

**MINUTES OF THE WOODSTOCK OPERA HOUSE  
ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, February 16, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Advisory Commission of the City of Woodstock was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Tony Casalino on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 in the Woodstock Opera House Library. A roll call was taken.

**Those present were:** Tony Casalino, John Scharres, Kris Hall, Keith Johnson, Brandon Pacyna, John Puzzo, Roger Zawacki.

**Absent:** Elaine Riner, Karen Wells

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. John Puzzo motion to approve the minutes, Keith Johnson second. All ayes. The minutes of January 19<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Tony Casalino – Chair** - I received a copy of the letter sent to the Mayor from Mark Schiffer announcing his formal resignation and dissolving of the Woodstock Mozart Festival. This month my article features Brandon Pacyna. Next article will be on Billy Seeger director of “Into The Woods” and my future article will be on Jim Hecht.

**Woodstock Opera House – John Scharres**

Groundhog Day was very busy and received lots of media coverage here. The Woodstock Community Choir performed in the main auditorium on January 31<sup>st</sup>. This program was funded by Friends of the Opera House. Over 300 in attendance for this program and it was also broadcast on Spanish television. The budget has been preliminarily approved. It now needs to go through City Council in April. Our programming fund has been approved for an increase due to open dates from Mozart ending. Overall, attendance was up and expenses were down. Our department van has serious corrosion issues and needs to be replaced.

**Keith Johnson – Member at Large**

Open mics – two per month are doing well. The sound workshop in the café went well.

**Brandon Pacyna – Member at Large**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Roger Zawacki – TownSquare Players**

We are currently in rehearsal for Mary Poppins. We have sold 1800 seats so far. It opens in 3 weeks. Set auditions for June show. “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” will be directed by Randy Knott from Hanover Park.

**Kris Hall – Woodstock Fine Arts Association**

We had a very successful program with Candice Millard in January. There was a PBS special one week after her visit. February Creative Living hosted Paul Gehl from Newberry Library. March will feature Phil Ponce. We are currently waiting on scholarship applications for Talent Showcase.

**Elaine Riner – Woodstock Musical Theatre Company – Absent, No report**

**John Puzzo – Friends of the Opera House –** The Friends fundraising event “That’s Amore” took place Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and sold out. It was very well attended. We made more money this year than last year and there was dancing in both rooms. This year the Friends have given \$2500 dollars to Community theatre groups for opening night receptions.

**OLD BUSINESS - End of Year Advisory Reports**

A motion to approve end of year Advisory reports. Kris Hall motioned to approve. John Puzzo second. No discussion. End of year reports approved. [Note: There will be no closing report for Mozart Festival].

**NEW BUSINESS – None**

The next meeting: April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn. John Puzzo motioned and Roger Zawacki seconded.  
Meeting adjourned 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Steinkamp, Advisory Secretary