



## **Preservation Committee Report -- September 19, 2024**

### **New York State Education Department Aid for Library Construction Program**

We anticipate imminent approval of the grant request from NYSED for the Morgan Opera House Cooling Project. The total project cost is estimated to be \$59,200, and our 10% match will be \$5,920. The AC installation should be completed prior to Summer 2025.

We have submitted a new application for \$113,900 to NYSED for renovation of the front half-timber building facade that faces Main Street. The project scope will focus on (1) repair and patching of the stucco plaster, (2) renovation of all wood, with replacement of any wood that is found to be rotted, and (3) caulking, priming, and painting. The anticipated contractor is Pinnacle Construction. Work will start in 2026.

### **Regional Economic Development Council Grant Application: Windows Renovation**

A \$10 million award through the *Downtown Revitalization Initiative* (DRI) to the three Villages of Aurora, Union Springs, and Cayuga was announced February 5. We have resubmitted our proposal for the *AFL Windows Restoration and Renovation Project* for the projected cost of \$375,000. If funded through the DRI, the AFL will not need to provide any match. Dave is serving on the Local Planning Committee (LPC) for the DRI program, and he is the sponsor for the AFL Windows Renovation application to the DRI. The LPC will decide in October which projects will be forwarded to NYS Department of State for approval. If approved by NYS, the work may begin in late Spring 2025.

### **Miscellaneous Building Issues**

- Jeff Koehn of Yesteryears Restoration repaired the rotten trim pieces, and then sanded and painted the wooden side door on Cherry Avenue.
- David Brong will replace the three dimmer switches for the Main Reading Room lights.