

**DRAFT - Minutes of the Haskell Free Library & Opera House
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, November 19, 2014**

Present: Claire Roberts, Patricia Hunt, Frances Bonenefant, Ross Murray, Matthew Farfan, Nancy Rumery

1. Call to Order: 6:35 p.m.

2. October minutes: Correction to October minutes: The name of the television show filmed at the Haskell was “Le Petit Seduction,” not “La Grand Seduction.” Moved and seconded to accept the October minutes as corrected. All in favor.

3. Opera House Report

- a) Bathroom and door handle upgrades: discussion postponed until Lynn's return
- b) Thermostat location and training: postponed until Lynn's return
- c) Opera House contract: Very few changes, namely date and job title from “opera house manager” to “opera house director” to avoid confusion with house manager's position. Discussion regarding the connotation of “director” in terms of the administration of the corporation. However, it's felt that, as a contractor, this should not be an issue. Duties stay the same. Moved and seconded to accept the Opera House contract as presented. All in favor.
- d) Re recognition of gift from Wm Boudreau: ask Lynn what she has in mind upon her return.

4. Library Report

- a) Toddler time continues to be twice a week and is proving to be successful. There were 91 in attendance in October.
- b) Stage curtains: We are in our last season of fireproofing. The grant Lynn is writing is supposed cover this.
- c) Matthew would like to see the vintage sets used somehow, feeling it's a shame they are packed away. He would like to bring it up again in December.
- d) We received a nice thank you from the winner of the quilt along with a donation to cover the cost of shipping and a bit extra.
- e) The website's governance page is ready. Draft minutes need to be posted within five days of the meeting. Starting now! Enjoy reading these minutes, everyone.
- f) Lighting: no news
- g) a WIFI-enabled TV has been donated to the Reading Room.

5. Financial Report

Moved and seconded to adopt the October financial report as presented. All in favor.

6. Old business

- a) Responses to the fundraising letter have begun to come in. Thank you to Nancy for her excellent work and organization.
- b) Alarm system: no news
- c) Insulation: no news
- d) Mosaic: no news
- e) Revised budget: There are too many unanswered questions. Adoption postponed until December when Tom will be available.

7. New business

- a) The Colby-Curtis Museum is in the midst of a capital campaign to match a grant for current renovations of \$142,000. After dipping into their endowment, they need to raise \$50,000 by end of their fiscal year. We take note of this, as we have many shared donors.
- b) Frances says we shouldn't count on any grants from the Province of Quebec due to ongoing austerity

measures.

c) Matthew will phone federal MP Jean Rousseau to ask if he wants to put another ad on our website as in the past.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting December 17, 2014 Start Time: 6:30 p.m.

Ross Murray, secretary