

Gorham Auditorium Committee Minutes Public Hearing Room – Gorham Town Hall 5/4/2011

In Attendance:	Christian Labnon, Chairman
	Denise Vallee, Town of Gorham
	Ed Gibson, Theater North

Bruce Fike, Vice Chairman Naomi Levesque, FRC Bill Jackson, Secretary

- 1. Call To Order The meeting was called to order by Chairman Labnon at 6:40 PM.
- 2. **Approve Minutes** The minutes from April 6, 2011, were reviewed. On a motion from Bruce Fike and a second from Naomi Levesque, they were approved without changes.
- 3. **Logo Contest** Denise Vallee reported that there were no applicants for the Logo Contest. She will contact Debbie Ryan and Tim Sappington to ask if they would be interested in developing a logo for us.
- 4. **Ushers: Recruitment, Training and Scheduling** Bruce Fike mentioned that he had talked to Linda Jensen regarding the National Honor Society acting in this capacity. She would like to see a proposed schedule and more details before committing.
- 5. **Fund Raising** There was no further action on a proposal for a "Battle of the Bands" as a method to raise money for the Auditorium. Denise stated that she would contact Jeff Stewart of the Gorham Recreation Department for the names of bands that have applied to perform on the Gorham Common. Denise also suggested that we consider Red Gallagher who performs a popular "One Man Show" as a potential Thursday or Sunday night attraction.
- 6. **Grand Opening** Denise Vallee discussed the plans for the Auditorium "Grand Opening" scheduled for May 7, 2011 (Saturday) between the hours of 1 PM to 4 PM. Invitations have been sent out and more than 70 people have RSVP'd for the event. She will purchase a portable two-way communication system to operate between the stage and the sound booth for this and future events
- 7. **Boy Scout's "Venture Program"** Ed Gibson explained a program operated by the Boy Scouts, geared towards theater that allows Scouts to get a hands on education in operating a production. This would include acting and all phases of production (set building, lighting, stage management, etc.). The program is set and run by the scouts with adult supervision in the background. The group asked that Ed bring back more developed

information regarding the program for them to consider. It was suggested that Denise Vallee assist with the program. Denise gracefully declined as her workload with the Town is now at a level where she cannot add any additional projects.

- 8. **Wish List** Denise Vallee stated that the Committee should develop a wish list for those items that would make the Auditorium/Theater better. Christian Labnon mentioned that monitor speakers facing the stage would be a real assist to performers, enabling them to hear what the audience hears. Bruce Fike and Christian also would like to see an additional microphone to deal with a "center stage drop-out" problem.
- 9. **Old/New Business** There was no items discussed.
- 10. Schedule Next Meeting June 8, 2011 at 6:30 PM.
- 11. **Adjournment** On a motion from Bruce Fike with a second from Denise Vallee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.