Farragut Arts Council Minutes
November 13, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Sandy Dean, Sandy Garber, Beverley Hammond, Bill Nichols, Mary Agnes Schaefer; Staff--Lauren Cox, David Smoak, Sue Stuhl

Absent: Nancy Wentz, Pam Ziegler

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bill Nichols.

Approval of Minutes—Minutes of October 2, 2012 were approved as presented with the following *corrections*:

Attendees: Mary Agnes' last name should be spelled Schaefer.

Other—Art and Flower Show: Sixth Line… sentence stating "Nothing can be sold at the event." Change to*: Purchases can be made at the event through the artists.*

Agenda Items:

President Bill Nichols invited David Smoak, Town Administrator, to attend our meeting to discuss four items of concern to the Arts Council. Those items were:

1. **Three Meeting Absences and you are removed from Council**
2. **Art Statues at Campbell Station Park/Completion of "Circle of Friends"**
3. **Potential 501(c)3 Status by the Art Council**
4. **Art/Flower Show –Additional Funding for 2014**

Discussion:

Absences--Mr. Smoak explained the policy of ***"miss three meetings and you are removed from committees/councils."*** This action was adopted across all organizations for the Town of Farragut as a means of uniformity. If a volunteer had to miss a meeting due to illness, personal reasons, travel, etc., all that a person needs to do is send a letter to Smoak requesting to be reinstated to council or

committee. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) responds quickly on these requests for reinstatement.

Art Statues for Campbell Station Park—Bill Nichols explained to Mr. Smoak our concern about lack of Town funding to complete The Circle of Friends Statues slated for future installation in Campbell Station Park. Sandy Garber stated the need to obtain the four remaining statues to complete the Circle because the Utah artist may break the molds before 2015 when Town might make funds available. Because of that situation, the subject of the Arts Council attempting to try for 501(c) 3 status was raised.

501(c) 3 Status for Arts Council--Mr. Smoak provided a document entitled ***Arts Council—501(c)3 Town/Council Parameters*** showing how the Town would interface with the Arts Council should this route be followed (see copy attached) and the Town would be happy to work with us. Discussion on this subject went back and forth with mention of Tennessee Arts Commission Matching Funds and grants. Beverly Hammond will check into Tennessee Arts Commission grants.

The question was raised about adding statues to other parks within the Farragut Parks system, and could the Arts Council solicit funds through a fund raiser. Mr. Smoak answered yes on both subjects. If donations were given for a specific Arts Council project, check should be written payable to the Town of Farragut.

Art/Flower Show 2014—The Arts Council will need additional funding for the 2014 budget for this special project involving the Dixie Highway Garden Club and local artists a repeat of a previous highly successful exhibit. Funds are needed for prizes, reception, music, and judges.

Smoak stated simple justification of financial needs should be submitted to the Town in the form of a budget request. Sue Stuhl stated the request should be ready before February 2013 for inclusion in budget proposal.

President Nichols thanked Mr. Smoak and Ms. Stuhl for attending the meeting and for the interaction with our members on these four items of concern.

Freaky Friday—Members who participated in this event… Beverly Hammond, Pam Ziegler, Sandy Dean, Bill Nichols, reported this was the **most attended** Freaky Friday event. Lauren Cox stated crayons will need to be replenished along with development of new coloring pages for distribution in 2013.

Middle School Art Show—Bill reported all plans for this event are "on track." Mary Agnes advised that she has gotten Barbara Gray to serve as judge for this show.

Book Fest—Sandy Garber announced the first meeting of the Book Fest Team would take place on December 5, 11:30 a.m., Library at Campbell Station.

Sandy Garber, Chairman of Book Fest named the following individuals to be responsible for these areas:

Parking—Bill Nichols
Authors—Sandy Dean
Storytellers—Marilyn Jones (Librarian)
Entertainment—Sandy Garber
Inflatables—Lauren Cox (inflatables already booked)
Food Items—Bill Nichols
Bottled Water—Sandy Garber from LCUB
Advertising Poster—Town of Farragut

Art/Flower Show—Sandy Garber reported Linda Ford, Dixie Highway Garden Club, will advise her of date for the 2014 Art/Flower Show.

Other—Members had conversation about the potential installation of moveable track for hanging art and the need to get dimensions of Community Room square footage.

Bill Nichols mentioned a friend, Jim Dye, who collects American Indian Art that would be a good exhibit for art cases. He will follow up on this item.

Adjournment—Bill Nichols asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mary Agnes and seconded by Beverley. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra K. Dean for Nancy Wentz, Secretary

Attachment: *Arts Council—501 (c)3 Town/Council Parameters* (Developed by Town of Farragut)

Next meeting date is Tuesday, January 8, 7:00 p.m.