Minutes of the Haskell Free Library and Opera House

Board of Trustees

August 19, 2015

Present: Frances Bonenfant, Carol Power, Matthew Farfan, Patricia Hunt

1. **Call to Order**: 6:30 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes**: Moved by Frances and seconded by Carol to accept the July 15, 2015 minutes as presented.

3. **Business Arising**:

   a. OH chandelier: Rick and Phil gave Matthew a lesson in lowering the chandelier. He can, in turn, give a lesson to anyone that desires to learn the operation.

   b. Fundraising letter: this item will be discussed at the next meeting as no draft was available. We should be thinking of ways to expand our base of donors, and perhaps personalizing more of the letters with notes.

4. **Opera House Report**:

   a. Members present were unclear about where the Marquis is located. Further discussion is needed next month.

   b. Moved by Frances and seconded by Pat to replace bulbs with LED lights.

   c. Air conditioner concerns were discussed. There seems to be some confusion as to when the AC should be turned on/off. Left on all of the time, hours/ days before a show?? Further discussion of this is needed in the future to clarify.

   The air conditioner shut off during a show, and Leprohon from Sherbrooke was called for a service call. It was discovered that it had been 8 years since we had had it serviced. They found dirty filters, bugs, and faulty switches. They spent one full day, and part of another for a cost of $1865.00. Matthew requested that they provide us with a quote for a service contract so this would not happen again.

5. **Library Report:**

   a. No boiler update was available.

   b. It was agreed to ask the Town of Derby for $7500.00 at town meeting next year. Pat will ask Nancy to get the petitions ready so we can get the required signatures (160 voters) by January 2016 to be placed on the warning.

6. **Financial Report:** The financial report was not accepted as there were several questions on the report.

7. **Other:** Building Committee: The general consensus is that we need a committee with the specific purpose of keeping track of the building and ensuring that maintenance is taken care of on a regular basis. More discussion will follow at next meeting.

8. **Adjourn**: 7:07 P.M.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 6:30 P.M.

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Patricia Hunt