

**Thomaston Opera House Commission**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting – October 15, 2015**

**In attendance:** Commissioners Marie Galbraith, Lucille Killiany, Barbara Piscopo, Sandy Sandford, Becky Skinner

**Absent:** Commissioners Mike Burr, Richard Chandon, David Colavecchio, Lisa Reardon

**Also present:** Gary Kingsbury, Gary Kingsbury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, LCT

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lucille Killiany at 7:15 pm.

Secretary's report: On a motion by Barbara Piscopo and second by Sandy Sandford, the minutes of the September 17, 2015 regular meeting were accepted as presented (5-0).

Treasurer's report: As of September 30, 2015, the Scholarship Fund balance was \$529.10 and the TOH Restoration Fund balance was \$4885.00. On a motion by Sandy Sandford and second by Becky Skinner, the September treasurer's report was accepted (5-0).

Building and Restoration Committees

Minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting of the Restoration Committee were reviewed by the Commission. A proposal for the back wall project has been received from John Canning for \$15,000. Ken Koval and Jeff Dunn plan to initiate communication with the state regarding state funding, as suggested by John Piscopo.

Gary Kingsbury and Marie Galbraith informed the Commission that LCT was awarded a "Good to Great" grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the CT Dept of Economic Community Development Office of the Arts (see minutes of Special Meeting July 6, 2015) for upgrades in sound, lighting, and staging. Gary assured the Commission that the Restoration Committee will oversee the upgrades as needed to protect the historic structure.

Landmark Community Theatre (LCT)

The Commission reviewed LCT's production revenue report the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Gary reported that Memphis has closed, Veronica's Room is this weekend in the small theatre, Phantom of the Opera will be shown on October 31, and 1940s Radio Hour opens on Nov 27.

Old Business

**Website:** The Commission reviewed the draft of the Website and asked Becky to add more about each organization, how to donate and what donations are used for.

New Business

Sandy reported that the Ambulance Corps wants to install a defibrillator in the theatre. Gary will discuss with Jeff regarding the specific location and get back to Sandy. The Ambulance Corps will provide training.

Commission terms for Lucille, Sandy, and Dave expire Nov 30 so we need to notify the Selectmen regarding reappointment soon.

Establishment of the Long-range Planning Committee will be on the agenda for the November meeting. Gary will represent LCT on the Committee.

On a motion by Sandy Sandford, seconded by Becky Skinner, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Skinner  
Secretary, Opera House Commission

LCT= Landmark Community Theatre