

FIRE MOUNTAIN ARTS COUNCIL

MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2025

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Present: Jessica Scogin, Fred Schwindt, April Doolittle, Bruce Roberts, Clint Scogin, Marty Fortin, Kevin Downing, Amber McKnight, Louise Fisher, Christina Brischetto, Doug Howe, Cece Calison, Brad Nelson

Absent: None

Presiding over meeting: Jessica Scogin

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

Agenda and Minutes Approval:

*Kevin made a motion to approve the agenda and edited minutes, Marty seconded, motion passed.

Treasury Report - Fred Schwindt:

Grants have helped but we need to look at the long term. Gallery is doing great and bringing in much more than estimated. Masons will meet with Fred tomorrow, January 30, and accept our payment of \$30,000 to pay off the remaining balance owed to them for the Tiller Arts building.

Fred moved to accept the Mason's offer of the \$30,000 balance to pay off the Tiller Arts building, Clint seconded, motion passed.

*Bruce moved to accept the Treasury Report, Clint seconded, motion passed.

EFT approval policy moved to February's meeting.

Jessica - Brian Green resigned from the FMAC Board. Reason, he didn't have enough time to devote to the board, but he would continue being involved in other ways.

Art Gallery:

Cece has been having artists do "cameos" or small written excerpts about themselves that can be displayed next to their art in the gallery. Cece would like to see them added to the website as well. This would be for the regular artists and not the featured artists.

Cece mentions they are having a gallery jewelry sale to clear out inventory.

A new artist is bringing their work to the gallery. They make pet memorials.

Christina will go over Arts People changes with Cece. Christina mentions issues with the website. She would like the board to ask Brent for help with it. Christina would like to meet with April and or a committee about these issues.

Events report:

-Marty reported on It's a Wonder Life: exceeded expectations. The show went well.

–Amber reported on Willy Wonka Jr: Wonka did well. Actuals were handed out. OnStage brought in \$2,000 more than estimated.

-Barefoot in the Park - Brad said that he was disappointed the show changed from a dinner theater to a regular show. He said that there have been a few scheduling issues as well. Brad said “not having a dinner theater is a huge loss”.

Previously, Brian Green sent out emails to some members of the board wanting to change locations from the Tiller to the Theater.

Jessica mentioned that Dinner Theater may not be best in the Tiller Art Center because of it's lack of ADA accessibility. .

Bruce stated moving Barefoot to the Roxy was for the best. Construction for the breezeway wasn't considered before setting the location. Communication will be better next time.

Facility - Bruce:

Christina asked if she should forward building reservations to Bruce. Bruce agreed he would like to get those notifications.

-Breezeway is coming along well. Only material left to order is the roofing. Bruce would like son in law to help build. Bruce did call Jeremy (who has helped in the past), but he was unavailable. Rick took photos of the progress and is printing about it in The Journal (local newspaper).

Roles were discussed -

Bruce - Facilities - In charge of building maintenance, physical structure, repairs, safety.

Christina - is now in charge of janitorial services.

Fred - Treasury and is in charge of plaques

Marty - Marketing - would like a meeting with marketing committee to discuss what all marketing encompasses.

Fred reports on large heat pump - Fred asked Tony if he pays prevailing wage so that we can cover repairs with renovation grant money. FMAC is looking at \$10,000 to repair the unit or \$30,000 to fully replace it. These estimations did not include prevailing wage. Fred will get an official quote from Tony to include prevailing wage soon.

Marketing Marty:

Marty would like to have a marketing meeting February 5th at the Gallery. He will contact the marketing committee for the time.

Christina mentioned Ashley Nelson should be included in the marketing meetings.

Finance:

Budget approval moved to the FMAC February meeting so the marketing committee has time to meet before.

House Manager - Christina Brischetto:

Christina hired two new girls - Leslie Doolittle-Holmes and Amelia Pickus. Number of total employee hours has not changed. There is a new volunteer working in the box office named Brekken and Christina believes they could be helpful with other theater tasks in the future. There have been some concerns with the website. Christina has been putting in quite a bit of time fixing issues with the website. The public calendar has been added to the website for events and Christina is looking into creating a calendar for people to look up availability for building reservations. She can send the link out to anyone and resource requests can be added.

Executive Session:

Edited budget for 2025 was passed. Personnel discussed.

For The Good OF The Order - Bruce - "We have a very passionate group here!"

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm