

FIRE MOUNTAIN ARTS COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2024  
Prepared by Amber McKnight

**Present:** Bruce Roberts, Marty Fortin, Brad Nelson, Louise Fisher, Jessica Scogin, Fred Schwindt, Kevin Downing, Clint Scogin, April Doolittle, Brian Green, Christina Brischetto, Amber McKnight  
Guests- Toni Nelson, Amanda West

**Presiding over meeting:** Jessica Scogin

**Meeting called to order by Jessica Scogin at 7:00pm**

**Good of the order:** April Doolittle -acting as one.

**Toy and Joy Event by Toni Nelson & Amanda West:**

Toy and Joy's 25<sup>th</sup> year of serving Lewis County. Last year served over 400 children. Connecting families to services. Getting children books and coats and many other needed items during the holiday season. Requesting to reserve the upstairs and downstairs Tiller for the event for the dates of **December 19-23** between 9am-1pm. Would like to leave a toy box at the theater for people to fill with donations for the toy drive.

Target is donating items to raffle at one of the movies at the Roxy theater.

\*Motion made by Marty Fortin to approve Toy and Joy event this year, Brad Nelson seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Agenda and Minutes Approval:**

\*Fred Schwindt made a motion to approve the agenda, Marty Fortin seconded, motion passed.

April Doolittle made a motion to approve September minutes with corrections to the names, seconded by Bruce Roberts, motion passed.

**Treasury Report by Fred Schwindt:**

We are doing well with incoming grants. Waiting on 13,000 and another 5,000 from Dawkins Plus and Community each. Over all doing just fine.

\*Bruce Roberts made a motion to approve treasury report, Amber McKnight seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Grants by April Doolittle:**

Working on a grant from Building for the Arts. 19,000 more is available if we spend 58,000 things related to the renovation. Funds must be spent on the renovation. Breezeway costs can be included in that 58,000. April would like an estimate of the breezeway from Bruce. Building for the Arts Due date June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2025. Gathering a list of expenditures.

**Events report:** It's a Wonder Life, Festival of Trees

-Kevin Downing - It's a Wonderful Life going well. Tech rehearsal starts this Saturday at 9am. May involve audience as they donate money at the show to Toy and Joy or another cause. Advertise on FB or the website so people come with cash to donate.

-Louise Fisher - Festival of Trees- Elysa Pizzuti Ray and Louise Fisher working on the event. Will be in touch with businesses in town. There will be 5 trees for people to decorate. Dates of event - December 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Looking for people to donate baskets. Gallery will serve refreshments.

\*Post cards for It's a Wonderful Life, Willy Wonka Jr and Festival of Trees are getting printed and will

be mailed out by the print shop. Christina Brischetto is working on that.

**Facility by Bruce Roberts:** Covered breezeway plans are being taken to the city to be approved this week. Sketches of plans shown by April Doolittle.

Removing a lock off of the east side green room door, but keeping the lock on the north side green room door. If funds are left after breezeway construction, would like to add more shelving upstairs for props and other items.

Fred Schwindt is willing to talk to his contact with Hampton Lumber to see if they might discount some lumber needed for the breezeway. Fred Schwindt will contact Amber McKnight if her contact is still needed.

Going to LED lights. We saved \$500 from our signage that could go toward the lighting.

**OnStage by Amber McKnight:** Doing great. Participants went from 55 to 52. Not bad.

**Marketing by Marty Fortin:** Marty Fortin presented to the county on Thursday. FMAC asked for more money for marketing this year because cost has increased. Went over plans- farther reach in mailing, more advertising on the radio.

Fred Schwindt mentioned advertising our live shows as LIVE shows, so that people understand it's a live performance and not a movie.

**New Business:** Approve 2025 events, Purchasing a portable stage for Dinner/Dessert Theater?

\*2025 events – Fred Schwindt made a motion to to approve the 2025 events. Louise Fisher seconded the motion, motion passed.

\*Portable Stage - Estimated between \$7,000-\$10,000. Looking to get it by February.

Bruce Roberts made a motion to investigate prices for portable stages up to \$10,000 in price. Kevin Downing seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Old Business:** Copy machine. Christina Brischetto has been attempting to end the contract with our current company and has given them notice to end the lease and return the machine to them. Contract is unclear on whether or not FMAC owns the machine even though it has been paid in full. Lease renews itself when end date is passed. Marty Fortin will work with Christina Brischetto on the matter.

Buying the new copier outright will avoid interest and automatic lease renewal.

**Upcoming Calendar events:** It's a Wonderful Life Performances, Festival of Trees Dec 4-7

**Good of the Order:** All in this together.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm