

Fire Mountain Arts Council
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 21, 2006
Centralia College East

Board members present: Marci Ericksen, Carl Ericksen, Fred Schwindt, April Doolittle, Brad Nelson, Pat Hart, Barbara Burres, & Gretchen Jones. Also present: Brian Peterson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10. The minutes from 6-27-06 meeting were approved with the following changes: Gary Alexander was to ask for \$252,000 for the Roxy renovation; Donna Ragosa's last name was added; Ericksens' name spelling was corrected; Movie contracts also included Barbara taking MGM and someone else taking Disney.

TREASURE'S REPORT Barb gave the treasurer's report: \$22,496 is in the bank designated for the building; \$720 is designated for operating costs. \$8,000 in pledges for operating costs are still to come in. Cash will be needed for insurance; there was discussion regarding when we will need to change our current insurance coverage. Donations that have come in since the last meeting total about \$8,000, including \$1,000 from the Morton Chamber of Commerce flower basket sales. We discussed getting a line of credit for general operating costs, including but not limited to: hiring a manager, stocking the concession stand, insurance and utilities. A loan or line of credit for start-up costs and initial general operations would allow FMAC to get the theater open consistently with income coming in. The building could be used as collateral for a \$20,000 LOC. April moved to secure a loan for a \$20,000 line of credit for operating the theater. It was seconded and approved.

SOUTH PACIFIC MARKETING A South Pacific ad will be playing on KPLU, costing \$960. FMAC will pay this, and then be reimbursed by the city council. John Urbas donated a 1 ft x 16 ft sign with the SP dates to be hung on the marquee.

MOVIE CONTRACTS No one has completed the movie contracts yet, as they are asking for information that individuals may not have. Completing the contracts will be revisited after the musical.

BOOKKEEPING Barbara reminded the board that she is stepping down from bookkeeping activities for FMAC in about 1 week. She will continue on as the Treasurer. She has been working with Janet to set up the bookkeeping program and needs a volunteer to enter data and someone to be designated to pay the bills. As FMAC is not closer to hiring a theater manager, we may need to just hire a bookkeeper for now. This would be a temporary position until a theater manager could take over the bookkeeping. Barb estimates it would take 3-4 hours a week for basic operating bookkeeping. Board members are looking at options for a bookkeeper.

THEATER SEATS 3-4 rows of seats will be completed by the opening. The remainder will be folding chairs. Additional rows will be put in when they are ready, which may or may not be while South Pacific is still being performed.

APPRECIATION NIGHT Hors d'oeuvres will be prepared Tues at 4 at the Lions Club. Final clean-up of the theater will begin Thurs at 2:30. The recognition wall will be ready by then with gold stars with donors and volunteers' names. Barb will prepare the gallery with pictures from Barbara Clevenger Johnson, including a picture of Barbara and write-up about her life.

CONCESSIONS FOR SP Security State Bank will be giving out cookies and leis for opening night. Gretchen will organize a dessert buffet for the other nights. Shell necklaces will be for sale.

LC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL The request for funds coming from LCEDC through CC will go to the county commissioners next week.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Tuesday, August 29th at 7 pm. Minutes taken by Gretchen Jones.