

## Draft – Minutes of the Haskell Free Library and Opera House

### Board of Trustees

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Present: Carol Power, Ann Marie Boushel, Frances Bonenfant, Tom Adams, Patricia Hunt, Matthew Farfan, Lynn Leimer, Nancy Rumery, Phil Gosselin, Jenny Dunne, Melanie Noel

Time prior to the meeting was spent updating signatures, proofs of identity and email accounts for new officers and members, as needed by banks, Fidelity and the board.

1. **Call to order:** 6:40 p.m.
  
2. **Introduction:** Ann Marie Boushel. Welcome to our newest board member!
  
3. **Melanie Noel :** Fidelity Investment, Our investments have had a good year with nearly 9% return for the last 12 months. The type of investments we have are protected from fluctuations of the market and not impacted by the dollar value. The value of our investment has risen in the last year, even with a 5% withdrawal. At the present time we have 40% in fixed and 60% in growth investment. For the past year, the fixed income assets have produced close to the same as the growth investment. No changes are expected in the near future due to the Canadian economy and as long as oil prices are down.
  
4. **February Minutes:** Moved by Frances, seconded by Tom, to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor.
  
5. **New Business:**
  - a. Tom has requested that we be remembered by the Community National Bank this year when they are giving donations. Unsure of when or how much we might receive.
  - b. We have received a donation from MP Jean Rousseau
  
6. **Opera House Report:**

a. We received a donation for Adopt a Seat with payment through Pay Pal. The woman now wants a receipt. This is a problem since the money did not go into the foundation. Lynn will check with Sylvie and email this person back. Canadian donations through Pay Pal are a problem to be explored.

b. Having a “bar” for the Opera House is on the back burner because of licensing issues being more complicated than originally anticipated.

c. Lynn has been busily working on several grants and is waiting to get confirmation of guidelines for matching funds (in kind?/matching funds)

d. The early startup date for the Opera House was discussed. Heat, water and the elevator will need to be functional before the 24<sup>th</sup> of April

e. No one seems to remember elevator pads, even checking back with Kim, but clips are available that can be used with quilts

f. Lynn will talk to Claire about the new cleaners of the Opera House, the Nicholetti’s since we do not have contact numbers or other information about them

**7. Library Report:** Library has been very quiet, no problems in the last month!

**8. Financial Report:** Tom went over line items of this month’s financial report. Motion moved by Frances and seconded by Carol to approve the February report as presented. All agreed to the pre-buy of oil of 2300 gallons at 259.9 a gallon.

**9. Other: By Laws:** Copies of the By-Laws were sent by Nancy. Everyone is requested to look at them, make notes and offer suggestions of ways they might be made clearer: such as Terms of board members.

Adjourned at 7:50

**Next meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**

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Patricia Hunt

