

**Harrington Opera House Society**  
**Minutes**  
**February 6, 2012**

Linda called the meeting to order a 7PM. Those in attendance were Gordon, Billie, Bunny, Edwin, Mark, Sheryl, Karen, Celeste, Paul and special guest Dennis Bly. Sheryl read the minutes from January meeting. A correction was made to the slate of officers - Gordon Herron and Sheryl Stedman are co-secretaries. Billie made a motion to approve the corrected minutes and Celeste 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried. Ed gave the treasurers report. The Opera House received its permanent property tax exemption. Celeste moved we accept the treasurer report as given, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried.

**Building Project:** Clint Dinwiddie is painting the trim on the art room and apartment exterior a cream and red to match other trim. The cost will be \$175 each section (art room, apartment.)

**Fund Raising:** Linda sent letters, including our annual report, to about 60 former donors. Ed received back \$685 in memberships and other donations!!

**Grant Writing:** We sent out the papers for the Inland NW Community Foundation asking for \$35,000. Billie said we won't hear back from them until June. The contract for the Building For The Arts grant has been read and signed, now we just wait and see how Washington state budget goes. Margie Hall of the EDC suggests we look into the Reeves Foundation for our elevator, since that foundation is all about handicap accessibility. Dennis Bly presented the Opera House with the letter telling us we had received the \$25,000 Lincoln County Commissioners grant!

**Events:** Tingstad and Rumble is March 17 at 7PM. Karen made posters and we all need to be selling tickets. March 18 Larry & Susan Weil will speak at 4PM. The Ritzville Community Theater want to present on April 21 a Hollywood Squares type production with audience participation. They would do this for \$100 or 10% of receipts after expenses. We would need to come up with 8 prizes. Billie will contact Mary at Phase II about her son Joshua's band 5Times Over to give a concert later in the spring.

**Other Business:** We saw pictures of display cases to buy with the Davenport Study Club donation. A unanimous yes vote was taken to purchase the display case Linda found for \$1996. We hope to have it here for March 17 concert. It was agreed to send the study club 10 tickets to the March 17 concert.

The teen club HCATS have until the end of March to spend \$2000 and are looking into a video monitor system to use in the Opera House foyer for overflow to watch the upstairs program. The Harrington Chamber is planning a Spring Festival April 28 and is talking about having a quilt show in the Opera House.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM. Next months meeting will be 7PM, March 5.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheryl Stedman, Secretary