

**MINUTES**  
**HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY**  
**February 1, 2010**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by president, Gordon Herron. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected. The treasurer's report was presented as attached. Carol moved and Sheryl seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Ed reported that the VISA loan has been paid off. We were able to pay \$23,814 in expenses for 2009 and still have \$6,619 available to begin 2010. Records have been given to Billie to give to the auditor. Carol entertained the idea of having a pie chart available to show income and expense for individual events.

**OLD BUSINESS**  
**Building Project**

Gordon said there are several grants available that may offer an opportunity to ask for funding for an elevator. However, we first need to get the engineering completed. He suggested that we first pursue a grant to fund the engineering and architectural work necessary to continue with the elevator project. The firm of ALSC originally quoted us \$105,000 architectural services. We are at a standstill for the elevator until engineering is done. Grants for engineering will be a priority.

Gordon and Gale have been doing the sheet rocking in the lobby. A local individual will finish the taping, etc. for \$200. Gordon was given the approval to hire him.

Gordon passed out a diagram of the lighting project. It will include recessed lighting, chandeliers and wall sconces. Gropp Electric bid \$18,500 to do the project. This price does not include fixtures. Karen moved and Gale seconded the motion to accept the bid and purchase the light fixtures, including the scones with a wheat design. The motion carried. Gordon will try to get a price break from Lowe's Hardware on some of the fixtures we will need.

Lowe's Hardware has a grant available focusing on education. Billie will work with Monte to try to complete the grant by February 15 with the hope to get equipment that can be used by the school in the Opera House.

**Grant Writing**

The funds of \$9,000 have yet to be received from Lincoln County.

Billie sent in the Inland Northwest Foundation Grant. She was thanked for her hard work. We probably won't hear anything for at least 90 days. This grant was for auditorium insulation and drywall.

We are still waiting to hear about the possibility of another Avista grant.

Billie is continuing to work hard to find additional grant funding. A representative from the USDA will be visiting on Thursday with the hope to receive a USDA grant.

Additional grant funding is desperately needed. All members were encouraged to look for additional grants. Wanda indicated that USBank may have more grants available.

Carol suggested once again asking Cathy McMorris for assistance.

**Events**

The wedding of Jordan Wagner and Heather Yirak will be on March 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the Opera House.

Carol, Linda, Monte, Sharyn & Gordon met briefly before the meeting to come up with a preliminary fee schedule to present to Carolyn Greer in her request to use the Opera House for a family reunion. Monte noted that the school district charges \$25/hour or \$125/day. Those attending agreed that this is a good place to start but further details will have to be ironed out by a Facilities Use Committee. Carolyn Greer will be given this preliminary information. However, a policy will have to be written which will include additional items. Volunteers are needed to serve on the committee. It was suggested that the Cutter Theater may have a sample that we can use. All agreed that a lengthy usage policy is not necessary.

Two singing groups, "Tapestry" and "Bel Canto" would like to perform in the Opera House. Former Harrington resident, Jayne Ottmar Beauchene sings with "Bel Canto". Billie will be in further contact with her.

It was the consensus that rather than having an events coordinator that the initial contact person follow through with the organizing of an event. This has worked well in the past.

**Other**

Gordon received the details from Lynn Richardson regarding construction on the staircase and our obligation of an additional \$6,000. The work was ceased prior to its completion. Richardson said he would either reduce a portion of the bill or finish the project for nothing. Sheryl moved and Karen seconded the motion that we pay the \$6,000 if he finishes the staircase for free. Following discussion, which included a concern that we have a guarantee that the work will be completed in a timely manner and according to the architects drawings, the motion was amended to read that Richardson complete the project to the architects specifications at no further cost to the Opera House Society. Linda moved and Gale seconded to accept the amended motion. The motion was approved.

Karen said that we now have an e-mail account which is [info@harringtonoperahouse.org](mailto:info@harringtonoperahouse.org) and that we will also be on Facebook.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Linda Wagner  
Secretary,

**Present at the meeting:** Gordon Herron, Billie Herron, Ed Haugan, Bunny Haugan, Carol Giles, Wanda Buddrius, Karen Robertson, Linda Wagner, Gale Dick, Cassandra Dick, Bob Hazelbrook, Dave Michaleson, Sharyn Denny, Paul Charlton, Sheryl Stedman, Celeste Miller and Monte Swenson, Sharyn Denny