

**MINUTES OF THE WOODSTOCK OPERA HOUSE
ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, February 18, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Advisory Commission of the City of Woodstock was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Chairman Tony Casalino on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 in the Woodstock Opera House Library. A roll call was taken.

Those present were: John Scharres, Tony Casalino, Ed Hall, Keith Johnson, Mark Schiffer, Elaine Riner, Kris Hall

Absent: Char Ulanowski, Karen Wells, Lisa Kelly

Approval of Minutes

Ed Hall motion to approve, Elaine Riner second. All ayes. The minutes of October 15th, 2013 were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tony Casalino - Chair

This month's article will feature Betsy Stemple, TSP President. The previous article was on Michael Stanard of One Zero Charlie. TSP Shows are coming up and we will spotlight those programs. Any ideas for future stories, please contact me.

John Scharres – Woodstock Opera House

Position open at the Opera House for Production Manager.

Deadline for submitting your application via email to the Human Resource Department is March 14, 2014.

Equipment for the lighting system upgrade is on the City Council agenda for tonight. We will no longer need gels.

The budget for 2013-2014 is in its final stages with the City. This goes into effect May 1, 2014. Chairs for City Band are being replaced over the summer. Auditorium ceiling will be repaired and painted. The Café wood floor will be replaced by the front door. Freezer in Café will also be replaced.

Opera House recording before show will be played regarding silencing cell phones and no photos. After review of our original recording, the Mayor will record the final message played. Producers can add their own message after the Opera House recording has been played.

Tony Casalino - In addition to his report, added he is no longer on the Woodstock Celebrates board. He fulfilled his one year term. RB Thompson is on the board but not as President. Gunnar Gitlin is on the board.

Keith Johnson – Member at Large

Open Mic held a fundraiser last Friday for Georgia Ray of the Georgia Ray family band. This was to help send her to the Nationals competition for fiddle contest. She had already won state. We raised \$600.

Ed Hall – Vice Chair

Leo Kottke is coming in September of 2014 for his 29th year.

Mark Schiffer – Mozart Festival

There will be two occasions this spring to attend a benefit concert for Mozart Festival. The first benefit concert is on April 12, 2014 at the Sanfillippo Estate in Barrington Hills. The second fundraiser is at the Cuneo Museum in Vernon Hills and is a low budget event.

Char Ulanowski – Absent, no report.

Kris Hall – Woodstock Fine Arts Association

Our 50th anniversary has been successful. All six speakers are booked for our 2014-2015 season. This Thursday Creative Living is featuring Richard Cahan and Michael Williams presenting the photographs of Vivian Maier who was a nanny in Chicago. She took hundreds of breathtaking pictures in the City.

The Talent show is scheduled for early May. The Raue Center has begun a program similar to Creative Living. Their program is called Artful Women and is in the evening a week after Creative Living. We are still working on getting high school students tickets to see the program.

Elaine Riner – Woodstock Musical Theatre Company

Annie rehearsing in 3-4 weeks. We added a matinée. Ticket sales are going well. The dog for “Annie” is working well. Both the “Annie’s” are doing well. The show opens April 4th. Our next season will be “Little Shop of Horrors”, “A Christmas Carol”, and “Oliver”.

Lisa Kelly – Friends – Absent

John reported there will be another 50/50 raffle again this year. Working on a Friends fundraiser possibly getting John Astin the weekend before Halloween.

Old Business

John discussed the business of the Opera House marquee. Photos of proposed site ideas were distributed. John said some council members thought Calhoun Street or Dean Street would be a good location. The back of the building, over the Café and the back of the Annex were also proposed. John proposed a compromise near or in front of the column of the Café.

A vote was taken on the Marquee concepts handout proposed by the Hitchcock Design Group and the Advisory Committee considered the placement of the marquee as Option 1A as seen on the handout.

Elaine Riner motioned to accept the proposal, Kris Hall seconded. All ayes, no nays, no further discussion.

New Business

Annual reports were received from all members represented with the exception of Char Ulanowski, TownSquare Players and Karen Wells, at large member. Both were absent at this meeting.

A motion was made to approve annual reports. Kris Hall motioned to approve and Mark Schiffer seconded the motion. All ayes, no nays, no further discussion.

The next meeting of the Advisory Commission will be April 15, 2014.

Motion to adjourn

Elaine Riner motioned to adjourn and Keith Johnson seconded the motion. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned 5:38 p.m.

**The next meeting of the Advisory Commission will be Tuesday,
April 15th, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
in the Library of the Woodstock Opera House.**
