

March 05, 2003

Fire Mountain Arts Council - Meeting minutes
Meeting held at Centralia College East - Room 108
Morton, Washington 98356

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m., by President Fred Schwindt
A quorum was met.

April Doolittle, read the minutes from the previous meeting.

Fred Schwindt,

- Announced receipt of Articles of Incorporation from State of Washington.
- Thursday (2/27/03) meeting with George Scharp from Rural Business & Tourism. Discussed Roxy Theater project, revitalizing theater. George indicated that it would be a viable, fundable project in relationship to the downtown revitalizations. Talked about - pockets of money, need to do's list, mission, vision, goals, action plans, purpose & values. Planning grants, grants available specific to our needs, grants for historical reenactments.
- Friday (2/28/03) meeting at Cascade Peaks with Roy McCane, Fred Schwindt, Mauri Leachman (Destination Packwood) and Leonard Miller. Discussed possible venue and future performances. Future arena planned that might also work as a venue for east county performances.
- Art Kline to check on use of Masonic Hall basement for future fund raising functions. Will check on possibilities.

Open discussions:

- Wine tasting & cowboy poetry reading
- Children's Theater - Sharlotte Starr, still gathering information.
- Steve Bartucci - Vice President, proposal for Music in the Park to Chamber of Commerce with Bob Warsham will put on agenda

Open discussions continued;

will kick around ideas, possibility for fund raiser for Arts Council. Beth at Security State Bank very interested in concert in the part for their 100th anniversary.

- Debra DuPont announced Mossyrock Music Festival on May 3rd Bluegrass music and other musical events, for more information call 360-983-8939

Meeting agenda - To develop mission statement, vision, goals, action plans, purpose/values for the purpose of completing forms for tax free status (501 (3) c and future grants. To set specific priorities. Break out groups to plan for each specific priority.

Fred Schwindt - President

- Nominates, Caroylne Sokol as an additional Fire Mountain Arts Council Board of Directors member. Steve Bartucci - Vice President, Firsts. Pam Peterson, Seconds. Caroylne Sokol is confirmed to Board of Directors.

New Business: 501 (3) c - Completion - complex and detailed

Specific parts to 501 (3) c which need detail are;

Part II Activities and Operational Information 1, 2 and 3. Detail read By Leonard Miller.

Fred -What do we want to do? - Priorities, set by voting by all attending.

- A. Build or obtain a theater (creating amphitheater)
- B. Stage productions (community theater, semi-professional, summer stock, musicals, other theater groups, bring in shows, & children's theater)
- C. Music events
- D. Fund raising events

Other ideas; Renaissance Fair, historical reenactments, teaching the performing arts.

April Doolittle and Fred Schwindt suggested that we break into groups for the four priorities, Obtain theater, Stage productions, Music events and Fund raising. Groups were:

Obtain theater: Fred, Pam and Terry

Stage productions: Steve, Virginia and Kathy

Music events: Leonard, Debra and Carolyne

Fund raising: Barb and April

A. Obtain theater -

- a. Get cost estimate for Roxy theater & refurbishing

How to: Explore creative financing - Fred & Pat Hart

Get 501 (3) c status - Fred, Leonard, Pat & Pam

b. Explore cost of new building & compare

How to: Networking - Steve Ward, Fred & Andy Noel

c. Apply for planning grant or planning donations from engineers & Architects.

d. Exploring parking solutions

How to: Talk to city council, business peoples parking areas.

B. Present Stage Productions (local & outside)

- Kinds of Productions

1. Plays

- Drama
- Musicals
- Comedy
- Mystery

2. Music Concerts

- Chamber
- Folk
- Bluegrass
- Country
- Jazz
- Rock (arts council discretion strongly advised)
- Gospel
- Others

Procedure:

Obtain venue, form committees, funding, administration, production.

C. Music

- Money makers
Musicals (Fiddler on the Roof, etc.)
- Special interest groups (Bluegrass, rock & roll, country, etc)
- Music - Drams productions

Focus on main interest, business owners, school involvement. Have a good foundation to get community involvement, Chamber of Commerce, local associations, Schools, City councils & Granges. Estimates on time 4 to 6 months.

C. Funding

- Establish a fund raising committee - include all directors (April meeting)
- Maintain connection with existing donors & personal contacts - These who have contributed to summer musical - David Crayk & friends - Timing spring 2004.
- Selective mailings to solicit funds from within the community
- Gate receipts at council sponsored events
- Put on low-cost/high receipt special fund raising events such as wine tasting, poetry reading
- Event based solicitation for sponsors when we are planning a big show, seek sponsors. Associate students of Centralia College, Banks and large businesses. Assigned by committee.
- Establish a "Friends of FMAC" for major donors.
- Design a fund raising plan - Committee (directors)

Vision -

- Cultural enrichment for the community
- Give local talent an opportunity to perform
- Bring money into the community local & tourist
- Promote economic development
- Diversify & enrich the life style of the people in our community
- Promote education & appreciation of the arts
- Creating a performing arts destination (by participation in and development of the arts)
- A community involved in creating a performing arts destination
- The arts council enhances, enriches, encourages, ongoing development of the arts in East Lewis County.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 1st 2003 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adorned at 8:00 pm

Attendees -

Debra Dupont - 203 Lake Road, Silvercreek, WA 98585

Virginia Goeman

Terry Burres

Barb Burres

Steve Bertucci

Judy Morgan - 498-5254 / 496-2366

Pamela Peterson

Kathy Lyons
Fred Schwindt
April Doolittle
Leonard Miller
Caroylne Sokol