



# MASSILLON COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

## March 2025 Meeting Minutes

**03/10/2025** 6:00pm-7:04pm

In Attendance: Ben Myers, Ben Young, Bruce Budd, Israel Robinson, Matt Wolfe

Miranda Marsh, Nat Highben, Natalie Spuhler, TJ Heaton, Zach Finn

### Gallery/Studio space update:

- Bruce and David met with Paul Vincent to view available storefront space at 59 Lincoln Way E. This location offers two separate units. The unit on the right offers an area that could be used as a retail space, as well as plenty of room for a gallery and some artist studios. The other space, though it has a cool vintage bank safe, it's not very practical for what we are looking for. The rent per unit is \$2,000/month.
- The old Howard's Tiger Rags location is currently vacant since they merged with Liberty Screen Printing. There is a Facebook Marketplace listing for this location that offers interior photos. It would make a great gallery space, as well as a possible retail area. This unit is 2500 sq. ft. and rent is \$ 1,500/month. The basement is also available for an additional fee.
- Erie St Vinyl, located at 46 Erie St N, has an empty unit above the shop. Miranda spoke with the owner, Samantha Heaton, and viewed the space. This unit is about 20ft x 60ft and has potential to offer a retail space, room for several artist studios to rent out, a general hangout spot, as well as a possible kitchen area. The space is a blank canvas in need of some construction. Are there relevant grants to assist with construction? Possibly Arts Impact? MCAC was offered this space for \$300/month + utilities if we can get the construction work done to it. Board members to meet with Sam on 3/22 to view and allow Bruce to create a mockup for grant submissions.

### MassMu Island Party:

- The Massillon Museum reached out to ask if MCAC and its fellow artists would be interested in offering face painting at the 2025 Island Party. The party is on July 18, 2025 from 5:30pm-10:00pm (face painting tent would be until about 8:00pm). Some supplies would be provided by the museum but they ask that the artist bring their own supplies as well. We asked about compensation and will have an answer later this month. If anyone might be interested in volunteering for this event, please reach out to us so we can get you more information!

## Massillon Public Library Resident Artist program:

- The MPL will be accepting artist portfolio submissions as they search for local art to display in the rotunda during the Summer reading program. The theme for this year is “Color Your World”. Submissions can be sent until 4/15 with artists will be selected by 5/15.  
\*Flyer with more details attached to this email..

## The quARTer update:

- Bruce has made some signage designs to present to Mayor Slutz. The signs would mark the North, South, East, West corners of The quARTer, and highlight Massillon’s history. Get in contact with Canton Sign Company and Studer Signs for quotes. Once we have quotes we can schedule another meeting with the Mayor.
- Sign funding.. Will the city offer funding? Is there a grant that would apply to this? TBD
- Israel and Bruce met with Debbie Busby at the Chamber of Commerce to share renderings Bruce created for contribution to the Postal Pl. N.E. alley. Though the meeting was positive, the Chamber has already submitted their renderings and applied for grants to move forward with their plans..

## What’s Coming Up?

- Chalk the Walk is June 28 (Last Saturday) 11am-3pm. Encourage local businesses to get involved by putting a bucket of chalk outside of their door! We will be taking donations to put together another basket to offer participating artists. More info to come!
- Get in touch with Ashley Palmer to assist in grant writing for 2026 Chalk the Walk funding

## Next Meeting:

**04/14/2025 6:00pm-7:00pm at The Nook (12356 Millersburg Rd. S.W Massillon 44647)**