

Building, Rentals and Costume Room Reports - Shuswap Theatre AGM - Sept. 2023 -Sept. 2024

Building Report - It has been a busy past year for the building, nearly all the face-lift is complete. The doors are still an issue, they need to either be replaced or refinished, we have had some quotes to replace them. It is almost cost prohibitive as one quote came in at \$22,000.00. The building committee are looking into alternative ideas. The bulletin board (poster display board) has had several ideas presented to the committee, still to be decided upon. The benches are to be painted this month as soon as the weather cools and no rain. Jim Clayton is painting the retaining wall (now complete) along with the railing.

The furnaces/air conditioners were serviced and the issue with the auditorium air conditioner was resolved. It appears that it was an issue with the thermostat, but not sure when or how it its settings were changed. Worked well for the summer. The new split unit for the dressing-room was installed in late June just in time for MYST, to have air conditioning in there is fantastic! It will provide heat in the winter so we can rely less on the electric baseboards, except for the bathroom. We were able to install it in the vestibule instead of the roof as originally suggested. Inskip Electric did the wiring, and the fellow who installed the alley security door, front stairs and the hand rail in the auditorium did a fantastic job of the grill to cover the unit. I did ask him if he could give us an estimate for a new gate for the area. Haven't heard anything about it however.

Over the Summer we have continued to have issues with unhoused folks in the back, the fire department were apparently called 3 times for fires set on the back bank and shared space in the alley, I only witnessed one of the calls, same weekend as the Roots and Blues. Also a lot of garbage and drug paraphernalia, no needles. We have also lost 2 different locks on the dumpster, the garbage co. wants \$25 for a new one, it 's now costing \$45 per tip, so I'm only waiting until it is really full. We also passed our 2023 inspection; with the Fire Marshall scheduled to return this year, soon. The Fire extinguishers and emergency lights were serviced in late August. The sprinklers will be in need of inspection soon. The carpets were cleaned in late June, then we had to have the Green room redone after MYST rental.

I would like to send a couple of the older blacks to Coits' for cleaning and fire-proofing, also purchase one more new 12 foot, that would be a good addition to our stock for the Ozone Festival next spring.

Rentals- We have had a few inquiries from some stand-up comics and a Tribute band, they always seem to conflict with our dates. We did however host Cod Gone Wild last December. Apparently one of their last performances as that group. Not a sell-out; but a great concert. Lia Grainger is booked to Sept. 14th, (has happened) it is in a tough date as that is the final day of the 55+ games; but that was her schedule of touring.

Costume Room - I am still being offered numerous costumes and clothes; but I am only accepting items that I know we can use or are different. We received quite a few wigs and toupees from people and gained some period wigs from Treasure Island , also some very nice Pirate outfits from that show, thanks to the hard work of Keren and Ellen. I've also been offered more period hats which are great! This winter more tidying and sorting, especially the shoes and jewellery and getting some better storage container for the wigs and hair pieces. I outfitted a rental for a large group for a of folks for a Murder Mystery dinner, that was fun and we able to accommodate what they needed. Requests for specific outfits occasionally come in; but we don' t always have what they want. We are happy to lend Piccadilly Mall the Rabbit costume every Easter and the Military Uniforms for Remembrance Day, a relationship we have had for many years and continue to build. Any further inquiries or questions please call me anytime. I am happy to help and one last note, I am truly grateful for purchase of "HENRY" our new vacuum, and for getting a new shop vac. for the dressing room/scene shop.

Respectfully submitted Cilla Budda