

FIRE MOUNTAIN ARTS COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 27, 2016

Present: Betty Hutchison, Sarah Simek, Margaret Sundstrom, Fred Schwindt, Louise Fisher, Brad Nelson, Martha Sturgeon

Absent: Brad Klein, Ron Field, Jessica Scogin, Bruce Roberts

Guests: April Doolittle, Morton Police Chief Morningstar

Approval of Minutes: Betty made a motion to approve minutes of November 29 as is. Martha seconded, and motion passed.

*Special guest:* Chief Morningstar discussed security concerns in the area which could impact the Roxy Theater, TAC, or BCJ Gallery. He suggested we purchase door taps (which would emit a signal if an unauthorized person enters after hours) and motion sensors. Good idea: glass front doors for the Roxy.

Standing Items:

*Treasurer's Report* (Fred): Our balance remains good. Community Foundation grant - \$10,000 was received, LTAC grant - \$11,000, and Lewis County - \$3,400. April has been working extensively on the budgets. After discussion, Betty made a motion to approve the 2017 Children's Programs' Projected Budget, the 2017 Projected Operating Budget (with one adjustment), and the 2016 Nutcracker actual budget. Brad seconded and motion passed.

*Membership Report* (Betty): 2017 brochure must be mailed by Dec. 31 by Martha, Louise and Bonnie.

*OnStage:* Bruce has been at every practice and meeting for the 2016 OnStage programs, plus work on sets. Discussion of president limiting his involvements.

*Movies* (Brad): Minimum wage up. Tickets will be raised \$1.

*Events:* Festival of Trees (Margaret, Betty, Louise) had weather issues. \$700 raised and about 60 people attended. Santa had 29 children. Hayride cancelled. There was interest in some new businesses participating next year. Living Nativity included 48 attendees. Upcoming: January "Cabin Fever" series: public domain movies on Sunday, 2pm, \$5 adults, \$3 kids. Also dinner theater in February.

Old Business: Capital Campaign (Betty, Martha, Louise) will begin in January.

Louise Fisher  
Secretary