

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE HARRINGTON OPERA HOUSE SOCIETY
FEBRUARY 5, 2018

The February meeting of the HOHS was called to order by President Linda Wagner at 7:03pm on February 5, 2018. Those present were:

Gordon Herron	Marjorie Womach	Carol & Billie arrived later
Mark & Cheryl Stedman	Cherie MacClellan	
Linda Wagner	Karen Robertson	
Ed & Bunny Haugan	Susan Larmer	

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the January 18th meeting were read and a typographical error was corrected. The minutes were approved as amended. Motion carried 9-0.

TREASURER REPORT

Co- Treasurer, Ed Haugan presented the treasurer's report (attached) and gave copies to those present. He stated that monthly operation expenses for the Opera House would be about \$900.00 per month for 2018. Investing some of the money, currently earning a small amount of interest, could generate more interest and help cover any shortfall we could experience from lack of donors. A faithful monthly donor will not be able to continue his support due to health issues. A motion by Mark Stedman and seconded by Cheryl Stedman approved the financial report as presented. Motion carried 9-0.

A request from a member to count the actual "yes" or "no" votes and record the number as opposed to just stating the motion carried. We will make an effort to do that.

CORRESPONDENCE

A card was signed for Bill Livingston and a thank you card and donation toward a gift card at the Post & Office was suggested for Stacey Rasmussen who did the phone class in the Art Room.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

1) Mark reported that having Jacob Poteet do some work on the door sweeps was not working out. Mark did report that he had spoken with Bob Rose who could put the sweeps on and work on the storage doors in front of the stage.

2) Linda had received a quote from Davenport Building Supply for molding at 50 cents a linear foot. Mark and Gordon recommended a mop-board type of molding. Mark offered to measure the bathroom areas and order the amount of molding needed to finish the outside flat walls and then paint the molding a shade of grey.

3) The members were reminded that we still have projects to complete in our efforts to rehabilitate our Opera House building. A list of "yet to do" projects was available. Members were encouraged to take a list and prioritize the tasks listed.

RUMMAGE ROOM DISCUSSED

Comments concerning the view of the "over-flow stuff" in the rummage room windows prompted a group discussion. It was agreed the financial contributions received from the sales that Carol and Marge promote is a source of income that is substantial and would be missed if we did not have it.

The lack of space to store donated items between sales, no heat, no insulation and poor lighting are a challenge to work with or without. A plan to renovate the space would be difficult unless the space was cleared out. Gordon commented that it would be difficult to do work in the room with all the rummage filling the space.

The basic feeling during this discussion always returned to the fact it is a substantial money maker for us. So, do we really want to end the "rummage era" or try to resolve the problem of a lack of usable space to adequately house rummage from one sale day to the next.

Ideas that were expressed:

- 1) Contact Value Village or Salvation Army to come down and take the stuff
- 2) Have a "big sale" possibly at the Memorial Hall that would have more area to display rummage and then get rid of the unsold stuff.
- 3) A comment about the "Carrot Patch" building that Gordon and Billie have a key to. There would be expenses involved such as utility bills from Avista and the City, insurance, rent & etc. Gordon commented he and Billie (she was not present) would discuss the proposal. No further action was taken. The curtains at the windows were closed eliminating the view of boxes in the window.
- 4) Marge commented that she and Carol were not in favor of moving to a new location.

ART ROOM ACTIVITY

A Valentine Day sale will take place in the Art room on February 10, 2018 between 10:00am & 2:00pm. Books, jewelry, and other special items will be for sale.

EVENTS

- 1) Phone event was very well received and talk of possibly having a second class.
- 2) A suggestion for a geologist to talk about the local area
- 3) Kevin Hekmatpanah and Pauline Zamora will perform on March 2, 2018.
- 4) The Seattle Shakespeare Co, a visiting theater will do a performance of Romeo and Juliet on March 27, 2018 after lunch (1:00ish) The public is invited, donations will be accepted.
- 5) Miss Harrington not a firm commitment at this time.
- 6) Spring recital has no date set

MISCELLANEOUS

Linda would like to schedule a clean-up day the end of February and the water can be turned on.

Karen is working on the newsletter but has been very busy.

The U.S. Bank grant has been submitted and has been received by U.S. Bank.

A question regarding any obligation the Opera House has regarding the elevator grant. Gordon stated the only stipulation was that we could not sell the building for a profit for 10 years. The HOHS owns the building and has no further obligation to the State.

COMMENTS FROM CAROL

Carol was unable to attend the meeting so she left her comments to be read and shared with those present. She felt the bill for the basement clothing rack project should not have been a shared expense with the Wheatland Theater, Christian Heritage and the Opera House. She also was concerned that the bill had been challenged. That could have a negative feeling toward the Opera House folks and contrary to what was agreed upon. She mentioned she, Gordon and Mr. Hernas had a verbal agreement during the initial communications to make this shared project happen and she applauded their participation.

Her correspondence also stated a second phase of construction would cover a refurbished first floor staircase and additional storage. She stated that the Opera House was asked by Mr. Hernas to draw up plans, list materials needed and prices. Mr. Hernas will then discuss that information and cost with his group, and he has pledged to help with construction. Comments were acknowledged by the officers and members but no action was needed. President Linda commented that the shared bill was all taken care of and no longer needed to be discussed. Once again lack of clear, shared communications from various negotiating persons resulted in unnecessary problems. No comments were heard or any action taken on the proposed staircase and additional storage mentioned in Carol's comments.

No further business and the meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Bunny Haugan, Recording Secretary