

Harrington Opera House Society

Minutes

July 9, 2018

The meeting of the Harrington Opera House Society was called to order by President Linda Wagner at 7:05pm on July 9, 2018.

Those present were:

Mark & Sheryl Stedman

Gordon & Billie Herron

Ed & Bunny Haugan

Becky Moeller

Ellen Evans

Marjorie Womach

Carol Giles

MINUTES

The minutes were available to those present and approved as read.

TREASURER REPORT

Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed to those present. A recap of the revenue and expenditures for the Nu Blu and the Panhandle Polecats was shared. The June ending balance in the checking account was \$19,689.16. A motion by Mark and second by Billie accepted the report as given. Motion carried 10-0.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ETC

1) We were notified that the HOHS Lions Club dinner is scheduled for May 1, 2019

2) A letter received from US Bank notified the HOHS that we were awarded a \$1,000.00 grant. This will be earmarked for music enrichment. Pictures for promotion were taken and will be sent to the local papers. Billie and Summer Shockley from US Bank were included in the picture receiving the check.

At this time the discussion turned to the necessity to continue pursuing grant dollars for further renovations to the building. The following suggestions were heard:

1) Safety issues such as wiring and hand rails

2) Work with Avista to evaluate the building for a new gas furnace that would be more efficient.

3) Work toward finishing the rummage room and also consider paint and molding in the Art Room.

Also there were comments regarding some minor touch-ups yet to complete the restroom molding project.

DONATIONS VS TICKET SALES FOR EVENTS

A suggestion resulted in a group discussion regarding having donations to the Opera House events instead of ticket sales. Pros and cons were heard, but the goal to encourage attendance at events and promote interest from the community, supported the notion that donations might be a positive way to support our goal. The consensus was to try the donation idea for the rest of the year on a trial basis.

ART ROOM USAGE

The group discussed the purpose of the Art Room and its usage. Some thoughts that were heard were:

1) a meeting room

2) share space with the rummage room

3) music room and supervised craft space for children on music lesson days

4) a neat and tidy space available when needed with no definite purpose.

Linda attempted to contact Dr. Graves at EWU regarding possible students interested in teaching music lessons, but no response at this time.

It was suggested we advertise in the Lincoln Advertiser for 2 weeks looking for a teacher for piano, vocal, or instrumental instruction for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) Pine and Cherry during Oct, Nov. or Dec in order to get financial funding for help with travel and lodging for the speaker from the sponsoring organization. Nov. 18 2018 was tentatively scheduled.
- 2) The Old Time Fiddlers had several options discussed. Dates considered were Sept 22 or 23 and Oct. 13 at 7:00, but no decision was able to be determined at this time.
- 3) Events for Oct. 6, Oct. 27, Nov 9 and Dec. 1 have all been set and confirmed.

The snack table was discussed. It was suggested we consider snacks for the musical events that have intermissions and offer coffee for the lecture programs which are shorter with no breaks.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm. Next meeting will be Aug. 6, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Bunny Haugan, Recording Secretary