

**MINUTES OF THE WOODSTOCK OPERA HOUSE
ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Advisory Commission of the City of Woodstock was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by John Scharres on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 in the Woodstock Opera House Library. A roll call was taken.

Those present were: John Scharres, Mark Schiffer, Keith Johnson, John Puzzo, Kris Hall, and Roger Zawacki.

Absent: Tony Casalino, Ed Hall, Karen Wells, Elaine Riner

Approval of Minutes

Kris Hall motion to approve, John Puzzo second. All ayes. The minutes of April 21st, 2015 were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tony Casalino – Chair Absent – No report.

Woodstock Opera House – John Scharres

John reported the administrative office renovation is almost complete and it revealed original wainscoting. This part will be restored. John reported that perimeter lighting project is in progress. The old lighting system will be replaced on the horizon lines of buildings with LED's. John Astin will be performing in the Opera House this Saturday, October 24th. We currently have 100 tickets sold and have VIP reception tickets still available. This is a rare appearance. The Christmas Tree Walk is full with 31 trees registered this year. All are encouraged to participate in the upcoming Christmas parade. The roof over the green room was repaired for leaks.

Keith Johnson – Member at Large

Reported that Georgia Rae won the annual fiddle contest. He noted they are a very talented band from having sponsored young musicians over the years.

Mark Schiffer – Woodstock Mozart Festival

Mark reported that earlier this month, the Woodstock Music Festival and trio of musicians gave a performance at the Unitarian church in Naperville. About 170 people were in attendance. Our summer concerts on average sold 23 more seats than last year. Our bottom line...we are no worse off.

Roger Zawacki – TownSquare Players

We had a successful summer workshop with approximately 35 kids. These were week-long classes. Next, we are having a TSP Halloween party at the Stage Left Café on Friday, October 30th. Cost is \$15 TSP members, \$20 non-members. There will be a cash bar and prizes. This year we are having a three show season. "White Christmas" will begin on November 6th through the 20th. We are having auditions for "Mary Poppins" on November 16th, 17th and call backs on

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the 19th. Need 22 adults and 4 children for “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest”. Roger stated that TSP is in need of wireless mics. Kris Hall mentioned that WFAA purchased 3 wireless mics and would talk to her board to see if more could be purchased for the Opera House and theatre companies to use when needed.

Kris Hall – Woodstock Fine Arts Association

Kris reported the recent Children’s program was a sold out program. The first Creative Living performance featured Rebecca Eaton who produced Masterpiece Theatre. This program received great press. This year 5 out of our 6 speakers are being sponsored by a grant. Our November speaker is a cookbook author. We are currently working on 2016/2017 series.

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

John Puzzo – Friends of the Opera House

We are selling 50/50 raffle tickets. They are selling well. Thank you to Keith Johnson and the Woodstock Farmers Market for allowing us to sell tickets during the Market. We have sold over \$3000 dollars to date. A gift/bequest of \$100,000 was donated to Friends. Friends budgeted spending \$10,000 per year on Opera House associated events. Not to be used for maintenance of building or repairs. We are working with Kathie Comella to do a children’s program in January of 2016, “Treasure Island”. We are sponsoring the Madrigals this Christmas.

The Middle Schools have an orchestra and Friends will fund an end of school year performance on the main stage. Friends will fund opening night receptions for Community Theatre. Friends will look into funding uniforms for Opera House staff. Friends will be contributing to the reprinting of the new historical brochure for the Opera House.

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

NEW BUSINESS

A. None

Note: Those that need to take the Open Meetings Act training should do so as soon as possible. It is also not too late to begin your end of year report.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 17th, 2015 at 4:30.

Motion to adjourn meeting, John Puzzo motioned and Kris Hall second the motion. All ayes, no nays. Meeting adjourned 5:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Steinkamp
Advisory Secretary