

**MINUTES**  
**Harrington Opera House Society**  
**August 3, 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, Michelle Quigley, Stephen and Rebecca Hardy, Dilon Haas, Billie and Gordon Herron and Marge Womach.

The agenda was approved as presented

The minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Ed presented the June 2015 treasurer's report as attached. We began August in good shape with \$16,810 in grant funds received as of 7/31/15.

**Correspondence**

Linda read a letter from Linda Elkin regarding U.S. Bank awarding us a \$1,000 Program Support Grant. It will help to cover the expenses associated with piano lessons. The opportunity for young people to take lessons is a great service to the community.

We have \$50 worth of gift cards from JC Penney as a result of purchasing shades.

**Old Business**

We have received two bids for proscenium art work. The issue is if we can afford to do this now. Shelley Haas will use a stencil format and Tina Fisher Turner may be asked to present a more detailed idea of her proposal. At the present time we don't have specific funding or a time frame for the project completion. The executive committee was asked to appoint a proscenium project chairman who will then select committee members.

Gordon talked to Sue Lani Madsen re: the elevator project. She will freshen up her drawings She should have some bids by September, and then she will talk to us as a group. Karen would like a brief paragraph to put on the website. We will send a letter of thanks to our representatives and senators. The funding we received is a direct apportionment and we will get 100% of our expenses reimbursed.

The electrical and plumbers are done in the auditorium bathroom. Jay Kane will do some more framework. Bonnie will continue working on the baseboard.

**New Business**

The August 3 minutes indicated the approval of a motion to seek the purchase of a piano for the auditorium. The Executive Committee has recommended seeking efforts to purchase a 7'1" Boston piano as it will not have to be used with a microphone and should be a better overall fit for the auditorium. A committee, with Billie as the chair, will get specific contract information so we know exactly where we are at regarding our obligations for fundraising. It will be important to

note that the responsibility to be on the entire group to help with the fundraising efforts along with those who have worked hard in the past.

The auditorium will need to be cleaned the week of August 24 prior to the Nu-Blu concert.

### **Events:**

Nu-Blu will be in concert on August 29 at 7:00 p.m. Their fee is \$500 with a 50/50 split after expenses. Refreshments will be served. The Dog Wash will be earlier in the day coordinated by Carol.

The Needhams will 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.

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. There will be a rummage sale on Saturday, September 26.

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.

Peter Davenport will give a presentation on Friday, October 30 as a benefit for the PDA.

Davenport Theatrical would like to present "Our Town" on Saturday, November 21 at 4:00 p.m. Moved by Becky and seconded by Karen to accept this date.

Tingstad and Rumbel would like to return for a performance. They have recently been nominated for another Grammy. The suggestion was made to have them perform the first of December for a Christmas concert. Billie will correspond with Carol Tingstad.

### **Grants:**

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**

It was moved by Linda and seconded by Stephen to have our next meeting on Tuesday, September 8 so as not to conflict with Labor Day. Motion carried.

The Inlander Magazine will include an article on Harrington and other small towns in their next issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Wagner, Secretary