

**Minutes
Town of Skowhegan
Opera House Committee Meeting
3:00 P.M.
Tuesday, January 17, 2023
Municipal Building – Council Room**

Committee Members:

Cara Mason, Chairman
Lyn Govoni
Jeff Hewett
Todd Smith
Fred Liebfried

Recording Secretary:

Alisha Simpson

Call Meeting to order.

Cara Mason called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

1. Approve Minutes from the December 20, 2022 meeting.

A motion by Jeff Hewett, second by Todd Smith to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2022 meeting. V-5/0, motion carried.

2. Update & discussion regarding the Opera House rigging.

Cara Mason updates the board about the rigging, we are at the same place as our last meeting. Cara Mason found out if we decide to do the 185,000.00 for the stationary, the pulleys will be upgraded not all ripped out and redone. This can be done in stages. It will have to be motorized. The manual pulley system does not meet codes.

Cara Mason did get a quote for \$6800.00 to have the fire curtain removed that has asbestos. Discussion and decision to make a recommendation to the board of selectman to spend \$6800.00 from the Opera House reserve account to remove the fire curtain. Fred Liebfried stated it does need to be removed. A motion by Todd Smith, second by Lyn Govoni all in favor V-5/0.

3. Update from FSOH regarding funding and fundraisers.

Lyn Govoni said the FSOH has been publicizing about the Scott Canon show that is going to happen on February 26, 2023 at 4pm. It's being publicized as a children's

show it is for families. The show is called be positive be productive. It's going to include mimes & music. Scott Cannon is going to send Lyn Govoni a video so the children can see him & learn some the songs. The FSOH met last week decided that each ticket will be \$5.00 each & \$20.00 per family. Tickets will be available for sale January 26, 2023 right here at the Opera House. FSOH have been talking about an earth day show by Tom Cheekman coming April 15, 2023. Lyn Govoni is waiting for a call back from Tom's office.

FSOH is talking about the where's the window campaign, they have another donation jar that's been put out at the Skowhegan free public library through this Friday. The donation jar will move to different places each week.

Lyn has contacted Bob Marley's office to ask if Bob Marley would donate some of his profits to the Opera House with his event taking place March 4, 2023. Cara has asked Bob Marley as well. Bob will donate \$2 per ticket to the Opera House.

Lyn Govoni asked about revising the business plan for the Opera House. Fred Liebfried said we need to have a more updated business plan to help us get to where we want to be. Cara Mason states we need to have a budget for the Opera House. Lyn Govoni has a friend that will help get the Opera House grants even though we are a municipal building.

There was talk about sound barriers when there are events upstairs, and meetings happening in the evening downstairs. During the last energy upgrade to the building it was review to see if there was anyway to do a sound barrier between the 1st and 2nd floor. At the time it was cost prohibitive to do it.

Fred Liebfried spoke about accepting more people on the Opera House committee. Care Mason said they accept two more members at this time..

Adjourn Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm.