

Fort St. John Concert Society held May 11/81 at the home of Shirley Rowland.

Present

Heta Young	Shirley Rowland
Sharon Britney	Ria Holt
Lois Mumby	Dexter Van Dyke
Jay Mills	Richard Pickwick

The ninth meeting of the Fort St John Concert Society got underway at 8:15 at the home of Shirley Rowland. Shirley brought the meeting to order with the minutes of the previous meeting read by Jay Mills. Next was the treasurer's report with Ria reporting guest ticket sales of \$1280 for Leona Boyd, with 700 guests @ 75-80 at the social after the performance. Ria reported a total bank balance of \$5900.

The arts council had a booth in the Trade Fair and our next years concert series was exposed to the public with tickets available.

It was moved by Lois Mumby that as many concert society members on the executive as possible take out Joni Atkins & Paul Ekering & his wife for dinner at the Coachmans Inn on May 26. The society will pay for their dinner, as they did our lighting for every concert and the executive will pay their own way. Ria seconded it and it was carried.

Folders & flyers were next on the agenda with Dexter moving we order the same amount as last year being 10,000 flyers

2,000 programs

150 complimentary

300 adults

100 family

100 Sr citizens & children.

The motion was seconded by Sharon and passed. Sharon moved we change our colors to cream & black to match our flyers and it was seconded by Dexter. Passed.

Ria took then presented the society with our next year patron letters. The first letter to be sent to last years patron for continuing support and the second to new patrons, ~~for~~ asking for their help in making our concerts possible. After a few minor changes Jay moved they be accepted with his seconding it & it was passed.

We will be sending these letters out as soon as possible, dated May 20/81 so we can start our canvas June 1st.

Sharon mentioned selling membership tickets during Totem days & it was generally felt it was not worth the effort.

The Powell River Boys Choir will be our bonus concert next year as it was felt this was the biggest general attraction & it would be so highly publicized through the school contact. Ria motioned we charge \$10 for adults & \$5 for Sr. citizens & students ~~for their own~~ for our guest tickets. Seconded by Jay and passed.

Shirley gave a summary of the Arts Council Convention at the Holiday Inn which was attended by herself and Jay Mills. The result was representatives from all local areas felt we had a lack of communication & regional co-ordination.

Next was the "Museum Society"? asked us to fill in a questionnaire and it was done and sent.

Ria mentioned she had found out we do not need a chartered accountant to do our audit every year and it was left to Jay to see if she could find someone suitable to do it. A few names were mentioned eg. Jack Musson, Robin Fairbrother.

Ria then presented the members with next years proposed budget. After a thorough discussion it was moved by Jay to be accepted as presented & seconded by Lois. Passed.

The social hour was ~~proposed to ask~~ ^{discussed and it} was decided to ask Mrs Hart to provide coffee, juice & goodies after each performance next season with a guarantee of \$25. Sharon moved this proposal and it was seconded by Jay. Passed.

Kaler Artists was discussed & it was mentioned a letter of unsatisfactory treatment be sent to management and another to Leona Boyd as she requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 pm. by Ria.

Shirley J. Rowland

Fort St John Concert Society Meeting - ~~2~~ March 1st, 1982
@ the Public Library.

The meeting was opened at 7:45 pm. by Shirley Rowland. Those present were Shirley, Ria, Jay, Richard, Laura Lee, Dexter, Pat, Sharon, Sue Popeskie, & Lois Mumby.

Jay Mills read the minutes of the previous meeting and Ria took gave the treasurers report as having a bank balance of \$11,475. At Garankin & Perkins we had 175 people in the audience and received \$195 in guest tickets.

Correspondence was received from the boys' choir as to transportation. Ria took moved we hire two limosines to pick up the boys in Dawson bank and transport them to the Holiday Inn. Richard seconded it and carried.

Preparations to Sara Band.

Backstage - Lois

Door - Sylvia & Pat

Programmes - Noel Skethorp.

Publicity - Shirley

CKNL - Jay.

Guest tickets - Ria

Richard moved we pay the bill from "Big John" Moving Co. as they moved the two grand pianos in for Garankin & Perkins. It was \$100 and Dexter seconded it. Passed.

Pat Smith moved we buy a token of appreciation for Irving Foster as he tried to oblige us. She offered to get a gift on behalf of the Society. Dexter seconded the motion and it passed.

We discussed a Bonus Concert of the Mulberry Street Jazz Band who will be in the city ~~at~~ between May 10-14. Pat moved we put on a sixth

concert for \$500. ~~and~~ Sharon seconded it. Passed.

We spent a lengthy time discussing tickets to our "bonus concert" and decided to think about it for our next meeting.

Next years program is showing progress we have the prices on most of our interesting evenings. eg.

Symphonic Canadiana - \$3850.00
Elmer Iseler Singers -
Mike & Audrey -
Company -
Felix - \$1250
Carol - \$750

Sue Popescu entertained the idea of having the "Vancouver Foundation" sponsor next years program. It is under discussion and our program for next year would have to be finalized etc before we could even apply.

Pat Smith suggested contacting B.C. Hydro & B.C. Telephone to see if they would be interested in sponsoring us.

Next meeting to be held March 29/82 at 7:30 at the Library.

Our Annual Meeting to be held at the Peace Centre on June 7/82. at 8pm. We will advertize local talent, refreshments etc. Somehow try and attract attention.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 by motion of Sue.

Sirley Rowland