

Building Maintenance, Rentals and Costume room Reports –2020 –2021

Submitted by Cilla Budda to the Shuswap Theatre General Meeting
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Building Maintenance Report – The general maintenance has been nearly completed for this coming season.

I am waiting for new batteries for the emergency lights in the house and in the green room, the Safety Man (Wes Henry) came at the end of August and serviced the fire extinguishers and found that the batteries had long past their time of life by about 3 & 4 years. Thank goodness as they are quite expensive. We are still waiting for the sprinkler system servicing, Fire Safe has been backed up for a while but; are coming this month. We had our fire inspection in the late spring and all was well; except for a tote that had to be repositioned in the upstairs costume room which I have done. The Fire Marshall was very pleased with what had been done up in the loft and the clearances of everything. The furnace filters have all been changed and it is now time to turn off what air conditioning we do have. This summer was a challenge with the system not totally completed, we relied on fans for the Kids theatre along with the one unit that is connected. I hope that if we are operating next summer that the systems will be more complete, especially the dressing room and green room, was pretty warm during the heat wave. I have been keeping the sanitizing up before meetings and during the Kids production this summer. We really need a couple of the 8ft. curtains cleaned and the lobby & Green room carpets cleaned!!

We did have issues with the homeless a few times camping out in the green room alley doorway, building small fires in foil and leaving garbage etc. Craig came and boarded it up for most of the summer, until the Kids production happened and we had to remove barricade. I strongly suggest that we purchase a "Roll Shutter" for that doorway, as it is a fire exit; but also a place for people to camp-out, it has been used as a toilet also in the past!!! I also had to clean-up another camp site in the ramp-way and I had to call the police as I was verbally abused by one of the 'campers', Craig suggested I ask that we open a file with the RCMP and that we would be patrolled more often by doing that. I did speak to the police when they came and let them know that this is an ongoing problem. Things have been okay since that problem was resolved.

Craig and Peter have repaired the awning again, I think it has done very well, we installed it in **2002** considering it faces south and is at the mercy of the sun and heat, especially this summer it really has taken a beating from the weather these past couple of years especially this past summer.

The flowers out front were volunteers, except for the one pot I bought and a tub of petunias, the fall asters were planted back in 2003 by Shirley Tucker, an amazing plant.

Rentals – We did not have any as there were only Co-Productions and our radio plays. We did however have an AGM in last week, with Sherry at the helm for her housing group.

Costume Rooms – We did not have rentals but; I did loan the military uniforms to the Piccadilly Mall for the Remembrance Day display and received many positive comments for doing so, also the mall was wanting to use the Rabbit costume for Easter which they do every year. Also I loaned our vintage style dresses and shoes to Shuswap Clothing and Shoe for the 100th Anniversary window at the beginning of this month. It was really appreciated! I still have a bit more culling to do and am waiting for Susan from Haney House to come a look at the vintage pieces and extra suits I have put aside for them. I did have a few requests for items we did not have also I had to turn down a few items that we have plenty of already, hats and wedding dresses. Hopefully the coming year will start to return to a more normal routine!

Respectfully submitted by Cilla Budda