

FIRE MOUNTAIN ARTS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2023

Present: Jessica Scogin, Marty Fortin, Clint Scogin, Bruce Roberts, Brad Nelson, Amber McKnight, Louise Fisher, Kevin Downing, April Doolittle, Fred Schwindt, Sarah Hartman. Guests: Ric Hallock of E. County Journal, Tahlia Heath of “Murder in the Studio,” Christina Brischetto of OnStage.

Our mission statement: “TO ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY LIFE THROUGH THE ARTS.”

Fred made a motion to approve agenda. Seconded by Kevin and motion passed.

Bruce made a motion to accept FMAC meeting minutes of December 20, 2022, and also minutes of bid proposal of January 19, 2023. Seconded by Kevin and motion passed.

Treasurer report for January through December 2022 (Fred): Movies are up. Turn in volunteer hours. In-kind board donations are significant: Jessica volunteering as OnStage Director; Sarah donating all the food and labor for the Member Dinner. Sarah made a motion to approve treasurer's report. Seconded by Amber, and motion passed.

Committee Reports:

1. Events report: “Murder in the Studio” February 10 and 11.
2. Gallery: New vendor coming. Gallery chairman needed.
3. Grants (April, Marty): The COVID-related Working Washington 5 grant for \$30,000 enabled FMAC to end the year with a positive net income of more than \$20,000. Request for board (and participants from area towns if possible) to again send notes to State Legislators to support “Building for the Arts.” Marty will send information. April: Roxy 3rd in line for BFA grant funding. Christina turned in a grant proposal to ArtsFund for \$20,000.
4. Marketing: Jessica gave a Scenic Byway report. Discussion on a connection with Mill Town. Brochure will be MORE GENERAL this year. Marketing chairman needed.
5. Facility (Bruce): He will call Wave for phone problem. Bid opening for Roxy's backstage addition: Winner is K R HOMES. Curt Reddig is the contractor and low bidder at \$458,650.95. References outstanding. Timeline is seven months. Sarah made a motion to approve the bid including some additional items. Seconded by Amber and motion passed. Work party to clear back of Roxy on Feb. 4, 10 a.m.
6. OnStage (Amber): “Aladdin” auditions Feb. 14th and 16th, starts 21st.
7. Movies (Brad): Report of new staff. Discussion of office personnel. Movie Committee includes Marty, Bruce, Jessica, Fred. Box office volunteers needed.

8. Membership (Louise): Fred made a motion to increase membership dues from \$50 to \$60, and members receive two \$15 passes. Seconded by Amber and motion passed.
9. Box office: Discussion of raising movie tickets to \$1 more.
10. Bylaws: Marty made a motion to accept policies by committee. Seconded by Bruce and motion passed.

New business: “Die Hard,” a one-man show, proposed by Ric for December, after OnStage is through with their production. The proceeds may go to a charity.

Corporate sponsor should be honored on a Roxy wall with PORT BLAKELY and RIVERS to be most prominent. Sarah volunteered to update sponsor signage before Port Blakely's February 28 visit.

Sarah is teaching “Respect for Acting” at CCE, February 2 – March 16, 6:30-8:30 PM. Class fee is \$25. UPDATE: Start date moved to February 16.

Old business: For fall, we are open for suggestions. Dustine has proposed Neil Simon's “Rumors,” Kevin “Bedroom Farce,” Ric “Wait Til Dark.” Tahlia suggested we look into more updated plays; unfortunately the copyrights are more expensive.

Louise, Secretary