

FIRE MOUNTAIN ARTS COUNCIL

MINUTES OF APRIL (Taken MAY 6, 2025)

Prepared by Amber McKnight

Present: Jessica Scogin, Fred Swindt, Bruce Roberts, Brad Neilson, Louise Fisher, Marty Fortin, April Doolittle, Kevin Downing, Christina Brischetto, Gen Howe

Absent: Clint Scogin

Presiding over meeting: Jessica Scogin

Building Safety Minute - Bruce:

We want to get our house in order. We need to clear out some of our excess and do better. We need to open up the area to make it safer. We have more room and more room to keep clean. It would be helpful if plays cleaned up after themselves.

Meeting called to order by Jessica Scogin at 7:04pm

Agenda and Minutes Approval: Louise made a motion to approve the minutes and agenda with the Gallery addition, Amber seconded, motion passed.

Executive Session

Board Membership discussed.

Treasurer Report - Fred Schwindt:

The accounts are looking much better than the print out, we're now up to 10% instead of the 1% it shows. We do need more donations. Our percentages are lower right now than they usually are this time of year.

*Brad made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded, motion passed.

Events report:

Moon Over Buffalo Report - Marty: Concessions for live shows should go under that show. Concessions revenue is significantly more from live shows than movies.

*Amber made a motion to show we reviewed the report for Moon Over Buffalo, April seconded, motion passed.

Christina - Please fill in the sheet of Volunteer Hours.

Orchestra 37 People Rehearsing at the Highschool gym. Performing June 19th.

Choir 26 People

Pirates of Penzance -April: Lynne is going to have the pirates be grubby and the maidens Jane Austin like. The combination is fun.Brandon is playing the piano.

Gallery:

Is redoing the walls in the Gallery, by putting material on the walls to keep them looking nice and prevent wear and tear.

Facilities - Bruce:

Small odd jobs can be delegated out to other board members. Jessica -The plaques cost \$80 a plaque. We should find a less expensive way.

Fred - Tony ran into a problem on the heat pump. There was a mistake made and they have to reorder all the parts. Ordered Sound deadening for the walls.

Finance:

April Doolittle made a motion to change the signers on the accounts and issue credit cards. Brad Nelson seconded, motion passed.

Marketing Marty:

What's the experience as people are coming in or waiting in line. Would like to purchase neon signs that say popcorn, candy, or theatrical pictures and a curtain covering the box office when not in use.

Cost is about \$200 for all. Board agreed to the purchase.

Door to the concessions doesn't shut. April says the building committee is working on getting a door closer soon.

OnStage:

Oliver is going well. Had a dip in attendance on our 1st Saturday though. Jessica suggests changing the first Saturdays in the spring to a 7pm show instead.

House Manager -

Marty - Performance review for Christina. Contact Marty if you want to share thoughts about Christina's performance and be on the committee. Committee: Brad, Fred, Jessica, Amber and Marty.

Christina - Working on updating information in the database.

Monday shows have added closed captioning, t's being received well.

Booking private events for Bday parties needs to be promoted better. Ashley can share it on social media.

Monty Python showing as a fundraiser?

Addition Committee Report:

April - Purchased sound deadening material for the greenroom. Need a work party to help put them up. Panels will go up on the walls in the auditorium.

Work party May 17th gravel 12:30 & 21st panels

Bruce - A cabinet has been built for the greenroom to store makeup and hair supplies. Getting gravel to fill in the alley. Weeding is necessary first - Mike will be asked by Christina to spray round up on the weeds before gravel comes. Purchased a cabinet to store hardware. Location is to be determined.

Portable stage units needed for band and choir. They are expensive. Total would be \$1400.00 for the pieces needed. FMAC board agreed to the purchase. Bruce is responsible for the purchase.

Need to paint the end of the Tiller so that it looks nicer. Gen asked about stair lighting. Will talk with April on deadlines to order supplies.

Membership:

Louise - Should we change membership time to January? Fred - People are pretty set to renew membership in the spring and it's better financially for individuals.

Upcoming Calendar Events:

One more weekend of Oliver. Pirates auditions next Tuesday the 13th. Orchestra and choir performance June 19th at 7pm.

For The Good Of The Order:

Fred wants to commend OnStage and staff for the show Oliver! Jr. It's Magical. Louise - we have about 80-90 members

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57

These minutes were approved by the FMAC on May 27th 2025.

Amber McKnight

FMAC Secretary