

# Harrington Opera House Society

Minutes

March 3, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Harrington Opera House Society was called to order by president, Mark Stedman at 7:00 p.m. in the Art Room. Present were Mark and Sheryl Stedman, Linda Wagner, Gordon and Billie Herron, Ed and Bunny Haugan, Karen Robertson, and Peter Davenport.

Guests, Rick and Jen Smith, from Midnight Finishing in Davenport, were introduced.

The minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting were read. Billie moved and Sheryl seconded the motion that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Ed Haugan presented the treasurer's report as attached. Billie moved and Carol seconded the motion that the report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

The Smiths have presented a bid to do the work for the ADA access on the outside as one more step in making the elevator project possible. Sue Lani Madsen is doing the drawings. A \$15,000 commissioners' grant will allow this work to proceed once the drawings are completed and the weather is good.

Bonnie Hardy worked very hard throughout the winter months removing all the plaster on the south and east walls of the auditorium. There are over 40 boxes of plaster that need to be removed. Taunya Sanford will be contacted to see if high school students would be available to bring the boxes downstairs. The students' time could be considered as in-kind if we get them to fill out the forms. A suggestion was made that parents sign a waiver.

As determined at the last meeting, sheet rock will be put on the walls. Rick Smith was asked to give a bid on that project as well.

Gordon reported that he is still waiting to hear from George at Silhouette Lighting to get the curtains hung. Carpet for the lobby and Art Room is scheduled to be installed on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mark gave an update on the EDC grant for \$25,000 that we received in August of 2012. To date we have paid Sue Lani Madsen \$13,125 for architectural drawings for the elevator. Although she has more to do, it is not anticipated that it will require the entire \$11,875 that is remaining. Discussion was held on our responsibility to use the funds for the specific purpose it was intended, i.e. architectural drawings for the elevator. It was moved by Ed and seconded by Linda to return \$6,000 to the EDC as a good faith gesture while reserving \$5,875 for additional professional fees due to Sue Lani. Motion carried. Linda will send the check to Margie Hall with the EDC and a copy to the Lincoln County Commissioners as well as Shelly Johnston.

Carol is continuing to pursue the idea of having an "Artisan of the Month" in the art room during the rummage sales. This would not be a money maker for the Opera House but a way to give back to the community.

Les LePere is still working on a possibility to have his art work as well as that of his sister, Louise Kodis for a special event.

The Horse Crazy Cowgirls with Dave McClure will be performing on Friday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. Karen is working hard on the ads and posters while trying to keep expenses as reasonable as possible. Billie, Linda, Karen and Mark volunteered to be part of an ad hoc marketing committee to discuss and brainstorm how best to use our advertising dollars recognizing that dollars only one part of the overall marketing plan. Other members are welcome to be part of this committee. Just let Mark know. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wagner, Secretary