

MINUTES
Harrington Opera House Society
January 5, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Harrington Opera House Society was called to order by president, Mark Stedman at 7:05 p.m. in the Art Room. Present were Mark and Sheryl Stedman, Linda Wagner, Ed & Bunny Haugan, Carol Giles, Stephen and Becky Hardy, Dillon Haas, Gordon Herron, Bonnie and Michael Hardy, Marge Womach.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Ed presented the December treasurer's report as attached and also as well as a yearly recap also attached. While we are holding steady we are fortunate to have one major monthly donor to help with our monthly operating expenses. Ordinary operating expenses approach nearly \$7,500 per year or over \$600 per month.

Correspondence

Photographer, Skip Smith, will get back to Ed later and will send pictures to us. We will offer to keep them on display through May. Karen Robertson may also like to include some of hers.

Old Business

There is no additional news on the walls upstairs. Further work on them including cleaning prior to sealing and painting. We can't do much until it gets warm. Bonnie has done LOTS of work on the woodwork which will be put back after painting.

The painting on the stage north wall is complete. Cecil, the plasterer, may need to come back and do a little more work later on but right now he is unavailable. However Bonnie is willing to do the final work on the dressing room and can do a small amount of spackling.

New Business

The auditorium needs to be cleaned prior to putting up the stage curtains. Those available will meet on Saturday, January 10 at 9 a.m. Bring push brooms, towels and other cleaning items.

The Horse Crazy Cowgirls will make a return visit on March 20 at 7 p.m. The Panhandle Polecats want to come back as well. Mark would like to see us plan a calendar of events or concert series if possible.

Dillon Haas made a presentation on membership and its role for the Opera House. He will e-mail the text of his presentation to Mark.

Monte Swenson has an antique surrey and a wagon that needs to find a "home" and offered it to the Opera House. The challenge is finding a storage area large enough.

Grants

We did not receive the INWCF grant. We will find out how we can re-do the wording to help in receiving it in the future.

Mark reported that the Washington State capital request letters went out to legislators. The Washington State Historical Preservation Committee, the Lincoln County EDC and the City of Harrington also wrote letters of support for funding of the elevator. Gary Templin from Ritzville will contact Senator Mark Schoessler.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Wagner, Secretary