

June 30, 2003

Fire Mountain Arts Council

Meeting held at Centralia College East - Room 108

Morton, WA. 98356

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m., by President Fred Schwindt, a quorum was met.

Agenda

- Summer Musical Encore Report - June Rowland
- Treasurer's Report - Barb Burres
- Grant Raisers
- Building Report

Minutes were read by attending members, President Fred Schwindt moved that they be accepted, seconded by Barb Burres and carried by a majority.

April Doolittle moved that Michael Dougherty be elected as a Board of Director for FMAC, seconded by Steve Bertucci and carried by a majority. Mike's music background will definitely add to FMAC.

June Rowland, reported on the Summer Musical Encore as a great success and team effort. We received lots of great comments regarding the picture presentation by Terry and Barb Burres. It was noted that the venue was too dark to get around safely. Great desserts and the weather cooperated. It was also noted that the performance format made it flow much better...many thanks to John Mullenix and June Rowland.

Treasurer's report - Barb Burres reported on the Summer Musical Encore's receipts as follows:

Gate receipts	\$916.00	
Concessions	214.50	
Donations	2,645.00	(cash & checks)
Pledges	2,091.00	
In-Kind	1,600.00	
	\$7,466.50	Total*

*Other in-kind donations that need to be defined

Use of Building

Coffee & Pop

Printing

Others

Monies to be separated into building & general funds as designated.

Fred Schwindt led discussion of future possible fund raisers. Jubilee August 8, 9 & 10th, looking for volunteers who would be available to organize. Toni, June, Virginia, Terry and Barb and possibly John Mullenix (will call). Fred will contact Russ Davis to see if MHS gym will be available and arrange for venue for Saturday August 9th for second Summer Musical Encore presentation.

Possibilities for another fundraiser were also tossed around. Some of those suggestions were Blue Grass, Jazz, Story telling, Cowboy poetry Logger poetry & wine tasting evening, Gay 90's night w/mellow dramas. It is hoped that we will be able to have another fundraiser sometime in September. This will be discussed at the next council meeting on July 29th.

Fred Schwindt led discussion of hiring Gloria Ybarra as a grant writer for FMAC. Bob Warsham indicated that he had an excellent experience with Gloria's work. Gloria would like \$30.00 per grant and 30% of the grant amount. Gloria will create grant templates for \$15.00 per hour for future grants. It was agreed that FMAC will hire Gloria to apply for a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant for Children's Summer Theater. Motion by April Doolittle to hire Gloria Ybarra to write grant for \$30.00 was seconded by Barb Burres and carried by a majority.

Steve Bertucci reported on the Roxy theater building/venue project. Steve indicated that we had not heard back from Ken Kerr or Dean Waddle. Fred and April reported that they had bumped into Ken Kerr a couple of weeks prior in front of the Bean Tree (across from the Roxy) and had a discussion with him at that time, no indication on whether they want to sell. Leonard contacted Kathy Heimbigner (Concept Reality) regarding Roxy, as Kathy has listing for Randle Theater. Kathy indicated that the owner's had met with her the same weekend that Fred and April bumped into Ken Kerr in Morton.

Kathy said that the owners would be interested in a valid offer but had not received any that they felt met their interest or were really valid purchase offers. They felt all previous offers and contacts were just fishing expeditions without substance.

Mayor Warren Dunlap spoke indicating that the city will work with FMAC and support our efforts to obtain and renovate the Roxy. The city is considering an abatement on the property due to its unsafe condition especially the awning over the sidewalk which has been deteriorating feared might fall down onto the sidewalk in front of the Roxy. The city will hold on that decision until after our final purchase proposal. The mayor indicated that they would wait until the end of August for that decision.

It was also noted that the Mormon Church would have 400 to 500 people to do a city clean up in late August.

Leonard Miller, will draft a new purchase proposal to send to the owner's of the Roxy and submit to a sub-committee of Fred, Steve, Pam. This will be FMAC's final purchase proposal. If we do not receive a reply or counter offer it was decided that we should pursue other options for a theater venue starting in September.

A suggestion for the property next to the Lion's Club building in Morton was offered. Bruce Coleman of Morton 496-6024 has 10 lots in that location. Fred will call to find out asking price.

Bob Warsham reported about the Tacoma train and the two groups that have shown interest in passenger service. Those groups are Scenic Train and On Track Productions; they will create tour groups to visit Morton via the Tacoma Train. They anticipate 400 to 500 people per weekend. There will be a bus tour on September 6th. What can we think & do to take care of the visitors/tourist. There will be a second visit next week.

Entertainment ideas for September 6th Loggers theme. Bob will need a contact from FMAC for the next couple of weeks. Pam Peterson volunteered to be his contact.

The next FMAC meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 29th at 7:00 p.m., at Centralia College East - Room 108

A second FMAC meeting was also scheduled for Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00 p.m., at Centralia College East - Room 108

Steve Bertucci will chair the July 29th meeting in the absence of Fred Schwindt who will be on vacation in Europe.

Attendees:

Michael Dougherty
Bob Warsham
Gretchen Jones
April Doolittle
Barbara Burres
Terry Burres
Toni Nelson
Pam Peterson
Warren Dunlap
Pat Hart
Bob Maupin
Virginia Goeman
Anastasia Peterson
Fred Schwindt
Steve Bertucci
Leonard Miller