

Minutes
Harrington Opera House Society
May 5, 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, Mike Wines, Gordon and Billie Herron, Ed and Bunny Haugan, Karen Robertson, Bonnie Hardy and Rick and Jen Smith, Marge Womack, Paul Charlton and Peter Davenport.

The minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Ed presented the treasurer's report as attached. He noted that our insurance bill for \$3,500 is due in June and that the carpet has been paid for. The next rummage sale will be May 24. It was moved by Billie and seconded by Carol to accept the report. Motion carried.

A thank you letter was read from the Stitchin' Chicks.

Discussion was held regarding the south and east walls that have had the plaster removed. Masonry sealer will likely be a necessity regardless of how the walls are actually finished. Without the plaster on the walls the room is more acoustically active than before. The consensus was to seal the brick and proceed from there. The sealer will penetrate and solidify the brick.

Gordon has not heard any more from George at Silhouette Lighting although Gordon received a list of parts needed to hang the curtains donated by EWU. Approximately \$1,000 will be needed. Bonnie did call Ida and Norma's Draperies and they were unwilling to offer any help. The curtains are 21 feet long and they need to be 13 feet. Billie volunteered to call Royal Upholstery for some advice. Gordon needs help putting up the track for the curtains.

Rick and Jen continue to work on the south sidewalk and entry remodel. Concrete will be poured the week of May 12.

Regarding the EDC Rural Development Grant, we have the grant and are using the funds.

Carol continues to coordinate the Artisan of the Month program in the art room. April featured two men from Reardan offering plasma art. On May 24th a man from Wilbur will be there with Native American flutes and guitars. Some items from previous artisans will be left on display. In the future a simple contract may be necessary. Although we don't make money it gives community artisans an opportunity.

Mark will continue talking to Les LePere about a future presentation. The Spring Festival and quilt show in the Opera House were a success. The date will be moved to the third weekend of May to encourage more participation from those bringing vintage cars. Poor weather the end of April has discouraged some from attending.

We will serve the traditional BBQ hamburgers, etc for the Lions Club on May 7.

Tayla Lynn and Eric Tingstad will be performing on October 10 at 7 p.m. There will be two 50 minute sets with a 20 minute intermission. A meet and greet will follow. Their fee is \$1,500. Billie noted that we need to market Eric as a Grammy Award Winner. Tickets will be \$20.

The piano recital on May 4 was a big success. A reception was held in the Art Room. The maximum that the room can hold comfortably is about 35 people. The curtains in the Art Room were donated by Rollie Behrens from the Coombs home and Bunny made new tiebacks. A blackout curtain at the top is needed. Heather will teach lessons until Memorial Day.

Bonnie secured some cabinets from the Davenport Presbyterian Church. They asked for a \$50 donation to be used for their mission trip. It was moved by Karen and seconded by Sheryl to give them \$50.

We will not be sponsors for the Harringotn Hide Away Two Rivers Fishing Derby.

The date for the Dog Wash will be decided later on. The Lost Pet Network, which is a new organization, will be at the dog wash. It is a networking organization and not a place to dump dogs.

The PDA would like to use the Art Room the last Tuesday of May at 7:00 p.m. No fee will be charged.

Darren Mattozzi will help write the USBank grant. It is for arts education as is the Wasmer Grant. If the grants are received the funds will be used to subsidize piano lessons. Billie will not be teaching next year so we will miss her donation.

We will need an advertising plan for the October 10 concert. Karen has changed the website domain and moved all the files. She needs to send us a bill.

Peter Davenport complimented the musicians and teachers for this past year's piano lessons

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wagner, Secretary