

**MINUTES**  
**Harrington Opera House Society**  
**January 8, 2018**

The monthly meeting of the Harrington Opera House Society was called to order by president, Linda Wagner at 7:03 p.m. Present were Billie and Gordon Herron, Mark and Sheryl Stedman, Ed and Bunny Haugan, Cherie MacClellan, Karen Robertson, Carol G. and Linda Wagner.

In-kind forms were available to be filled out. The minutes of the December 4, 2017 meeting were approved as read.

Ed Haugan presented the January 2018 treasurer's report and an attached report on the total expenditures and revenues for 2017. A motion by Mark Stedman and seconded by Billie Herron to approve the report as presented was passed 9-0. It was noted that at this time there is a \$1,000 grant from US Bank available and \$4,600 in a money market fund that is drawing only a few cents a month in interest. There was a brief discussion regarding the investing of the money market funds into a mutual fund or other investment that would generate more income. Linda will schedule a meeting to discuss and seek recommendations for a more profitable use of these funds.

**Authorize Bill Payment:** Carol will provide the treasurer with invoices and information of the purchase of a door sweep and electronic sensors she ordered. There was a question on an invoice of \$74.42 for supplies purchased for the construction of basement storage racks for costume storage. Minutes of the November 2017 meeting show Christian Heritage would provide racks. Since there has been work done that benefited the HOHS as well as accommodating Wheatland Theater and Christian Heritage needs, a motion was made by Mark Stedman and seconded by Sheryl Stedman to allow sharing the cost and paying \$74.42 which is ½ of the total bill. Motion carried. Karen Robertson will submit a bill for ink and paper used to print and copy for HOHS events and advertising. A letter from the Harrington Chamber of Commerce was read reminding us of 2018 membership dues. A motion was made by Karen Robertson and seconded by Mark Stedman to pay \$40 membership dues. Motion carried 9-0.

**Wi-Fi Update:** High speed internet has been connected to the Opera House and is working. Word was received that our internet service "Spectrum on Line" has been merged with "Local Tel". The Opera House Society has a three-year contract of \$600 starting January 2018 through January 2021 for \$200 per year for this service. Additional cost of installation of \$150 and a router for \$150 were also included in this package. These charges of \$900 are covered by the \$1,000 grant from US Bank.

**Building Committee:** Carol and Gordon reported the following:

1. The labeling process for various wiring and plumbing leads has begun.
2. Steps to winterize the building include draining water pipes and water tanks, anti-freeze put in drains, and the heat tape turned on.

3. It has been discovered that there is no hook up to the hot water in the ADA bathroom.
4. The electric bill for December seemed above normal. The meter will be checked and then see what the next bill from Avista shows.
5. The door sweep needs to be installed. Mark will contact Jacob Poteet to see if he is interested in installing it. Linda asked to be kept informed.
6. Passwords are needed for guest usage and membership usage of HOHS sensors and internet access.
7. Boxes stacked in the rummage room windows are unsightly and need to be removed as the floor beneath them is in need of repair.

**Art Room:** The piano scholarship offered to a local student is contingent on his participation. Heather Safe informed him of his responsibility to show up for lessons and a practice schedule.

There is the possibility of a pre-Valentine jewelry sale on February 10. Details to follow.

**Events:**

1. Kevin Hematpanah, cellist and his accompanist would like to perform on Friday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. There would be a 50/50 split of the admission donations. All snack table donations to go to the HOHS. A motion by Sheryl and seconded by Mark to proceed with this event passed 9-0.
2. Nona Hengen has paintings of Indians in the St. John area with historical significance that she would like to present in a program at the Opera House.
3. An event suggestion was to contact Jim Kershner for a list of lecture series. Nu-Blu musicians, Miss Harrington pageant, Ed Haugan China slide show, photography class, pianist, John Nilsen, in October.
4. Linda offered to write a short (1/3 page) document to be included in the Chamber newsletter asking the community what type of events they would be interested in seeing at the Opera House. This inclusion is due by January 17.

HOHS dues are due and are \$35 for a family or couple, \$35 for a business and \$25 per individual.

**Miscellaneous:** Mark Stedman made a motion to purchase a new laptop computer for a maximum of \$400, seconded by Karen. A discussion followed, and it was suggested that consideration of actual necessity and what specific functions would be beneficial to the HOHS that a laptop would provide. There was no vote on the motion and no further action taken.

There was no formal adjournment to the meeting. The next meeting is February 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Art Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Bunny Haugan, Secretary