

FIRE MOUNTAIN ARTS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 30, 2021

Present: April Doolittle, Fred Schwindt, Jessica Scogin, Clint Scogin, Jeannie Arndt, Marty Fortin, Brad Nelson, Bruce Roberts, Louise Fisher, Kevin Downing. Absent: Sarah Hartman
Guests: Amber McKnight, Christina Brischetto, Linda Wood (Gallery liaison)

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of October 26 were read. Motion made and seconded to accept minutes with minor corrections. Motion passed.

OPEN ITEM:

“All Together Now” was very well received, with good attendance. Assistant Mykal Hull wants training to be a producer.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:

Treasurer Report (Fred) : \$10,000 more needed for new roof. Jessica suggested an email and/or poster with QR code so smartphones can be used in making contributions, with title “Kick the Bucket” as previously suggested by Jeannie. Christina suggested a show of gratitude to donors, performance related: perhaps a flash mob.

Gallery Report (Linda): BCJ Gallery Holiday Open House will be Dec. 9, 10 and 11. Four trees were donated and will be decorated by interested parties, so that the Gallery will receive funds from a silent auction. There will be silent auction gift baskets and refreshments, as well. It was suggested that the Gallery sell chocolates/sweets. We need artists to demonstrate their crafts.

Grant Reports (April): Sarah and Ashley are part of the Marketing Committee. We need to use the funds from Lewis County lodging tax, which pays Ashley (social media). Sarah can help producers use the funds. In December we will know how much the City of Morton will award. One other person is needed to work on marketing, someone to intern with CCE possibly. Unused funds must be returned.

The board supported the idea of thanking TransAlta Coal Transition Board through letters in the Journal and Chronicle.

April continues to work on grants.

Facility Report: New lights were used in recent show. Bruce talked about stair lights on hand rails, and knows ways of strengthening those rails.

Rodger Cool proposed designs for new Tiller sign. April made a motion that a design chosen tonight by the board be used, which will read “Tiller Arts & Events Center.” Seconded by Brad and motion passed.

OnStage Report: Amber and Christina suggested a radio show on Valentine's Day, “Wuthering Heights,” a melodrama and comedy. Bruce made a motion to approve the radio show. Seconded by Jeannie and motion passed.

Movies Report (Brad): Attendance has been increasing! Fred suggested a white board showing how many attended. Clint does the box office. Volunteers needed.

Membership Report: Ashley sent list for premovie show.

Louise, Secretary