ARTS FOR ALL, INC.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

afa425@att.net **January 20, 2025** **www.lawtonartsforall.org**

Members: J. Knecht, T. Hamilton, J. Fritsch, E. Petersen, Z. DuRant, K. Villarreal, R. Norrell, B. Bannon
Ex-Officio, At Large, Affiliate, Friends: H. Moore, M. McCartney, R. Dryz, S. Kremmer, M. Thomas, M. McCartney, C. Gardner, M. Brown, S. Mosley, P. Neuwirth
Excused: F. Couch, L. Fitz, M. Brown
Unexcused: A. Brown
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1. **Call to Order –** A quorum was present, and the meeting called to order by J. Knecht at 12:05 p.m.

2. **New Business**
   - **a) Fund Drive.** Friday, February 7th, 12 Noon, Lawton Country Club. $25 payable to Karen NLT January 31st. Still working on entertainment.
   - **b) ARPA Grant.** Purchases – Wastebaskets, Storage Bins for clean-up of storage room. Our new sign is now in place above the tunnel entrance. Karen will investigate the best option for Donor Software.
   - **c) Grant Applications.** A grant is being given for Black History Month with AFA as the lead. The McMahon Foundation application is complete and will be submitted for their next monthly board meeting. The Priddy Foundation Letter of Intent is in process and will be submitted by the deadline of January 31st.

3. **Officers' Reports**
   - **d) Secretary** – Motion by P. Neuwirth and 2nd by M. McCartney to accept the November minutes as written.
   - **e) Treasurer** – J. Fritsch presented the November and December financial reports and reported the Schwab investment fund total was $96,776.38 which includes the $20,000 deposit of the Arvest Grant. Treasurer's report approved and filed.

4. **Report from the Executive Director**
   Fund drive mailing will be ready for Member Groups next week. Karen will send an email to Member Groups to arrange a time for pick up. They will need to be returned no later than February 5th. Quarterly reports are due Friday, January 24th. Storage Room clean-up will be on Saturday, February 8th at 10m.

5. **Committee Reports**
   - a) **Festival** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 21st, 5pm here in the AFA office. Twelve food vendors have said they will return. We are inviting Crafters/Creators to be a part of the festival with the same requirements as artists. Plans continue for the Wine Garden.
   - b) **Gala** – A Wrap Up meeting was held on Tuesday, November 21st. Profit from the 2025 gala is approximately $50,000. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13, where discussion will begin on a theme for 2025.

6. **Old Business**
   - a) **Grants.** Arvest presented a $20,000 check at our meeting today. Arts for All were nominated by the local US Cellular team to receive a grant from InSports in conjunction with US Cellular. They will be bringing "gifts" in the amount of $1500. Items AFA selected will be used for the Summer Arts Institute. Also, Lawton Community Foundation has approved a matching grant. AFA will contribute $5000, and it will be matched with $2500.
   - **b) Prospective Member Sheet.** The Board was again challenged to fill out their Prospective Member Sheets and return to the office to start a list of potential new members.

7. **Announcements**

   a) Leslie Powell Gallery
   February 14 Poetry Reading by Dr. John G. Morris, 6:30 pm, Leslie Powell Gallery
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b) Lawton Pro Musica

Jan Logan will be the new Member Group Representative.

March 8 — Concert, Location to be announced

c) **Wichita Wildlight Photographic Society**

February 13 — "Understanding Your Digital Cameras Features, Settings and Mysteries – Part I" by Clem Wehner, 6:30 pm., Arts for All Office

d) **Blue Moon** — No Report

e) Cameron University

February 20 -22 — "I Love You Because", Cameron Theatre, 7:30pm
February 23 — "I Love You Because", Cameron Theatre, 2pm
February 22 — Solo and Ensemble Competition, 8am-5pm, Recital Hall

f) Friends of the Library

January 27 — Monthly meeting, Brenda Spencer-Ragland will speak on Homelessness

g) Lawton Arts & Humanities

February — "Let's Talk About It", pick up your copy at the office.
Black History Month is still being planned
The McMahon Auditorium will likely be closed until the end of the year.
Art classes continue upstairs with summer enrollment opening soon.

h) **Lawton Community Theater**

The office is in transition, K. Pendergraft resigned. McCartney and Thomas will be running the office until a new replacement is found.

January 25-26 — Auditions for "Bat Boy". 6-10pm, John Denney Playhouse. Director, Addam Tate.
February 6-8 — "Love Me or Leave Me" A Valentine's Cabaret. 7:30 pm. John Denney Playhouse. $25.

i) **Lawton Fort Sill Arts Council**

February 1 — Children's Workshop
February 21 — Community Art Night

j) **Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra**

January 31 — Carnegie Hall Link Up – Eisenhower High School
February 1 — All-Beethoven, Eisenhower High School Auditorium, 7:30pm
April 26, 2025 — Classic Pops III, McMahon Auditorium, 7:30pm

8. **Other**

The McMahon Foundation has awarded grants to Lawton Public Schools to update the school auditoriums.

April 3-5 all area high schools will collaborate to present "Grease" at Lawton High School.

In June a new slate for expiring board members will be presented. Please submit your recommendation to Karen as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Troy Hamilton, Secretary,
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