

Thomaston Opera House Commission

Minutes of the Regular Meeting – January 21, 2015

In attendance: Commissioners Mike Burr, Richard Chandon, David Colavecchio, Marie Galbraith, Lucille Killiany, Barbara Piscopo, Lisa Cherie Reardon, Sandy Sandford, Becky Skinner

Also present: Jeff Dunn, Executive Director, Landmark Community Theatre (LCT); Gary Kingsbury, Chairman, Board of Trustees, LCT.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lucille Killiany at 7:03 pm.

Correspondence: A letter was received from Thomaston High School Guidance Department asking whether the Commission would be granting a scholarship this year. Marie moved, seconded by Richard Chandon, that a scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 be awarded to a THS graduating senior. Motion passed 9-0.

Becky read a note from Marie informing the Commission of her resignation. She will continue as an active member of the Restoration Committee. On a motion by Mike Burr, seconded by Becky Skinner, Marie's resignation was accepted effective as of the adjournment of the January 21 meeting, with regret and with much gratitude for all she has contributed as a Commissioner (9-0).

Secretary's report: On a motion by Sandy Sandford, seconded by Lisa Reardon, the minutes of the December 10, 2015 regular meeting were accepted as presented (7-0, Marie and Richard abstaining).

Treasurer's report: As of December 15, 2015, the balance in the Scholarship Fund is \$1007.21 and the balance in the Restoration Fund is \$4885.00. The bequest is expected to be received this month. On a motion by Barbara Piscopo, seconded by Sandy Sandford, the treasurer's report was accepted as presented (9-0).

Building and Restoration Committees: Commissioners reviewed the minutes of the January 7 Restoration Committee meeting, followed by discussion of mezzanine carpet replacement and bid from Chapman Lumber. The Restoration Committee recommends the less expensive option for carpeting just the area with no carpet; however, the carpet would not be an exact match of the existing carpet. Replacing the existing carpet would more than double the cost. Concerns were also raised about installing carpeting before the wall restoration is complete. Mike Burr moved, with second by Richard Chandon, that decision on carpet be tabled pending a presentation of the overall work plan for the mezzanine project (passed 8-1, B. Piscopo voting no).

LCT: Jeff Dunn presented LCT's financial report for the 4th quarter of 2015 and for the year. The total reported for the "facilities fee" (\$1/ticket) for 2015 is \$14,110 (town will receive the full contracted amount of \$15,000), and the total for the Restoration Fund is \$7055.00. Full reports are filed with these minutes.

Old Business: On a motion by Mike Burr, seconded by Lisa Reardon, the Commission re-elected Lucille Killiany as chairman, Barbara Piscopo as vice chairman, and Becky Skinner as secretary-treasurer for 2016 (9-0).

On a motion by Richard Chandon, seconded by Mike Burr, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm (9-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Skinner

Secretary, Opera House Commission

THOMASTON OPERA HOUSE 2015/2016
as of 12/31/15

Scholarship Fund

Balance, 7/1/15.....	\$ 471.98	
Interest.....	0.23	355-182-98-509
Open Mic.....	35.00	370-219-95-509
Costume rental.....	500.00	370-224-95-510
	<u>500.00</u>	
Balance 12/31/15	<u>\$ 1,007.21</u>	

OPERA HOUSE RENOVATION 2015/2016
as of 12/31/15

Thomaston Opera House Restoration Fund

Balance, 7/1/15.....	\$ 6,971.00
Donation.....	80.00
Renovations.....	<u>(2,166.00)</u>
Balance 12/31/15	<u>\$ 4,885.00</u>

Note: In accordance with LCT's contract, this account has been established to hold the \$0.50 per ticket that Landmark pays to the Town each January as well as any donations received by the TOH. The Thomaston Opera House Restoration Committee oversees this fund.