

FIRE MOUNTAIN ARTS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
Prepared by Louise Fisher

Present: Jessica Scogin, Clint Scogin, Bruce Roberts, Marty Fortin, Fred Schwindt, Brad Nelson, Louise Fisher, April Doolittle, Kevin Downing, Christina Brischetta.

Absent: Amber McKnight

Presiding over meeting: Jessica Scogin

Safety Minute- Jessica

Dishwasher in downstairs Tiller Arts Center is flooding. Repairman coming 10-2.

Work order request needed. Christina reported water backup in concession sink, hopefully covered by insurance.

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

Agenda and Minutes Approval:

Bruce made a motion to accept September meeting minutes and agenda. Kevin seconded and motion passed.

Treasurer Report and Approval: Fred announced it is time to apply for funds from Lewis County, \$7,000 or more. Finance meeting needed. April wants tracking of movie budget. 2025 payroll taxes not reported. Christina was asked to produce a “better working budget.” April stated many donations needed to balance our budget.

Note: Emails need to be tracked. The Onstage, tourism and regular budget all need a budget procedure “door.”

April reported balance sheet as of September 29 was \$1,547,700. April made a motion to approve Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Marty and motion passed.

Committee and reg. Reports (standing and ad hoc)

1. Events report: Pirates of Penzance: income \$17,889 including donations, \$8,000 expenses, about \$9,700 net. 35% for FMAC and 65% for CCE Scholarship Fund. Need more cost flexibilities with CCE. Will be revisited. We are supposed to collaborate with community organizations (sponsorships). Occupancy should be included in next discussion; revisit contract.

Membership Dinner: about 50 attended, 20 being Pirates cast. Excellent catering by Toni Nelson. Dessert auction brought in \$750. Donations given for children’s theater.

Upcoming play “Clue”: Fred reported a good, yet challenging, ensemble. Wednesday 7pm performance added.

2. Tax discussion: Marty stated movies and live theater are exempt from sales tax, but not camps. He suggested they be called something other than day camps.

3. Gallery: Bonnie’s hours are now one day less. We have a new volunteer. New artists interested.

4. Marketing: Marty reported Arts People website to be revamped. Need more user friendly experience. April suggested Apple Pay. We may get funding for new website next year. April wants patrons to have more choices.

5. OnStage: 51 tried out. Healthy staff.

6. Facility: Phase II, Marty and April submitted TAC grant yesterday. Marty can do slide show October 16.

All present visited stage curtains. Fred led discussion of what needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Tabled.

Christina will make checklist for locking up the Roxy. Last one out should be director, producer or house manager.

Christina will make sure the ice machine water filter is replaced.

Brad will change Tiller building code. Suggestion that it be changed every year, or get a better lock, be careful who gets in, and perhaps install different codes.

7. Upcoming Calendar events: October 13 at 7pm: choosing plays for 2026. Discussion of needs of teens.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Louise Fisher
Secretary pro tem