

MINUTES
Harrington Opera House Society
November 3, 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, Marge Womach, Karen Robertson, Stephen Hardy, Dillon Haas, Billie and Gordon Herron, Michael & Bonnie Hardy and Paul Charlton.

It was moved by Stephen and seconded by Billie to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting.

It was moved by Bonnie and seconded by Sheryl to approve the treasurer's report as attached. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence or guest presentation.

Old Business

Building Project:

Gordon gave a building project update. The ceiling in the dressing room will go into the dressing room this week. The plaster guy will return on November 10.

Prior to hanging, the stage curtains need to be inspected and delivered to Royal Upholstery for shortening.

The stage needs to be cleaned prior to the November 7 Tayla Lynn/Eric Tingstad concert. At some point the stage curtains from Salk Junior High will have to be taken off of the stage. The question is what to do with them as we now have the ones from EWU.

Karen report that the light board is unprogrammed and won't hold and needs to be adjusted from the stage. George from Silhouette Lighting will do a phone conference on Tuesday, November 4, at 5:30 p.m. with Karen and Carol to get things back in order. The plan is then to have instructions posted so that those running the board know what to do.

Following a brief recess to the auditorium, discussion was held on how to proceed with painting the north side stage walls containing some of the graffiti. Much of it is illegible. The consensus was to paint the north wall EXCEPT for one door panel and the wall with Teddy Bear on it. Those areas that will be painted will be documented with photographs.

Two of the priorities to complete in the building are the stair rails on the old staircase and the EXIT sign above the door.

Events

The October 25 Oestreich-Miller wedding went very well and the building was in great shape following. Tayla Lynn and Eric Tingstad will arrive about 5:30 on November 7 for the concert. They will use our sound system. They can use the Art Room for a warm up room. They would like bottled water, tea, hot water and a veggie/meat/cheese tray. Sheryl will provide this.

The 4-H Teen Rally will be on Saturday, November 8 and Sunday, November 9. There will be a drama workshop in the auditorium on Saturday and then Sunday the group will do community

service. Under Karen's direction they will decorate the lobby Christmas tree and organize the costumes in the basement. Linda and Bunny will locate the tree and decorations.

Santa Claus will visit on Saturday, November 29 from 10 till noon. Helpers are needed. Amy Foley rented the hall for a bazaar.

New Business

There are two piano students who need full scholarships and two who need partial scholarships (they pay \$10 and lessons are \$15). Billie will set up a meeting with the teachers to discuss the best way to handle this.

Grants

Gordon, Ed and Mark met with the Inland Northwest Communities Foundation representatives who toured the buildings. They had a lot of questions including how we publicize ourselves. They indicated that the Sunday edition of the Spokesman-Review has a free section for ads. There is \$3,500,000 available for grants. We are one of 40 who made the cut. The committee from INWCF will meet on November 19. On December 11 the full committee will meet to decide who gets funding and it will be posted on their website December 12. Our request was for \$25,000 for a bathroom upstairs and water for the snack area.

Mark will be submitting documents indicating our request for funding from the state capital budget to fund the elevator. Judy Warnick is a good friend of the Opera House, and it is hoped she can have some influence on our behalf.

Billie assembled a total for grants and other financial information for the last 20 years. It is most impressive.

Karen presented an advertising report.

Bunny reported that under the guidance of the Chamber and the PDA, the long term goal is to have a conversation about current projects and future goals in the community. This should include input from organizations (including the Opera House) and individuals on how we can help each other. We will offer the Opera House as a meeting place.

Linda, Bunny, Sheryl and Karen will get together to talk about our current fees and contracts for use of the Opera House and any changes and upgrades that should be made.

Our annual meeting will be December 1 at 7:00 p.m. It will be advertised.

Billie moved and Michael seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wagner, Secretary