**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Thursday, July 28, 2016**

**8:00 - 9:15 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order

1. Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2016 Board Meetings

* *Board action required to approve minutes*

1. Treasurer’s Report – Christy Page

* *Review of preliminary financial statements through June 30, 2016*

1. Creative Community Committee

* Update on prospective tenants
* Operation of ACoT and Nine Muses (*board action required on decision to take over operations of ACoT/Nine Muses)*

It is time for us to decide whether we will take over the operation of the Art Center on Tusc and the Nine Muses gallery in downtown Barberton. We have been studying this opportunity for several months and have had several meetings with representatives from Neighborhood Development Services (the community development corporation now operating the facilities), the City of Barberton and the Barberton Community Foundation. NDS has offered $20,000 to Summit Artspace for the next six months to take over the operation of the Barberton; the city also provides generous financial support. More information will be provided at the board meeting.

The Creative Community Committee recommends that we take over the operation of the Art Center on Tusc and Nice Muses Gallery, effective August 1, 2016.

1. Search Committee Update – Barbara Feld
2. Board Chair Report

* Review of draft budget for FY 2017
* Operations plans – board involvement needed
* Election of officers for FY 2017 (board action required to approve slate of officers)

1. Board Discussion: There are currently four community arts centers (Summit Artspace, ACoT, the Cuyahoga Valley Arts Center, and the Peninsula Art Academy) without executive directors or equivalent staff leadership. We all struggle with limited resources. The situation is compounded by the increased level of activity in the arts sector and the resulting demands on community arts centers. Perhaps it would be a good time to consider a collaborative approach to leadership that includes shared administrative services. Let’s discuss how this approach could work and how to engage funders in the conversation.
2. Adjournment

**Mark Your Calendars** *(all events held at Summit Artspace)***:**

* Board Meetings: See schedule for FY 2017
* Artwalks: 5 - 10 p.m. on first Saturday of each month
* Exhibition Opening Receptions: Fridays, 5-8 p.m. on September 3, October 14 and December 2