FIRE MOUNTAIN ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2021

Present: Jessica Scogin, Clint Scogin, Marty Fortin, Brad Nelson, Bruce Roberts, Louise Fisher, Fred Schwindt, April Doolittle, Sarah Hartman. Kevin Downing on Zoom. Guest: Linda Wood from BCJ Gallery Absent: Jeannie Arndt

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of September 28 were read. April made a motion to accept minutes. Seconded by Bruce and motion passed.

OPEN ITEMS:

LED lighting (Fred) has been worked on last three weeks. Roving light installed.

Bluegrass concert attendance low, in spite of advertising, probably because of Covid fears and bad weather. Marty took pictures.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:

Events Report: "All Together Now," in production for performances November 12 and 13. Amanda West will cater Friday dinner and Saturday lunch and dinner for the OnStage participants. Marty is taking pictures for that.

Treasurer Report: LED is paid off. Operations holding steady. Community members contributing. Finances satisfactory for now. Lighting is coming in under budget.

Gallery Report: Linda Wood is our liaison now. Welcome, Linda! Gallery Committee: Elysa, Sarah, Bonnie, April. This month \$2200 in sales have been realized so far, including items displayed for years. Discussion of abandoned items; in Gallery contract, they become property of FMAC.

Marci Ericksen's art will be displayed starting October 29. More volunteers needed. Note: Gallery walls have to be addressed to safely hang art. Suggestions of drawing in customers: sell fudge, t-shirts, stickers, local and Roxy items.

Grant Reports (April): Following grants are in the works.

WA St. Arts Commission: \$7,000 for operations (payroll, utilities, insurance)

USDA Rural Development: waiting for approval of funds from Congress

Lewis County Lodging Tax presentation on Friday, asking for about \$22,000

City of Morton presentation, asking for about \$2,500

M.J. Murdock, asking \$220,000. Submitted 40 pages. Friday meeting remote (Jessica, Fred, Marty, Bruce) and site visit later. In February it will be granted, hopefully.

HVAC bids presented. Bruce made a motion to accept proposal bid by Paul Berschauer at set price contingent on hoisting equipment included, putting 25% down with other 25% given with proof of equipment having been purchased. Seconded by Brad and motion passed. Builders need proof of insurance.

Marketing Report (Sarah): "All Together Now" will be on Discover Lewis Co. website. "Give Big" is Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Christmas in the Mountains in Gallery (refreshments, door prizes, raffle, sales) on Dec.9, 10, 11, 11am to 4pm, perhaps later on Saturday because of town tree lighting. 2022 Event Committee: Elysa, Bruce, Jessica, perhaps Christina. 8 postcards available.

Facility Report: Bruce talked about low voltage lights on stairs. Louise will check with Pam Cool about making a new Tiller sign.

Movies report: Included suggestions of more volunteers.

Good of the Order: Re concessions board, we need new pictures of our Board. Diagram of seat names is ready to be placed there.

WORK PARTY: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 10 A.M.

---- Louise, Secretary