

MINUTES
Harrington Opera House Society
April 6, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Harrington Opera House Society was called to order by president, Mark Stedman at 7:03 p.m. in the Art Room. Present were Mark and Sheryl Stedman, Linda Wagner, Ed & Bunny Haugan, Karen Robertson, Carol Giles, Bonnie and Michael Hardy, Gordon and Billie Herron, Stephen and Becky Hardy and Dillon Haas.

The minutes of the March 2, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Ed presented the March 2015 treasurer's report as attached. It was moved by Stephen and seconded by Bonnie to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Linda read a note from Georgia Gately Dover regarding the pews received from the Community Church.

Old Business

The Building Committee reported they had met and presented a list of priorities and how they would be financed while also leaving a reserve balance. A copy is attached with recommendations as follows:

Projects to be completed:

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| Refinish Venue and Stage Floors | \$9,000 |
| Water and Waste | \$9,900 |
| Exit and lighting/new staircase | <u>\$3,000</u> |
| Total Bldg. Projects | \$21,000 |

Anticipated reimbursement from the Building for the Arts Grant is \$16,000 through June 30, 2015 which would leave us a reserve of \$16,000 as of July 1, 2015. It was moved by Billie and seconded by Becky to approve the expenditures for building improvements not to exceed \$21,000. The motion was approved with one vote against and one abstention. Michael thanked the Building Committee for their work.

New Business

The Horse Crazy Cowgirl Band concert was a success. After expenses and payment to the band, we made about \$160. There was a good crowd there. Maximizing advertising dollars is always a challenge.

The Opera House will host a community collaboration meeting on Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to gather groups in Harrington together with the goal of working together on projects and become aware of each organizations goals and purposes.

The piano benefit at the Steinway Gallery will be on Saturday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. Although it is a free event, tickets are needed and can be reserved online at steinwayspokane.com. Steinway will be responsible if refreshments are to be served. Bonnie is working on a poster for display. KSPS will try to re-air the segment done on the Opera House for Northwest Profiles.

The jazz group is looking forward to performing during Cruzin' Harrington Day on May 16. The concert will be at 4:00 p.m. and feature jazz, Brazilian and original compositions. Donations will be accepted with a 50/50 split. A quilt show in the auditorium will happen earlier in the day.

Linda has been in contact with Leslee Miller from the Dahmen Barn. Nu-Blu, a blue grass group with a modern sound, has agreed to perform for \$500 with a 50/50 split after expenses. They will have performances at the

Dahmen Barn and Wallowa Valley and then they will perform at the Opera house on Saturday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m. Linda will continue to be in touch with them.

The Wilcox wedding is scheduled for October 24 and Linda will get a contract to them. They were fine with the \$400 fee for use of the facility.

The PDA would like to have Peter Davenport to do a fundraiser for them in the Opera House on October 30 as that organization needs additional funding. Mark will get more information so we know the best avenue to follow.

Davenport Theatrical would like to do a reading of Our Town in the Opera House in October or November. Everyone seemed to think it was a good idea and that the idea should be pursued.

Mark encouraged us to look at the Arts Northwest website.

Billie said that a representative from Building for the Arts would like to come over to see what we have done and to be thinking about what we can do to show off the improvements and accomplishments.

Carol has been in contact with Stacey Rasmussen regarding showing her photographs in the Art Room.

Grants:

The Chamber of Commerce sent a letter to representatives Dent and Manweller encouraging their support of the elevator in the Capital Projects Budget.

Linda will continue to work with Billie on the Northwest Farm Credit grant due in October. We will ask for \$5,000 to continue the plumbing project in the auditorium.

Becky is working on the US Bank grant but indicated troubles getting on the website. It is due May 1. It will be written for funding for the Art Room.

Billie is continuing the work on the Building for the Arts Grant as all information needs to be submitted by June 15. We need to come up with \$50,000 of expenses and in-kind in order to not leave any money on the table. Please fill out forms and expense reports ASAP.

Karen asked if we could look into doing another art class with Charlotte Schacher. Gordon has her contact information and will try to get in touch with her via e-mail. Bunny would like to contact Brenda Johnson to do a quilt class.

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.

We are responsible for the Lions Club dinner on May 6. Discussion will be held following the meeting.

It was moved by Billie and seconded by Ed to adjourn the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Wagner, Secretary