

PONDERA ARTS COUNCIL

Board of Directors

March 8, 2016

I President Tim Toeset called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Those in attendance were: Harold Olson, Wayne Reynolds, Tim Toeset, Alice Garman, Steve Baliko, Mary DeStaffany, Phyllis Philipps, Bonnie Flesch, Helen Elliott, Shelba Buffum, Sharon Eisenberg and Cheryl Tornga.

II Minutes - Harold moved and Mary seconded the motion to approve the February minutes as printed.
MOTION CARRIED.

III TREASURER'S REPORT

Wayne gave the Treasurer's report. Cheryl has questions concerning the last concert which were the Dueling Banjos and Barbershop Quartet. We lost \$125-\$150 on that concert. Outstanding bills submitted were from IGA, Village Drug, Bonnie Flesch and Conrad Building Center. Alice made a motion these bills be paid. Mary seconded it. **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV PREVIOUS BUSINESS

Phyllis passed around a computer-generated photo of the proposed new addition to the theatre. She also gave an update on the grants we are applying for in connection with constructing the addition. The NW Energy grant will be submitted for \$150,000. Second grant request is to Jerry Metcalf Foundation for \$10,000. Third grant in to NW Credit, although maximum they have given is \$3,000.00. She is working on grants to Burlington Northern and Farm Credit. Discussion was held on these grants. Helen made a motion that Phyllis proceed in applying for these grants. Harold seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.** Cheryl suggested the addition be erected closer to the front of the theatre and install a covered walkway into stage area. Cheryl also suggested we look into a prefab building which would be much less expensive. There was some discussion that this was previously discussed and Tim ruled that we will go ahead with previous decision to build the addition.

V REPORTS

A. Shelba reported on the theatre. Kronebusch gave her a bid to fix the lighting in stairway. A new employee fell on the stairway to basement. She is not back at work yet. Cheryl reported there is a new LED bulb available which would fit above the stairway and it gives a lot of light. Wayne made a motion to okay the bid from Kronebusch Electric. Sharon seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Shelba reported Kari Van Dyke has funds left over from a grant so will use it for a AR movie party at theatre.

Dale was absent and unable to give a report on the too-many keys problem at the theatre.

B. No Strategic Planning Comm. report

Tim reported that two people had stated they would like to be on PAC Board, but they cannot meet at noon. Tim has also spoken with Katie Jones (who has been absent the last few months due to a serious car accident) and Katie stated she could no long be on the PAC Board. We will miss her younger- age group ideas.

There was discussion again on meeting at noon or in evening. It was stated this had been discussed prior and decided noon is the best time.

C. Sharon reported on the Executive committee discussing how to recruit new members. Sharon suggested this be referred back to Executive Committee, which is also the Nominating Committee.

D. No Building Comm. Report

E. No Membership/Hospitality Comm. report

F. Helen gave her report on the concert committee: Tim stated he will send out a letter asking for donations. The Nat King Cole act will perform on February 4, 2017 for \$1,200.00. Helen attempted to contact the Crawford brothers twice to perform at the 2017 Whoop-Up; she has not heard back yet. She stated a nother main group we would love to have is Everything Fitz from Ontario (\$3,500 list price). Another is Jason Farnham – comic pianist. And we want Phyllis’s new play. Helen stated our concert budget needs to be increased due to the amount the performers charge – and receive at other venues – consequently we have a difficult time attracting good performers. Harold made a motion the \$1,500.00 donation from Lura Turner be donated to the concert committee. Alice seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.** Helen suggested we ask a different group of people for donations, rather than from regular donors. Sharon suggested that Publicity committee look into increasing the budget. Phyllis discussed applying for a grant for half the cost of summer programming. Wayne made a motion to that effect; Harold seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Missoula Children’s Theatre will be here April 11th – 16th. Two performances on April 16th.

G. No Finance/Investments Comm. report

H. No Marketing/Investment Comm. Report

I. Carly Behr gave an informative report on the Arts program at Conrad high school. The journalism class is working on interviewing our elder citizens for the Heritage Project. PAC is co-sponsoring this along with the Arts Dept at the high school. Carly reported that the choir is practicing on up-coming concerts. The Prom is April 2nd. Carly is a leader and is an excellent example for our young people.

J. It was reported that attendance has been down for this Classic Movie series.

K. No School Liaisons report

Helen had to leave early, so it was a good opportunity to discuss some type of signage on the theatre stating “The Helen Elliot Theatre”. A good discussion was held and will continued at a later date.

VI Adjournment - Wayne moved the meeting be adjourned and Steve seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**