

PONDERA ARTS COUNCIL
Annual Meeting
January 27, 2014

President Helen Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Presbyterian Church following a delicious pot luck supper. Those in attendance were: Wayne Reynolds, Mary DeStaffany, Joe DeStaffany, Cherry Ogburn, Wayne Ogburn, Bonnie Flesch, Leroy Flesch, Don Finlayson, Esther Finlayson, Pat Jones, Elsie Lamma, Betty Olson, Harold Olson, Sharon Eisenberg, Renae Bouma, Deb Wilcox, Dan Wilcox, Shelba Buffum, Cheryl Tornga, George Tornga, Paul Bellamy, Marge Toeset, Tim Toeset, Reid Stuart, Al Signore, Irene Stuart, Helen Elliott, Byron Carter and Jan Carter.

Minutes of the 2013 annual meeting were distributed. Harold moved and Tim seconded the motion to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - attached. Harold moved and Dan seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Nominations for board members - Harold presented a list of nominees which were presented at the January 14th board meeting. They were: returning members Renae Bouma, Alice Garman and Dan Wilcox; new members Cherry Ogburn and Cheryl Tornga. Helen then stated that Renae declined after some consideration but Sharon Eisenberg agreed to be a board member. Wayne moved and Betty seconded the motion to approve Alice Garman, Dan Wilcox, Cherry Ogburn, Cheryl Tornga, and Sharon Eisenberg as board members for the next three years. Motion carried.

Many thanks to Kit Finlayson, Cynthia Ries, and Renae Bouma for their service as board members the last several years.

New building - Cheryl passed around pictures of the type of building which we are considering for an addition to the theatre property. Dan Wilcox, Harold Olson, Tim Toeset and Cheryl Tornga will be members of a committee to complete the building project.

Facilities - Thank-you, Dan, for overseeing the purchase and installation of new furnaces!

An air conditioning unit will be installed this coming spring. It is now in storage.

Additional duct work may be needed for the lobby, concession area and bathrooms.

Dan and Harold are working to have some adjustments made to the stairs going to the basement from both the concession area and stage. They are not exactly safe at this time.

Movies and Concerts - Helen said that the concerts have met her expectations but we need to work to build bigger audiences. Now the concentration will be on the Joey Pippia show.

Helen thanked all board members and committees for their work and allowing her to be the president of PAC.

George expressed his appreciation for the retirement party and gift. It was "over the top"!

Movies - Attendance for past movies were:

Frozen - 400 over the two weekends

Catching Fire - 175

Last Vegas - 137

Walking the Dinosaurs - 56

Upcoming movies include Saving Mr. Banks and The Secret Life of Walter Mitty

Arts Consortium - The Montana Arts Consortium was held in Fort Benton January 25th and 26th. Tim and Bonnie both made comments about their experience in attending. There were several wonderful acts but not necessarily very many for Conrad. Helen is well known at the consortium and know how to talk to the artists.

Missoula Children's Theatre - Jan asked for help during the last two days of the rehearsals and performance as it is the same time as bell festival. Wayne, Dan, Deb and Bonnie all said they may be able to assist. Thank-you so much!

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Several of us then went to the theatre to watch "August Rush".

IT WAS GREAT TO HAVE SO MANY IN ATTENDANCE AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING!!!