

August 26, 2003

Fire Mountain Arts Council

Meeting held at Centralia College East - Rm 108

Morton, WA 98356

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m., by Vice President Steve Bertucci a quorum was not met. President Fred Schwindt absent due to a death in the family.

First item on the agenda was the Summer Musical Encore/Loggers Jubilee performance, by Steve Bertucci. The performance went off well, but needs some changes. Felt to be a bit corny, it was agreed that revisions were needed. Should have a different format next time or totally new show.

Barbara Burres gave the Treasurer's report on the Summer Musical Encore Loggers Jubilee performance.

\$1,520.00 to building fund

913.00 from gate

120.00 Civic Engagement Program/Cispus Learning Center

\$2,538.00 Total

Current checking \$8674.00

Pledges 1325.00 (including in kind work)

\$9,999.00 Net

Roxy report was given by Leonard Miller. After receiving the counter proposal from the owners (Kerr, Waddle & Wood-KWW) the building committee has researched and gathered information from commercial realtors, property appraisers, tax assessor's office, IRS, Secretary of States office, CPA's and local property owners. The information was gathered to determine a counter offer for the Roxy to the owners KWW. The building committee realized that there was no benefit in receiving an in kind donation from KWW of \$25,000.00 and that the value of the Roxy was much less than the \$120,000.00 ask by the owners. Taking the information gathered from the tax assessor's office and the local property owners on other like buildings on Main Avenue we came to the conclusion that the value was closer to \$75K - \$80K. A counter offer/proposal will be drafted and sent to the owners in the next week or two.

April Doolittle led the discussion on the mission and goal statements. We will try to keep it to a one sentence. The discussion did not lead to any conclusions and without a forum would not be able to make final decision. To be discussed at future meetings. Two suggestions that were discussed were brought forward by VP - Steve Bertucci:

FMAC will be the heart that pumps into the community the life that
Only the arts can provide

To be the heart that pumps into our community the quality of life that
only the arts can provide

The Bill and Melinda Gates introductory letter was also discussed. It was the consensus of the attendee's and board members that the focus should not be as negative and should focus on a more positive impact of the FMAC need for a new performing arts venue. Again to be taken up at a future council meeting.

Discussions regarding another performance lead to the idea for a Christmas program. Brian Peterson said that he would direct such a venture if all board members agreed. It was decided that an email would be sent out to all Board members for a motion to put on a Christmas performance to continue to raise funds for the Roxy project and FMAC. Leonard Miller will send out the email and alert Brian Peterson of the outcome.

Note; the email was sent and a majority of the FMAC Board of Directors agreed to the motion for a Christmas fund raising event. The two dissenters were - Sharlotte Starr and Louise Fisher, John Mullinex did not respond to the email and June Rowland was called on the telephone, as she does not have email. Brian Peterson was notified that the show was a go.

FMAC logo was again brought up and noted that Pam Peterson would chair the logo committee.

Bob Warsham from the Morton Historical Society updated the members of the arts council to the arrival of the Tacoma Train on October 4th and the festivities scheduled for their first arrival. Also October 25th Historical Society vintage fashion show at 2:00 p.m., at Gust Backstrom Community Center.

The next meeting would be held on September 30th at 7:00 p.m., at Centralia College East - Room 108, Morton, WA.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. - Attendance List attached.