



# MASSILLON COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

## May 2025 Meeting Minutes

**05/12/2025**

**6:00pm-7:00pm**

In Attendance: Ben Myers, Bruce Budd, David Dingwell, Israel Robinson, Nat Highben

### Reminders:

- If you submitted your portfolio to Massillon Public Library's Summer artist residency, selection emails should arrive around 5/15.
- Massillon Museum's annual Stark County Artist's Exhibition (SCAE) is open for submissions 5/1-7/13!

### City Involvement:

- MCAC was invited to participate in the city's Independence Day celebrations on Thursday July 3. They are planning a variety of children's activities to offer 5:30-7:30 for kids not participating in the Little Miss Liberty/Little Uncle Sam pageant. Do we have anyone available/interested in volunteering to have a chalk activity, hands-on craft, or other creative idea?? Reply back to Lauren asap.

### Chalk the Walk:

- Our annual Chalk the Walk Festival will officially be held within the area of The quARTer this year! - Diamond Ct. and Postal Pl. on 6/28
- A basket of art supplies and local business gift cards will be raffled again this year. We have emailed local businesses to inquire about donations. Donations from MCAC general assembly are welcomed to support this fundraiser as well.
- Israel reached out to Puffy Cotton Candy and looking for someone to do balloon animals.
- Artisan applications for this event and Artoberfest are now live on our website.
- Flyers will be printed and passed out downtown. Thank you Natalie from Art Bomb Tattoo for the flyer art!!

### Other Updates:

- Ben has given necessary documents to Ashley Palmer for a grant application. This grant would help us pay for musicians and artists for future events like Artoberfest.

- MCAC board now have access to the space above Erie St. Vinyl. Ben has met with a contractor (estimated \$18,000), meeting with another, and awaiting full construction estimates from both.
- Bruce and Israel met with Phil Elum to discuss our plans for The quARter. He offered great insight and is confident his tenants in the area would welcome our presence and adjust accordingly.
- Bruce will be meeting with Canton Sign soon to go over The quARter signage.
- Israel and Miranda will be at the MassMu's Island Party offering face painting. Come join us on Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:00pm.
- The Chamber is currently preparing to introduce the idea of an Art/Entertainment dedicated area downtown. More details to come...

### **\*Support Each Other\***

- Check out Jess's art on the windows of Inspired Designs Nail Bar @ 20 Erie St S.
- Visit "The Little Art Gallery" in the North Canton Library (Miranda-Best in Show)
- View the "Five Guys" gallery at Cyrus Custom Framing & Art Gallery (featuring work by Bruce, as well as 4 other incredible area artists)
- Ben Young has work at the Summit Art Space and his studio in Kolp's Attic is open during First Friday events.
- There are several local Airbnb options to experience. Israel has done so and highly recommends!

### **Next Meeting:**

**06/09/2025 6:00pm-7:00pm at The Nook (12356 Millersburg Rd. S.W Massillon 44647)**