

HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY
Minutes
July 11, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Harrington Opera House Society was called to order by President, Billie Herron at 7:06 p.m. Present were Mark & Sheryl Stedman, Gordon & Billie Herron, Ed & Bunny Haugan, Carol Giles, Marge Womach, and Linda Wagner.

Prior to the meeting the Executive Committee met. The recommendation was made to appoint Linda chairman of the October 1 celebration for the piano and elevator. Moved and seconded to accept the recommendation.

The minutes of the June meeting were read. It was moved by Sheryl and seconded by Mark to accept minutes as corrected. Motion carried

Ed presented the treasurer's report and addendum as attached. Moved by Linda and seconded by Sheryl to accept the treasurer's report.

Correspondence: Linda read a letter from Steve Whiteside congratulating us on the purchase of the piano. The Memorandum of Understanding from Nu-Blu was received.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Committee:

Gordon reported that the energy audit by Avista is done. A report will be put together by Avista and will be sent to us indicating how we might be able to save money on our energy costs. This report will be helpful in applying for grants. One suggestion was that the building eventually be switched to a natural gas system. Avista may have more incentive programs in the future.

The elevator has a problem with the control board, and it should be fixed soon.

Currently there is \$22,900 left to draw from the capital projects grant. \$8,500 has been received in in-kind which is working capital.

Those involved with the Strite wedding asked if we could clean the art room restroom prior to October 8 and install handrails on the middle stairs to the stage. No action was taken.

Our goal will be to begin cleaning the basement by early September.

There will be \$129 yearly expense from Labor and Industries to inspect the elevator.

Recap:

The Bel Canto concert was well attended.

The July 3rd rummage sale and opera house tours went well with a steady stream of folks especially at the rummage sale.

Kelli Tanke is working on the INWCF grant. Billie will be in contact with her so it can be completed.

Heather Safe has been teaching summer piano lessons one day a month. There have been 9 students.

Billie will try to get ahold of Lorraine Gilliland regarding their piano.

Events:

There will be a violin recital on August 14. This will be an experiment for us as we will be asking for donations from those attending. No snacks will be served.

Friday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. Nu-Blu will make a return visit.

Friday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m., the Needhams will be returning for a performance. This is Fall Festival Friday. Billie is the point person. There will not be snacks. We will be paid \$100.

A lapel microphone is much-needed. Karen is willing to do research. It was moved by Mark and seconded by Carol to give Karen permission to purchase a lapel mic up to a cost of \$200.

Saturday, October 1 will be the piano and elevator dedication/celebration.

October 8 is the wedding of Lance Strite and Jessica Siberian.

October 22, pianist John Nilsen, will perform. 7:00 p.m.

Scott Kirby, pianist, poet and artist, will be here November 19. 4:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Linda reported that Steve Whiteside had contacted her with an offer to purchase music stands for the Opera House. All agreed that we should accept his generous offer. Linda will contact him.

Bunny is continuing to get ideas to decorate the auditorium floor restroom and lobby as well as the snack area. Can't do much more till all the plumbing and counters are installed.

Mark and Sheryl are willing to help with the celebration committee.

Linda will check out the NW Farm Credit grant again.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The next meeting will be on August 1.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wagner, Secretary

