

**HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY**  
**Minutes**  
**March 7, 2016**

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, Carol Giles, Marge Womach, Karen Robertson, and Linda Wagner.

The minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting were read. It was moved by Carol and seconded by Bunny to accept minutes. Motion carried

Ed presented the treasurer's report as attached. We will need a short term loan of \$25,000 to meet our obligations to the contractors prior to reimbursement from the state capital projects grant. Moved by Linda and seconded by Sheryl to accept the treasurer's report.

A letter was read from Joyce Mings asking to get information about renting the Opera House especially for weddings. Discussion was held regarding how best to proceed as all agreed our current fee schedule is too low. We will address the matter further at the next meeting following inquiries to other similar venues.

Senator Judy Warnick inquired as to when we would have a celebration/ribbon cutting for the elevator as she would like to attend. A decision on the date will depend on the construction progress.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Building Committee:**

Building engineer, Gordon, said that we will need some kind of warning system in the elevator to meet L & I standards. A phone line will be needed. Sheryl will contact CenturyLink.

He is also working with the elevator guy to get L & I approval so that the elevator can be ordered.

The old piano is off of the stage.

Jay Kane is ready to do more on the ADA bathroom upstairs. Hopefully the 4 x 4 Club can take the sheet rock upstairs.

Serve Pro will be here Friday at 10:30 to give us a bid to clean. All are welcome to attend.

**Piano Committee:**

The piano will be delivered sometime between March 10 and 15.

**Music/Art:**

There have been no piano lessons as Heather's baby has the chicken pox. Local high school student, Leroy Bowers, has expressed interest in teaching guitar. We would have to do a background check of some kind. There is no word yet on getting Paul Gilliland's Yamaha piano down here. Need a trailer and some strong people.

### **Presentation**

Billie and Karen did a fantastic job in presenting a program to the Lions Club. It would be good to take it to other organizations. Linda will write a letter to the Lions Club thanking them for their time. One suggestion was to be sure in our presentations to emphasize that we are not flush with money. We should play down the idea of grant money and emphasize the tremendous number of volunteer hours that have been given.

### **Rummage:**

The next sale will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> during Cruizin' Harrington /Spring Fest.

### **Other:**

The proscenium committee of Carol, Karen and Michelle Quigley met and determined that it would cost \$5,000 - \$7,000 to redo the proscenium. Due to lack of funds, this project will be tabled for the time being.

### **Events:**

Scott Kirby would like to reschedule his concert. Details at the next meeting. The ladies would like to have their quilt show in the auditorium during SpringFest. We will just have to be sure it is cleaned!

### **Bylaws**

The by-laws were reviewed again. A couple of minor changes were made. Linda moved and Ed seconded the motion to approve the by-laws. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wagner, Secretary