

Meeting Minutes for Ennis Arts Association Quarterly Business Meeting

MEETING DETAILS

Location: **Madison Valley Public Library Meeting Room
210 Main Street
Ennis, MT 59729**

Date/Time: **June 9, 2026, 10:00 AM**

ATTENDEES:

Louise Stevens, President
Barbara Chalupa, Treasurer
Lori Fink, Secretary
Barbara Gillispie
Margie Reck
Shirley Storey-Masson
Jennifer Doney

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Louise Stevens at 10:07 AM.

HANDOUTS

Four documents were distributed to attendees:

- **EAA June 9, 2026, Business Meeting Agenda**
- **EAA Financial View 6/9/2026**
- **Grants Report**

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, APRIL 7, 2026, MEETING

The April 2026 minutes were previously sent via email to the entire membership.

- a. From now on the meeting agendas and minutes will be posted on the website. Use the "Meeting Info" link to access.
- b. Lori suggests that using a computer or laptop is the best way to view the minutes as you can read them without having to download. The "Meeting Info" page will appear different on every type of device.
- c. Lori will try to have the minutes done by Thursday or Friday of the week prior to the meeting.
- d. No objections or corrections were raised, so minutes are presumed to be approved.

II. BUDGET REVIEW (See Handout)

1. Revenue – 2Q
 - a. With one membership received in the 2nd Quarter, there are 65 paid members to date

- b. Net Arts Festival Booth fees for the 2nd Quarter were three received for \$195.
- c. Not shown – we received a \$250 anonymous donation for music for the MVAF.
- 2. Expenditures – 2Q
 - a. Programs: \$350 check to Good Thymes Camp (already approved as part of budget)
 - b. Professional Fees: \$192 Event Insurance Rider for Festival
- 3. Grants Report (See Handout)
 - a. Received
 - i). MVWC - \$1000 for Family/Children's Programming at MVAF
 - ii). Montana Arts Council - \$1000 for the Senior Center Mural. It's reimbursable – receipts required.
 - b. Pending
 - i). Three Rivers Communications – \$5000 for the Senior Center Mural. EAA is a finalist so this will go to the board. We are almost certain to receive this grant. Tile mural acknowledgement?
 - ii). Northwestern Energy - \$3500 for Senior Center Mural. A grant request went out 2-3 weeks ago, status unknown.
 - iii). Yellowstone Club Community Foundation - \$4000 for Senior Center and Town Hall Murals. They have \$18 million to give away. Letter of Inquiry sent. Grants given to communities where workers reside.
 - iv). Dennis Washington Foundation - \$4000 for the Town Hall Mural. Need a Form 990 from us.
 - v). First Interstate Bank - \$3000 for the Town Hall Mural. Decision made on June 22. Tile mural acknowledgement?
 - vi). Gilhausen Family Foundation – the Town Hall Mural. Letter of Inquiry sent.
 - vii). Town Pump Foundation (not on list) – they meet annually for grants so this most likely won't happen until next year.
 - viii). Moonlight Community Foundation – the Town Hall Mural. Letter of Inquiry sent. Grants given to communities where workers reside.
 - c. Not yet applied for
 - i). MVWC - \$3000 for either the Senior Center or the Town Hall Mural depending on what is funded by other grants. The Senior Center has already started preparing their wall and sent \$8000 to Juliene Sinclair.
 - ii). Madison Valley Bank is not on this list, but as a community bank, by law they must give away a certain amount of money to the community. No formal grant process. Louise will investigate.
- 4. Membership List – should we keep doing two separate lists? Include emails? Include phone numbers? Can/should this be posted on the website? Should include names, artistic endeavors, and phone numbers for the membership. We will continue what we have done in the past. Barbara G. will email and then call the people who have not renewed their membership.
- 5. As part of the budget discussion, Jen Doney asked if we could approve the purchase of felting supplies for a future workshop as they have gotten low.

MOTION: A motion was made (Barbara Gillispie) and seconded (Louise Stevens) to approve a purchase of felting supplies up to \$150.00. Date of workshop TBD.

Motion passed unanimously.

III. SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AND RELATED PR

- 1. We have three applications – two musicians and a visual artist.

2. One musician and the visual artist are college students; one musician is a high school graduate.
3. All applicants are scholarship worthy.

IV. UPDATE ON MVAF

1. Information booth is covered for volunteers.
2. Two out of four volunteer positions are filled for the Family Activities Booth.
3. After discussion, we have decided to defer buying shopping bags to give away until next year as we are running out of time. We also want to investigate simplifying our logo.
4. We need a couple more No Parking signs and perhaps some additional signs to thank our donors.

V. UPDATE ON BLOOMS AND BRUSHES

1. No update today as the committee will meet next week.

VI. UPDATE ON ENNIS MURALS PROJECT

1. If we start to receive grant money, we will need to put out a call for artists, starting with our membership. Louise can also get access to a list of artists from SLAM, which includes some mural artists.
2. Josi Severson expressed interest in doing a fashion show to raise funds for the murals project at the theater. Louise will try to get more details from Josi. We may consider this for the fall.

VII. SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR PROGRAMS

1. Karen will do a Quilting presentation in September or October.
2. Jen and Gail will do a felting workshop in November.
3. Barbara Gillispie will host our December ornament exchange.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Blooms & Brushes needs another artist. The artists should be members of EAA.
2. Next two MVAF Organizational meetings are June 16 and July 14, both at 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

The next EAA Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Madison Valley Library on September 8, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Fink, Secretary