

May 6, 2003

Fire Mountain Arts Council

Meeting held at Centralia College East - Room 108

Morton, Washington 98356

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m., by President Fred Schwindt A quorum was met.

April Doolittle was recognized to announce the resignation of Board Member David K. Crayk. April received an email from David on Wednesday April 30, 2003. David wished the organization well and offered his resources if needed.

Fred Schwindt ask for reports for the different committee's, first to recognized;

Sharlotte Starr, with the Children's Summer Theater reported that they were unable to find someone to fill the acting teacher's position, so the 2003 season has been cancelled. Still some interest in activities to occur at teen center. Bretta said that she would volunteer. Britta also indicated that she would donate the poster for FMAC's June fund raiser. Creative camp idea for kids still desire but needs plan.

Pat Hart, made the Roxy Theater report. We have made an offer to ownership group on 4/21/03 in the amount of \$46,650.00 (Lewis County property tax assessed value). Has not received a response from group. Pat, indicated that Dean had indicated that they "might" get to it at their upcoming meeting. Pat was not optimistic regarding a response from the owner's. Pat thought that someone else from the Board of Directors should contact the owner's, since he had become the "Bad guy" or "Heavy". Thought Fred Schwindt or Steve Bertucci should phone to follow up on the outcome of there meeting. Steve Bertucci to phone Dean Waddle (360) 832-8390 to see if a decision was made. Leonard Miller, questioned whether we had explained the big picture to the owner's as to the intended uses and community revitalization plans. Pat, indicated they had investigated the possibility of condemnation by the city. Bob Maupin however

cautioned that condemnation also had pit falls and might not be the best solution.

Other possibilities for theaters were tossed discussed, again the Amp theater idea was shot down because of the weather problems in our area. Sid Beck has 30 acres - two miles out of Morton for sale. Property next to Lions Club is available and would be an excellent location for tourist coming into Morton via train. Also there would be parking available and possible usage of the Lions Club building next door. The old bowling alley was also mentioned in possibilities if the Roxy theater project fails.

Fred Schwindt, announced that we had received our 501 (3) (c) from the IRS.

During back meetings to establish a checking account for FMAC April at Key Bank indicated that they would offer unsecured loans for \$1000.00 for people who wanted to be a contributor to FMAC.

Barbara Burres turned in the Treasurer's report. An account has been opened at Key Bank in Morton. The account will have free checking for the first year. Barbara and Terry Burres donated \$100.00 each to open the account. There will be a \$50.00 (est) cost for check for FMAC. A question was brought forth regarding the use of Visa and MasterCard at fund raisers as a means of getting people to donate by other than cash or check. PayPal was also introduced as another method of payment rather than setting up a merchant account to accept Visa and MasterCard.

A report was made to the Chamber of Commerce regarding the June fund raiser.

Fred Schwindt, reported on his meeting with George Sharp on 4/24/03 in his Olympia Office. During his meeting he was able to obtain a number of possible foundations and grants from George's grant database. George, also help Fred apply for a WA-Cert grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the purchase and renovation of the Roxy Theater in Morton. Other sources were suggested, one being the US Forest Service.

Fred, want help to put together ideas for the September fund raiser. Needs ideas like cowboy/logger poetry, poetry and wine, etc. Will be able to use the Masonic temple. Send out March 5<sup>th</sup> FMAC meeting to board members for list of ideas.

June Rowland, reported regarding June's fundraiser, discussed progress on brochures and posters. Proposed picture board to be circulated at different performances around area to increase interest in "*Summer Music Encore*" on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussed number of pictures per board and the number of boards to be circulated. Decided that they would have 6 pictures per board at 8"x10". Terry Burres will provide pictures. Also discussed ushers, auction/bidding. Carolyn and Virginia will get numbers from Bob Maupin and other information regarding their auction procedures.

Can-Can dance practice will be held on Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., and again on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Morton Lions Club. The group is looking for dancers. Limited to a total of 10.

Need set up time for the Summer Music Encore is on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Morton High School. Dress rehearsal is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

Fred suggested that we think about a repeat performance of the Summer Music Encore during the Jubilee weekend as another fundraiser.

John Mullinex suggested that the format be like getting ready to put on a stage production. That idea will be worked on in committee.

Deserts to bring to the Summer Music Encore. Think about what your going to bring and make sure that is will serve at least 24 people.

Fred spoke with Russ Davis regarding clean up of the facilities after the fundraiser. Should be a simple clean up for crew.

Discussion regarding the number of brochures and posters for the Summer Music Encore, numbers as follows;

100 Posters

500 Post cards

600 Tickets

Printing to be done at Centralia College print shop. Send out 10 each to the board members to circulate, 120 to Bob Maupin plus 200 for mailings/8 ½" x 11" for paycheck stuffers. Need producer's notes/directors notes/mission and pledge cards for programs. CC students fund to donate \$300.00 for printing cost. Deadline for brochures/programs is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion regarding Summer Music Encore flow of performance, auction/donations and desert timing and best location for desert bar. It was decided that Sharlotte Starr, John Mullinex and crew would work out format. More pronounced on "Fund Raiser" on posters/programs and brochures. "A pledge from the heart" get mission out to community and purpose of fundraiser.

Fred Schwindt had mentioned in an earlier meeting with Leonard Miller his thought's regarding the "COMMUNITY'S THEATER". (Vision) to include use by the whole community:

Summer Musicals (Summer Stock Theater), Children's Theater, Movies (first run & foreign), Musical events (concerts, school plays) Destination seminars/trainings, teen movie nights (teens choose the movies) Dance recitals, church events, and professional performances.

Terry Burres, had prepared a slide show to end the evening off with slides from previous performances of Fiddler on the Roof and The Sound of Music. Some of the pictures will be used for the poster and poster boards for the upcoming Summer Music Encore.

The meeting was adorned to watch the slide show at 9:00 p.m. by president Fred Schwindt

The next meeting of the Fire Mountain Arts Council will be held on Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m., at Centralia College East - Room 101.

Attendees -

John Mullenix  
Kathy Lyons  
June Rowland  
Barb Burres  
Sharlotte Starr  
Louise Fisher  
Erike B Teeres-Gloska  
Caroline Sokol  
Bob Maupin  
Pat Hart  
Pamela Peterson  
Terry Burres  
April Doolittle  
Virginia Geoman  
Britta Fenniman  
Fred Schwindt  
Leonard Miller  
Steve Bertucci