



FOHS HALL

MARION, KY

NOTICE OF 2023 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/ANNUAL MEETING FOHS HALL INC.

The combined Board and Annual Membership Meeting of Fohs Hall, Inc. will be held on Monday January 16, 2023 at 5:00 PM. All members and friends of Fohs Hall are invited to attend.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

2022 was a great year for Fohs Hall. Some of the 2022 highlights were:

-Rental demand for Fohs Hall as an event venue remains strong. Please consider Fohs Hall for your wedding reception, anniversary or other private or public event. Rental rates are surprisingly reasonable and a very good value.

-The successful campaign for the new sound and light system was a success. One of the goals of this project was to "upgrade" the hall as a community performing arts center.

-Classy & Grassy's Old Kentucky Hayride returned to Fohs for shows in February and November. Both shows packed the hall. The shows featured the debut of the new sound and light system.

-The official Fohs Hall website, <https://fohshall.org> was rolled out which features information for booking events, historical information, and shows including an interactive feature to purchase event tickets online. Our thanks to Mark Edwards Creative for all the work as well as our Facebook page.

-The Tapestry returned to The Hall in July for a successful run of the latest version of "Remove the Veil".

-In September Fohs Hall had a major announcement of the acquisition of "The Hayward Property" across Walker Street from Fohs Hall. This is a joint venture with Crittenden County Tomorrow Inc. The vision is a long range project to develop this property for parking, a park area with possibly an outdoor entertainment pavilion. This is a HUGE undertaking for both entities. After demolition begins the planning phase. All grant opportunities will be fully explored. While we do not know what the end product will look like, there is tremendous potential for further improvement of the quality of life for our community.

-In November Fohs Hall was approved for a grant of \$44,000 from the Ky Non Profit Grant Fund. We also received a small grant from the City of Marion to develop a "Long Range Plan". Additionally, FH hosted a forum with community leaders and Murray State University to discuss business and non-profit development.

-In December The Hall was packed for the return of The Paducah Symphony for its Christmas Celebration Concert featuring The Paducah Symphony.

-Also, in December a new Handicap ramp was installed at the front of The Hall. A special thanks goes out to John Martin and his team for their donated skills and labor.

-On a sad note, in 2022 we lost our Secretary and Board Member Phyllis Sykes. Her leadership, enthusiasm and friendship were missed.

Finally, thanks to all the members, sponsors, patrons and volunteers that make this all possible. Fohs Hall is truly a unique facility. We are amazed that Marion has such a facility. Still, it is a building that is approaching 100 years old and requires constant upkeep. If you are a member, please continue your support. If you have not yet joined, please consider joining to help preserve this facility for Crittenden County.

Upcoming Events:

January 21, 2023

Country Songwriter and Recording Artist JD Shelbourn

March 4, 2023

The Old Kentucky Hayride

April 28-29 and May 5-6

Disney's Beauty and The Beast A Children Production

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Directors: Bonita Hatfield
Terri S. Hatfield
Mary Anne Hatfield

Brennan Cruce (B)
Janet Pierce, Nat
Fred Stubblefield (CAF)



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