

**MINUTES**  
**Harrington Opera House Society**  
**September 8, 2015**

The monthly meeting of the Harrington Opera House Society was called to order by president, Mark Stedman, at 7:05 p.m. in the Art Room. Present were Mark and Sheryl Stedman, Linda Wagner, Ed and Bunny Haugan, Karen Robertson, Carol Giles, Dilon Haas, Michelle Quigley, Billie and Gordon Herron and Marge Womach.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the August 3, 2015 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Ed presented the August 2015 treasurer's report as attached. He noted that we netted \$282.51 from the Nu-Blu concert. The report was approved as presented.

**Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**Old Business**

The executive committee appointed Karen Robertson as chairman of the proscenium restoration committee. Michelle volunteered to be on the committee. More are welcome on the committee. The goal is to review the suggestions and bids that have been presented so far, come up with questions, and bring ideas back to the board.

Advertisement have been placed in the local papers and the Spokane papers for bids for the elevator. September 25 is the deadline to determine if any will be accepted. Sue Lani Madsen will be here on September 25 when they are opened. Funds from the capital budget will be directly deposited and can be drawn upon the end of September.

Billie noted that we can go back to July of 2012 to see what we have spent that has to do with the elevator and we can be immediately reimbursed. Sue Lani will be the go-between person with the contractors and the Opera House.

**New Business**

The piano committee presented a proposal from the Steinway Gallery as attached. There are discrepancies between the current proposal and previous verbal conversations as there is an increased amount due by the end of December 2015. Letters will be written in an effort to gather financial support.

Billie is working on a piano contract and Heather Safe is ready to teach piano lessons on Monday. In order to have lessons on Wednesday, a volunteer is needed in the Art Room.

Sarah Jane Johnson gave us an 1889 pump organ. A thank you letter will be written to her.

The annual meeting will be in November. This will include officer elections. The following volunteered for the nominating committee: Billie, Bunny, Linda. Committee chairman need to put annual reports together.

## **Events:**

The Nu-Blu concert and Dog Wash were successful despite the horrible dust storm that day.

The Needhams will return on September 22 for a concert. We are not responsible for advertising although Karen will include the concert in a coming events ad.

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. A half-sheet will be sent home with the kids at school. There will be a rummage sale on Saturday, September 26. Artisan, Kristi Poteet, will be in the Art Room.

The Scott Kirby show was cancelled due to his health concerns.

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

Peter Davenport will give a presentation on Friday, October 30 at 7 p.m. as a benefit for the PDA.

The Davenport Theatrical's staged reading of "Our Town" will be on Saturday, November 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Tingstad and Rumbel would like to return for a performance. However, it was decided that their fee of \$1,500 to \$3,000 was much too high.

Discussion was had regarding the opportunities to gather a list of community visual artists and community musical artists.

## **Grants:**

Billie and Linda will continue to work on the NW Farm Credit Grant and ask for \$5,000 to go towards the bathrooms upstairs. It is due October 1. The Inland Northwest Community Foundation and Capital Projects grants are due in January. There are lots of things to do within the Opera House and we need a new list of priorities which could include the museum and Art Room. Darren Mattozzi said he would help if we proceed forward.

## **Good of the Order**

The Opera House will be open during Fall Festival and those available will give tours.

Gordon said the electrical work upstairs is not done yet and he has been trying to get ahold of electricians. Sue Lani will do a walk through soon as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Wagner, Secretary