

HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY
Minutes
January 16, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Harrington Opera House Society was called to order by President, Billie Herron at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mark & Sheryl Stedman, Gordon & Billie Herron, Ed & Bunny Haugan, Karen Robertson, Carol Giles, Marge Womach, Linda Wagner and Cherie MacClellan.

The minutes of the December meeting were read. It was moved by Gordon and seconded by Mark to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Ed presented the treasurer's report as attached. Ed noted that the Avista bill for December was \$900. We need to consider how we schedule events in the winter months. Average expenses are \$814 per month, and while we do have some generous general fund money, we still owe Sue Lani Madsen \$2,000 - \$3,000. We have one year free for the cost of elevator inspections and then there will be a charge. It was moved by Carol and seconded by Karen to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Billie presented a spreadsheet showing 25 years of income and expense. It is most impressive.

Billie read her president's report for including reflection on the past 25 years of the existence of the Harrington Opera House Society.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Committee

The elevator inspection passed. The 911 button does work. A bell can also be pushed that would alert others in the building that the elevator is having problems. A suggestion was made to teach city foreman, Scott McGowan, how to fix the elevator should an emergency arise. The cold weather makes the elevator go more slowly because it uses hydraulic oil. At some point it may be necessary to use a heater to keep it running more smoothly in the cold weather.

Sue Lani Madsen gave the "as built" drawings as attachments in an e-mail. We need a thumb drive and Mark will print them off at the public works building. Sue Lani indicated she will give us a thumb drive.

A heater needs to be placed in the Art Room restroom to avoid freezing water problems. One can be purchased at Harrington Truck and Auto.

Keith, city employee, will be asked to help check on the heat tape on the roof. It is there but may not have been turned on.

Carol said the electronics to keep the bats away will be here soon. Carol also mentioned that there is a monitoring system available to remotely check on the temperature in the building. Moved by Karen and seconded by Linda to give Carol permission to purchase a base and up to 3 sensors. The temperature today under the piano was 58 degrees.

Linda is still working on the Northwest Farm Credit grant. We will ask for \$3,000 for the Art Room.

We did not receive the INWC Foundation grant. The school gave Carol permission to look at a grants service that they currently use and pay for. Cherie indicated her interest in learning more about grants.

Art Room:

Piano lessons continue with two children and one adult receiving lessons. Connie King is leading the art class which is enjoyed by the kids.

When the weather is warmer, the piano cover will be completed. It will need to be three layers. Carol will check the surface of the piano to check for condensation.

Events:

The concert by the Parks Family went well. It was on December 9. Pastor Cade Clarke and his daughter, Victoria, were very helpful, and it is hoped to get them more involved. We will contact the Nazarene ladies when the weather gets warmer about taking down the Christmas tree in the auditorium.

Everyone agreed a 25th anniversary celebration needs happen sometime in 2017. We will come up with something!

NEW BUSINESS

Karen moved and Linda seconded the motion to renew our membership in the Economic Development Council. Motion carried.

There has been no further word on the request by Stephen Hardy to rent the auditorium/piano.

Billie and Ed offered to continue to serve in the offices of president and treasurer respectively as long as needed. Their service is greatly appreciated.

The next meeting will be on February 6, 2017.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wagner, Secretary