

FIRE MOUNTAIN ARTS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29, 2025
Prepared by Louise Fisher

Present: Jessica Scogin, Kevin Downing, Brad Nelson, Fred Schwindt, Louise Fisher, April Doolittle, Clint Scogin, Christina Brischetta. Guests: Brandon Pratt, Charles Donner, Eli Potts

Absent: Amber McKnight

Presiding over meeting: Jessica Scogin

Safety Minute- Kevin. Warning: screws on flats are dangerous.

Meeting called to order by Jessica Scogin at 5:00pm

Agenda and Minutes Approval:

April made a motion to approve agenda. Kevin seconded and motion passed. Fred made a motion to approve minutes of September. Brad seconded and motion passed.

Treasurer Report and Approval: Fred announced \$12,000 in donations from community. \$12,500 came from Arts Fund (Paul Allen). Balance is now \$31,000. Big picture: 45% earned income, 55% donations and grants. We are doing well.

Finance: \$30,000 in capital reserves. April proposed we increase it to \$50,000. Kevin made a motion to have \$50,000 for capital emergencies and \$30,000 for operations. Brad seconded and motion passed.

Committee and reg. Reports (standing and ad hoc)

1. **Facility:** Stage curtains are 18 years old: falling apart, water damage. Backdrop is fine. Kevin made a motion to spend \$24,000 on new curtains after the new year. Seconded by Marty and motion passed.
2. **Kitchen in Tiller Arts Center:** Needs to be upgraded. Marty will inquire about a grant from Cheney Foundation. Cispus may have some used equipment.
3. **Roxy Plaque:** April led discussion of lighted plaque commemorating second phase of Roxy renovation. It would honor people who donated to this cause.
4. **Marketing:** FMAC received \$27,000 from Lewis County.
5. **Budget:** April presented. Radio ads discussed (\$2,000). Fred made a motion to approve the budget without expenses. Brad seconded, and motion passed.
6. **Marketing:** Marty led discussion of a new marketing company. It was decided to wait until we have a new website, perhaps more user friendly. Also marketing merchandise like Roxy bars is popular. Christina suggested new aprons for concession workers. Kevin and Christina reported on marketing meeting: proposal of free movie once a month in winter months, giving to the community while concessions make a lot of money.
7. **OnStage:** Facilities transition help needed. Strike needed right away.
8. **Upcoming Events:** Jessica led discussion of new proposal of plays: Steel Magnolias (in Tiller), A Lion in Winter, Mama Mia or Camelot (summer), Matilda, Anne of Green Gables or Grinch (fall). April made a motion we accept the play proposals. Kevin seconded and motion passed.

Good of the order: Marty will send information to new employees.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.

Louise Fisher, Secretary pro tem

