2018 Reports on the Building, Rentals and Costume Room

BUILDING REPORT —The biggest change this past year thanks to a very successful campaign, led by Joyce Henderson, was the purchase and installation of new seats and flooring. The removal of the OLD carpet (37 yrs. Old) was a much needed improvement!! Now I can scrap the gum off the lino instead of carpet. A vote of thanks also to Kim and Peter for the blowing down of 37 years of dirt and rocks down from the ceiling. We used to have a tar and gravel roof; which was replaced in 2002 with torch on membrane. It used to leak, hence the rocks and dirt. It took me over 3 hours and two vacuums to clear it away.

I also had the awning power washed by Shuswap Window Cleaning, as they have the equipment to do the job. They spent nearly two hours scrubbing and got it as clean as they could with detergent and brushes. The fabric is really in need of replacing and I have contacted Brushstrokes Signs and Awnings; the original installer for a price quote on replacement and to show the board the different colour choices. It would be nice to co-ordinate the colours with the building and our logo on the building.

We did have some plumbing issues this year, ladies drain plug and the men's urinal issue. In the men's room it turned out to be a plugged pipe, when we installed the new urinal the plumbing for it is smaller and the toilet is larger; so if somehow the over use of paper in the toilet happens it blocked the drain the and urinal could not drain away. The plumber had to use a power auger on the problem. The women's issue was easier to fix; but again it is old plumbing in the wall which he would not disturb.

Thanks to Kim and Susan for making the new signs about the care of the Blacks, last production I found more tape and lure stuck on them and when removed it takes the pile off. I have asked that NO tape, pins or lure be stuck on them for that reason!! Also painting is to be done before they go up!! They are in desperate need of a cleaning; which can only be done in Vancouver as they also have to re-fire proofed; and Coits' is the firm to do it. Our stage floor has also come to the end of its' life and needs to be redone also, the patching has helped some; but it is terribly un-level in places. On a more positive note we passed our Fire inspection in August! I have passed on the Fire Inspectors report to the Board. We have also serviced the Fire Extinguishers, Emergency Lights and the Sprinkler system. These are all generally done in August before the new season. Also the lobby/green room carpets were cleaned before the Devon Moore Show.

RENTALS - We were down from 2016/2017, we did have however repeat renters of Jake & Friends 'Joni' concert, Fin de Fiesta, Kelly Hopkins songwriters; who also want to rent again and of course Roots & Blues crawl. Not forgetting Theatre on the Edge in the summer. We did lose the Children's Art and Drama Camp due to family matters and also waiting for the arrival of the seats; that just came as Theatre on the Edge was to begin. I have had a request for renting on Dec.1st by Cod Gone Wild, a CD launch and there are plans for a school Christmas show and also a fund raising Christmas concert in December, not confirmed. Juggling plays and sets and rehearsals with rentals is always fun.

COSTUME ROOM – Still culling and LOTS still to go from upstairs, Donna Good and I are to get at it again. I have received some interesting costume pieces and a couple of new police uniforms complete and some Air Force uniforms also another Santa suit. We do not need clothes; but items that are truly unique are always appreciated also LARGE men's clothing. I have had requests for specific costumes this year; but items we don't have. Julia Body rented for her school production in Armstrong again and Keren Huyter rented items for the Opera in Kelowna she was designing for this summer. I still rent the rabbit outfit to Piccadilly Mall for Easter and provide military outfits for their Remembrance Day display, that I don't charge for anymore as a goodwill gesture. I have started putting more items in bins it is easier to find and keep items together also they can be stacked. There is a longer term rental of some vintage items coming for the Enderby Museum fund raiser in October this year.

Respectfully Submitted - Cilla Budda