

FIRE MOUNTAIN ARTS COUNCIL

MINUTES OF JANUARY 2026

Prepared by Amber McKnight

Present: Marty Fortin, Christina Brischetto, Eli Potts, Clint Scogin, Fred Schwindt, Brandon Pratt, Amber McKnight, Brenda Pickus, Louise Fisher, Bruce Roberts, Kevin Downing, April Doolittle, Brad Nelson, Charles Donnor

Excused absences: Jessical Scogin

Presiding over meeting: Marty Fortin

Safety minute by Kevin:

Cages for the sprinkler system would be a good addition backstage so a flat doesn't hit one and activate the water. Bruce - we need to train people to turn off water and keep the tool accessible. Bruce will order the cages.

.Meeting called to order by Marty Fortin at 7:08pm

Agenda and Minutes Approval:

*Bruce moved to approve the amended agenda, Kevin seconded, agenda passed.

*Eli moved to approve December's board meeting minutes, Brad seconded, minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report of year 2025 by Fred:

I'm in awe of the generosity of the community. We're doing well because of them.

*Clint moved to approve the treasurer's report, Amber seconded, report passed.

Events:

Dinner Theater - Need to set up lighting and sound, Lion in Winter – Auditions next week, cast of 5 men and 2 women, lots of room for older teen actors. April – because of the content, we may want to keep it 18 and up for the actors.

Gallery:

Lauri Wadsworth is coming in March. She charges for portraits she makes on the spot. Board participation would be great! Cece will take care of details and marketing.

Marty- Do we need to have the board approve all the events in the Gallery? Board agreed Christina could oversee the events and report back after.

Movies Christina:

Ice machine's timer has some kinks to work out, copier had issues with color copies and that was fixed, could we have an extra show time on Mondays? A 4pm show would have captions, 7pm show -no captions. Board agrees to allow Christina to try it for a month and report back on how it's going.

Facility by Bruce:

Dishwasher wasn't working properly because of a pack rat. Problem is now fixed and new dishwasher installed. Louise – some have asked about a handrail addition in the vom. Idea was tabled for next month's meeting.

Fred- The heat pump is making noise and needs to be looked at again. I don't think the mini split in the Tiller is adequate for our needs or could be serviced. May need to replace or add a second. Got the lights for the stairs in the theater. Fred will install them soon.

Marketing:

Slate postcard in the works.

OnStage:

Annie Jr Finals look good. Auditions for Matilda Jr. going well. Louise – We used to have name tags on lanyards to show who the staff is and show they had their background check. We should do that again.

Upcoming Calendar events:

Steel Magnolias - auditions went well and the cast is ready. Opens Feb 13th, Lion in Winter - Auditions Feb 5th, 7th, Matilda Jr Auditions

Good of the Order:

Fred appreciates FMAC being an important part of his life.

Bruce - great job everyone for all the hard work.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22