

**MINUTES OF THE WOODSTOCK OPERA HOUSE
ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, November 17, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Advisory Commission of the City of Woodstock was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by Tony Casalino on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 in the Woodstock Opera House Library. A roll call was taken.

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

Absent: Mark Schiffer, Karen Wells, Elaine Riner

Approval of Minutes

John Puzzo motion to approve the minutes of October 20th, Kris Hall second. All ayes. The minutes of October 20th were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tony Casalino – Chair - Ed Hall sent an email resigning his position on Advisory Board. Tony read Ed's email. Due to illness, Ed will no longer be able to fill his position. A card was passed around the room for get well wishes and Tony will send to Ed. Tony appointed Keith Johnson to fill Vice Chair through the remainder of the year.

Tony added there would be a Woodstock Independent article coming out this week or next week on the holiday Christmas events in Woodstock.

Woodstock Opera House – John Scharres

John reported the holiday decorations are up in the Opera House. We are currently working on perimeter lighting - trouble shooting controls. Company is overnighting new controls.

Keith Johnson – Member at Large

Reported they are not having an Open Mic the second Friday in December as it is Christmas. Off Square Music is having a New Year's Eve Party on December 31st.

Mark Schiffer – Woodstock Mozart Festival

Absent – No report.

Roger Zawacki – TownSquare Players

We are currently in production of White Christmas. We are having record ticket sales. The show has made over \$47,000. We are averaging about 286 patrons per show. This weekend has over 300 tickets sold. We believe it is doing well due to show selection. Mary Poppins opens in March 2016.

Kris Hall – Woodstock Fine Arts Association

Our upcoming Creative Living speaker is a cookbook author from Savannah – Libby Summers. I recently gave an interview to NW Quarterly on the long time running Creative Living Series by the Fine Arts Association. It will include a paragraph on the Opera House. We noticed we do not have a lot of pictures during the Creative Living performances. The ones we do have are not high resolution. We would like to do more of this in the future.

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

John Puzzo – Friends of the Opera House

Continuing the 50/50 raffle. We are currently planning the Night of the Lighting pre-reception which is being sponsored by Harris Bank. The Friends recently had John Astin to the Opera House. It was a show mostly about his life and times. He shared family pictures. It was outstanding. John Astin did a meet and greet and signed autographs. That's Amore event will be Saturday, February 13, 2016. We have raised the ticket price to \$35 per ticket. The brickwork for the window of the Opera House that needed work.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution for Ed Hall
Acknowledging Ed Hall as presenter to the Opera House for over 30 years.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 19th, 2016 at 4:30.

Motion to adjourn meeting, John Puzzo motioned and Roger Zawacki second the motion. All ayes, no nays. Meeting adjourned 5:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Steinkamp
Advisory Secretary