

## **Building, Rentals and Costume Room Reports, 2019**

**Building Report** – The improvements to the building continue and the best so far is the new stage floor! This work included the addition of a permanent extension providing additional storage with fabric cover-ups – a huge thanks to Craig Massey and crew for all the work on demolition and installation of the floor and to Loretta Shipmaker for the new cover-ups! So much easier to maintain.

The new furnace and air conditioning equipment will be a big improvement to keeping the place quiet and cool, thanks to ProAir Heating and Cooling for their work and the board for going ahead. Kim reported that the new roof leaks have been remedied and thanks to Jim Clayton the first one was repaired promptly before our new seats were soaked last year.

Craig Massey has done an amazing job in the scene shop at least there is a place for everything and thanks to Peter Molnar for taking on the outside building improvements. Also to Joyce Henderson who continues to organize Spring cleaning bees and Edge Fest spruce ups. Great to get the help.

We have had a couple of plumbing issues; but were able to get them dealt with before there were major issues.

Ann Skelthorne has done a great job re-organizing the lighting booth and equipment along with Jim Clayton and Marcus Smith. It will benefit everyone. Thanks also to Jim for trying to get the wires on stage and the monitors straightened out with Marcus's help. Renters continue to be impressed with our Venue!

The cleaning of the blacks most in need of will be done soon, and I am hoping we can find the funds to purchase 3 new ones this year.

We have had our annual fire extinguisher and emergency lighting serviced and the sprinkler system service also. Our last fire inspection was done by Jim Nickels and without incident, we are now waiting to see the new fire inspector when our turn comes up. Next year our sprinkler system will have a major flushing out, according to the serviceman it has been a few years since it was done.

**Rentals** –Back in March we had Wildwood Productions show 'Pete' which turned out to be very successful, with sold out performances here and everywhere they have performed since. They are back for 2 shows next March.

Fin de Fiesta was back for the 5<sup>th</sup> year here this past summer and benefitted from the new floor, giving it a very good workout. It was well attended and probably their best show yet. Next up was Theatre on the Edge which I understand was also very successful. As well there was a rental for Kids Art drama classes for 3 different weeks. So this summer was a busy one. Not forgetting that we also hosted another successful O-Zone Drama Festival in May.

Our Roots & Blues crawl rental and rehearsal space for the house band went very well. Our venue for the Crawl apparently raised the most money and the Sunday Gospel concert was very well received by those who came. The organizers hope to hold it at the theatre again next year.

Cod Gone Wild is returning again in December, they enjoyed their rental here and it was a modest success for them.

**Costume Rooms** - We have had a busy year with a huge loan of clothes to the Enderby Museum last fall for their fund raiser to keep the place operational. The curator was given very little work with so our help saved the day and she was most grateful.

We also found a lot of the items we needed for **Odd Jobs** last Fall on hand in our cupboard. For **Trying** we were able to offer some but Pat Jorgenson did a tremendous job on making some classic 60's outfits for the female role which we now have for future use. For **Lend Me a Tenor**, my collection of furs and evening wear came in very useful, especially all the tuxedos and men's shirts and suits. Donna was able to redo a few dresses that the ladies wore and with her talent enabled us to save a lot on the costume budget! We also had enough evening wear for some of the Front of House crew and servers for the opening night gala.

There were also costume rentals from the Actor's Studio, Julia Body's drama class, the Eagle Bay Hamsters and individual renters. We continue to provide military outfits for the Piccadilly Mall's Remembrance Day displays and the White Rabbit Suit for Easter. We also provided the Salmon Arm Photo Arts group with pioneer wear for their photo booth fund raiser at the Fall Fair, which was a success for them financially and our crew on the Parade float for the Fair. I also rented an RCMP red serge to Haney House for the Summer Dinner Theatre and loaned a 3pc. Men's suit to Caravan for the summer show. I am continuing to weed out and am busy putting our hat collection in clear totes so we can see them more clearly. We also have received some more wigs and hair pieces which are of good use and not always easy to find.

Respectfully Submitted by Cilla Budda