

Fire Mountain Arts Council
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
August 21, 2007

Present: Steve, Sharlotte, Gretchen, Pat, Ron, Brad, Dian, Marci, Carl, Louise. Also: Kurtis and Cheryl Shondel.

Dian previously requested a meeting for immediate support of a children's Christmas play. She announced that now she is unable to help with the play.

Gallery: Cheryl reported that 11 local artists are involved. So far \$1,142 has been collected. FMAC's share is now 15%. The gallery has its own checking account and security system. Sharlotte suggested a fundraiser for the gallery: Christmas trees decorated by local businesses. One large prize could be given to the tree voted best. Trees could then be auctioned off.

Sharlotte made a motion CHERYL SHONDEL become a FMAC board member. Motion seconded by Marci, and passed unanimously. Cheryl has been painting marvelous sets for us since the late '80's. Note: Breezie has resigned from the board.

Theater Manager report: Kurtis thought the work this summer went very well and that the response was great. He said that a brochure for next summer's schedule needs to be ready by September 18, so that groups and tours can make their plans to attend. The board should endorse the schedule, at a meeting on September 18.

Kurtis also announced that he has been asked to act professionally on a national tour this winter, from December to April. He will be working for the Roxy even while he is away. **See attached memo.** Much discussion.

Board members want to know what happens to funds from the community musicals and the professional plays.

Costumes: be on the look-out for long racks (cheap) for hanging garments.

Wema Fairhart offered to FMAC the lot and house in back of the Roxy for \$80,000. In a month it will be on the market for much more. Tabled.

POSITIVES ABOUT THE SUMMER PLAYS: Potential for tours is excellent, good response from community, ads (NPR) are working, actors satisfied, well established as theater/art center, funds coming in, positive comments, manager is a good actor, level of volunteers good, neighbors great to lend us space, theater goes buy art, Gypsy positive for musicians, Annie is awesome, On Stage was the best ever, good publicity, drinks were popular, wonderful theater, quality/diversity good, excellent sets and costumes and brochures.

NEEDS IMPROVING: Ticketing (human/computer—develop system, train employee), scheduling stage space and work space to build, theater needs to be clean including the back (even during practices), volunteer crew needs to be consistent, showcase the drinks better, Gypsy not well known, Gypsy too long, no video monitor, professionals should participate in On Stage and the musicals, reduce number of performances of all plays for better attendance, volunteer acquisition needs to be better, lack of organization, cannot read names on Roxy seats, marquee needed to attract more tourists.

Meeting adjourned.

Louise Fisher, Secretary

