to further advertise the virtual show, and encourage the artists themselves to submit work.

6. Pending art work – Heather Bunnell

Judy reported that Heather and her team from EOSmith filled the glass cases in the lobby entrance with student art work last Thursday. The arrangement is eye-catching and includes both sculpture and drawing; it will be displayed through April.

7. Picture rails and rods

We reviewed information about the length and cost of various rods to be purchased. Due to the fact that these figures were gathered over a year ago, it was decided to take another look at ceiling heights (Kim B and Alicia). Item tabled to next month. Discussion can continue via email.

8. Interview via zoom with UCTV

Kim B. and Judy reported that they have been asked to participate in a discussion of our first virtual art show with students who staff UConnTV. Topics would include how the pandemic influenced this show, how the show can help bring local artists recognition, and why we decided to sponsor a virtual show. If the committee has any other ideas they'd like us to offer, send them to us ASAP.

Next regular meeting to be held **Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 5:00pm**

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy McChesney

While the pandemic has called a halt to our 'paper bag lunch with artists' at Lenard Hall, the Arts Advisory Committee in Mansfield is inviting you to join an artists' zoom gathering on Wednesday, March --.

We would like to know what you have been doing throughout this past year. There will be an opportunity to connect with area artists, share ideas and perhaps even leave with some inspiration! If you'd like to share a creative effort, we'd love to see it.

If you can join us, please respond by emailing artsadvisory.ct.org and we look forward to seeing you again!