

Lawton Philharmonic Society  
Regular Board Meeting  
Lawton Country Club  
August 21, 2025

President David Jackson opened the meeting to order.

The board was happy to welcome Jon Kalbfleisch to our meeting. Jon arrived in Lawton on Monday and went straight to the chorus to work with the chorus and Doris Lambert. Tuesday Jon worked with the LHS band. The rest of the concert week he is doing PSA's at radio stations and an interview at KSWO-TV. Jon will also attend the State of the City luncheon. All of this plus lots of rehearsing with the orchestra. The board appreciates every time Jon can manage to meet with this board.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Finance – Jo Ann Knecht reported Cash on Hand of \$117,836.71, total revenue of \$20,204.40, total expenses of \$16,299.51 with a net income of \$4904.89. Jo Ann also reported \$10,000 was transferred to a 6-month CD at Sovereign Bank.

President's Report – David Jackson said it's time to get energized for our first concert of the season.

Executive Director's Report – Patty Neuwirth reported we have almost all of our season subscribers committed, and she has emailed or called those not renewing. The Ed Dzialo Golf Tournament is coming soon on Oct. 3. We need teams and sponsors. The Program ads book has gone down to 40 from 44. The loss of local merchants and those cutting back are apparent. Patty has made the rounds in meeting the new band director at CU and the new CU president. For our August concert, the board will be recognizing John Moots for his 51 years of service to LPO.

#### Committee Reports:

\*Grant-Writing – Ronda Norrell reported the board has received 2 payments from ARPA: Aug 7, \$35,203.67 and Aug 14, \$8111.25. One more payment is due. Ronda is waiting on a decision from OAC.

\*Hospitality – A bag was passed around for refreshment funding for the orchestra and the chorus.

\*Marketing – Program ads were delivered.

\*Fundraising – the Golf Tournament still need sponsors and players.

\*Concert – The executive board was presented with concert music for next season. Much discussion was made with some great extra possibilities to be considered. Approval for next season will possibly be presented at our September meeting.

\*AFA – Carol Gardner gave a report on the upcoming Gala on Nov 7. She needs boots for table decorations (boots will be returned). Jo Ann said each need 10-\$100 items for auction. She will take the cash and buy items if you give her the money. LPO was allocated \$43,736.55 last year from all of our volunteer activities.

\*Arts Institute will have a table at the State of the City luncheon showing the summer arts institute activities.

\*CU Intern – Owen Ellis will be presented a scholarship at Saturday's concert.

Next Meeting – September 18, 2025, at noon.

Submitted by Linda Chapman, Recording Secretary

Members Present: Melissa Beck, Pam Briscolaro, Linda Chapman, Tim Diley, Janice Fritsch, Carol Gardner, Kathy Hickman, David Jackson, Jo Ann Knecht, Doris Lambert, Jim Lambert, Ronda Norrell, Cindy O'Connor, Sally Simpson.

Executive Director – Patty Neuwirth

Members Absent: Doug Brown, Tanya Case, Blake Dutcher, Piere Mariano, Conner Sasseen.