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Hall Gets New Sound System

“Can you here me now?” This question from the popular cell phone ad has been asked over and over again on Carpathia’s stage as frustrated members and guests tried, in vain, to use the house sound system. Most of the time, the answer from the audience to the question was an emphatic, “No!”

Individuals with good vocal chords and strong lungs often put the house mic back in its case, took a deep breath, and addressed the crowd at top volume. Unfortunately, not everyone is as gifted in that department as Blondie Klimach and George Schemmel. When the finicky system decided to quit in the middle of a folk dance performance, dancers were left stranded on the floor and audiences waited patiently as frantic dance directors tried to figure out what had gone wrong with the system.

But now, thanks to Karin Schwalbe and the Carpathia Advisory Committee, those days are over. In May, a new sound system was installed at the hall, which includes speakers, wiring, amplifiers, and yes, even new microphones.

“We wanted the most complete system for the money,” reported Schwalbe, who is Chairman of the Advisory Committee. “We got quotes from several different vendors and went with the most thorough and knowledgeable company.”

Carpathia’s Advisory Committee was established in 2003 by President Gerhardt to conduct detailed investigations of matters involving financial expenditures and bring recommendations to the Board of Directors. The house sound system is just one of the agenda items addressed by the committee since its formation. Advisory Committee members were appointed by the president and provide a much-needed business oriented perspective. In addition to Chairman Karen Schwalbe, members include Peter Ess, Monika Forest, John and Blondie Klimach, Theresea Nowak, Joe and Elisabeth Toepfner, and Rudi and Inge Zoller.

“Everyone on the committee really pitched in and shared the workload,” said a grateful Schwalbe. “One time Mrs. Nowak met with a vendor. Another time, Monika met with one. Everyone did a little and we got the job done.”

Eagle Communications of Ferndale was awarded the contract for Carpathia’s new sound system. They installed all new equipment, right down to the wiring. A total of 28 speakers were mounted into the ceiling panels of the main hall, distributing the sound evenly into every corner without the need for excessive volume. Two speakers were installed on the stage as

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