

**MINUTES**  
**Harrington Opera House Society**  
**July 6, 2015**

The monthly meeting of the Harrington Opera House Society was called to order by president, Mark Stedman, at 7:07 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, Stephen and Rebecca Hardy, and Marge Womach.

The agenda was approved as presented

The minutes of the June 1, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Ed presented the June 2015 treasurer's report as attached. The reimbursement check for the Building for the Arts grant has yet to be deposited. Our certificate of deposit at AmericaWest Bank expires August 1. The current amount is \$2,019.74. Ed was directed to let it roll over for one more year. It was moved by Bonnie and seconded by Becky to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

None

**Old Business**

The floors are done in the auditorium. Additional cleaning is needed before the August 29 performance of Nu-Blu. Gordon has been working with Kyser Plumbing and the electrical people. Kyser received a check prior to completion in order to help with our reimbursement for the BFA grant. The shades in the auditorium and art room were installed. There is already an improvement in keeping the rooms cooler.

We have received two bids for proscenium art work. One artist withdrew her bid. Carol made a motion to discuss the proposals at our next meeting. Bonnie seconded it and the motion was approved.

**New Business**

**Events:**

Nu-Blu will be in concert on August 29 at 7:00 p.m. Karen will begin advertising and ticket information after she returns from vacation. Their fee is \$500 with a 50/50 split after expenses.

The Needhams would like to return on September 22 for a concert. As in the past, they will need to pay \$100 plus provide proof of insurance. Billie is the new contact person as Pastor Jim Beattie is moving. We have not served snacks in the past.

The Spokane Magic Club will do a benefit on Friday, September 25 during Fall Festival. Tickets will be \$5 each or \$10 for a family. There will be no pre-sales on tickets. They will be advertised as available at the door.

Scott Kirby will be presenting his show of art, music and video on Saturday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Jaymie Wilcox will be married in the Opera House on Saturday, October 24.

No confirmation as of yet on Peter Davenport doing a presentation to benefit the PDA.

Mark is still working with Drew Kowalkowski regarding Davenport Theatrical presenting "Our Town." We would just provide the venue. A possible time is the first of November.

Mark noted that the Arts Northwest conference is in November.

Other possible artists mentioned for 2016 are Michael and Keleren Milham who are a guitar/vocal duo. And Lace and Lead a country duo whose member is the granddaughter of Glen and Eileen Tanke. The Panhandle Polecats would also like to return.

Members were encouraged to let Mark know of any community artists who may like to present their work.

### **Other**

Mark, Billie, Gordon and Linda met with Joyce Hawkins of Steinway. Steinway is no longer willing to provide us with use of a piano rent free for future events. There is currently a \$5,000 credit on their books to be used for future purchase. The cost would be \$1,000 for three days rental plus moving expense which could be anywhere from \$1,500 to \$2,500 depending on the movers. It would take a minimum upfront investment of \$2,500 - \$3,000 for future concerts. Mark visited with the organizers of previous Grande Interlude performances. All agreed that it was not financially feasible to continue to have the concerts as in the past and that a plan needed to be developed to bring the project to a conclusion within parameters that are affordable and would not jeopardize other fundraising and operations accounts.

Mark, Linda, Michael, Bonnie, Stephen and Rebecca met to develop a proposal to be submitted to members regarding ideas (attached) on how and why to move forward to a conclusion of the purchase of a piano. Members were also given a copy of Steinway's list (attached) of prices and sizes which included a 7' Steinway, and a 7'1" and 6'4" Boston made by Steinway. A quote for a 5'10" Boston will also be requested.

Mark noted that three years ago we were remiss in not approving as a group the raising of funds for purchase of a piano. In order to rectify that, a motion was made by Linda and seconded by Stephen to seek efforts to purchase a piano. The vote was 8 in favor, 2 against and 1 abstention.

Mark will be contacting Steinway to get in writing a specific contract and our obligations prior to a final decision. In order to lock in 2015 prices, a decision must be made by December 31, 2015 regarding our intent.

### **Grants:**

There is still no word about our capital budget request for an elevator but we are still listed in the budget.

Billie and Linda will work on the NW Farm Credit Grant and ask for \$5,000 to go towards the bathrooms upstairs. It is due October 1.

### **Good of the Order**

The next meeting will be on Monday, August 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Wagner, Secretary