

FIRE MOUNTAIN ARTS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 26, 2016

Directors Present: Gerri Maize, Brad Nelson, Bruce Roberts, Sarah Simek, Margaret Sundstrom, Betty Hutchison, Louise Fisher

Directors Absent: Ron Field, Martha Sturgeon, Fred Schwindt

Guests: Steve Caskey (the first half hour), Kerry Doege

Approval of Minutes: Betty made a motion to accept the minutes of March 29, 2016. Gerri seconded and motion passed.

Steve Caskey presented an idea of incorporating the Kalakora Gallery into FMAC. Adam Angel is moving to Haley, Idaho, and would like to rent it to a non-profit corporation for \$408 per month plus city utilities. Steve said the rent may be paid by selling art and by interested donors, including himself. He would like to attend our meeting next month with more information, possibly to make a proposal.

Voting for a New Board Member: Sarah has interviewed Kerry Doege and shared her recommendation to the board by email. Betty made a motion to accept Kerry Doege as a FMAC board member. Sarah seconded and motion passed. Welcome, Kerry!

Development Director: Jess Martin has resigned her position. She sent a message by email on April 25 to the board: "I will no longer be requesting a position as a board member." "Grants in progress – as well as all other FMAC material, including the last 11 months of ideas and recommendations – are available on the Google Drive shared folder." "Above all, I believe in the undeniable potential of the Fire Mountain Arts Council as a non-profit and developmental driver for good."

Her last board report dated April 26 stated that the following grants were submitted: TransAlta Community Transformers due 3/10/16, Umpqua Bank Charitable Foundation due 3/31/16, Seattle Central Community College website project client application due summer/fall, 2016. As for ArtsWA 2017 Project Support Grants due 4/18/16, Jess stated "planning retreat did not result in a LT Plan sufficient for a strong application." Also in her April 26 board report:

Planning Retreat 4/9/16: 2017/2018 calendar recommendations attached. Ideas: repetition is easier to market (same event, multiple days), incorporate more "admission by donation" nights.

FMAC meet-and-greet on 4/24/16 (Sarah and Jess). A positive experience. Ideas: date nights, becoming a venue for traveling acts, reassess membership perks, learning from other theatre programs.

Standing Items:

Treasurer's Report: Betty passed out a very impressive report. Discussion of consolidating accounts; tabled. Betty made a motion to close all accounts at Key Bank except OnStage. Brad seconded and motion passed.

Membership Report: Betty has emailed the list to board members. Jess in her report: "Membership list is now in excel; access it via Google Drive."

Gallery Report: Margaret led discussion on event open seating, plus computer problems.

TAC Report: Betty reported increase in rentals.

OnStage Report: Bruce shared about Dance-a-Thon and Tea Party May 7, both fundraisers.

Movies: Brad said they are "still winning"!

Old Business:

Bruce wants to have a meeting to research "who's doing what." Sarah will set a date.

-Louise Fisher, Secretary

