



Preservation Committee Report -- March 21, 2024

Morgan Opera House Air Conditioning

Funding of **\$44,400** has been requested through the 2024 New York State Aid for Library Construction Program. Total project cost is estimated at \$59,200. The Dentes family and Triad have generously donated a combined \$15,000 as matching funds for the project. We anticipate approval of our NYSED grant request in mid to late 2024, with the AC installation completed prior to Summer 2025.

Regional Economic Development Council Grant Application: Windows Renovation

Our successful application to the NY Forward Program for a **\$375,000** renovation of the Library windows was announced on February 5, as part of the \$10 million award through the *Downtown Revitalization Initiative* to the three Villages of Aurora, Union Springs, and Cayuga. We will partner with the Village of Aurora to develop the *AFL Windows Renovation Project*, with help from Kari Terlinger and Evan Tuthill, Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development. AFL will need to provide at least a 25% match, for which we plan to apply through a grant application to the Emerson Foundation.

Miscellaneous Building Issues

- A contractor will wash the first-floor windows and power-wash the front and side steps Saturday April 20, in preparation for the Mother's Day plant sale in early May.
- The repair of the front steps and stone balustrades will be addressed by Johnson Stoneworks this summer.
- We have asked Jeff Koehn of Yesteryears Restoration to evaluate and bid on renovations and repairs of the outdoor display case and the AFL/MOH sign, as well as the base of the side door.