

MONTANA PERFORMING *ARTS* **Consortium**

MPAC Meeting
March 14, 2024
Zoom

Present: Emily Wolfram, Jill Wagner, Rob Kohler, Jim Peaco, Connie Jenkins, Misty Annala

Jill called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

- Mission Minute - Board members shared good news from their organizations.
- WESTAF – Emily reported that WESTAF will no longer be able to provide discretionary fund support to our conference.
- Minutes of the October 15, 2023 meeting were submitted by secretary, Misty Annala. Rob made a motion to approve, Jim seconded, motion carried.
- Finance Report was submitted by executive director, Emily Wolfram.
- Conference:
 - Emily presented a proposed fee structure for FY25.
 - Emily reported on showcase application progress.
- Fund Development:
 - Emily reported on sponsorship opportunities from Visit Great Falls, NW Energy, TDS Fiber, and RMTS and showed us the sponsorship page from the website. Connie suggested the new hemp plant in Fort Benton. Jill offered the usual support from NAN, and suggested we ask the Warren Miller theater.
 - Emily reported on the new grants she is pursuing. She is applying to the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation, First Interstate Bank, and the NEA Challenge America.
 - Emily reported that she applied for the NEA ArtsHERE grant but were not invited to submit the full application.

- Emily walked us through several updates to the MPAC webpage, highlighting what will be available to members.

- Strategic Planning Training Opportunity
 - Emily presented a plan to take a strategic planning course:
 - The Planning School Strategic Plan Training \$1500.00
 - Jim made a motion to approve the fee for Emily to attend the class. Rob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Emily presented reminders for the Summer Retreat.
- Meeting was adjourned at 4:38.