

**ARTS FOR ALL, INC.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

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February 24, 2025

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Members: J. Knecht, T. Hamilton, J. Fritsch, Z. DuRant, K. Villarreal, R. Norrell, B. Bannon

Ex-Officio, At Large, Affiliate, Friends: M. McCartney, R. Dryz, S. Kremmer, M. Thomas, M. Brown, P. Neuwirth, A. Brown, S.R. Klein, M. Leal, L. Fitz, F. Couch, J. Poudrier

Excused: S. Mosley, B. Brewer

Unexcused: G. Martinez

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1. **Call to Order** – A quorum was present, and the meeting called to order by J. Knecht at 12:00 p.m.

2. **New Business**

a) **Propel 2040.** Mayor Stan Booker attended and discussed his vision for Propel 2040 and Arts for All.

b) **Summer Arts Institute.** Planning is underway. This year there will only be two sites – Life Ready Center and another location still to be determined. Bach and the Boom Box and Painted Sky Opera will return this year. Plans for field trips to the Museum of the Great Plains and Lawton Community Theatre and being planned.

3. **Old Business**

a) **Fund Drive** – A total of \$7300 in donations have been received thus far.

b) **APRA Grant** – New office desk and paper shredder have been purchased. \$3359.41 have been spent at this time.

c) **Grant Application Updates.** McMahon grant has been submitted and approved in the amount of \$40,000. Priddy application has been completed in the amount of \$35,000 for Summer Arts Institute and will be submitted by Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Priddy representatives will be here on April 10<sup>th</sup> for formal application review.

4. **Officer's Reports**

a) Motion by M. McCartney, seconded by P. Neuwirth to accept the January minutes as written.

b) J. Fritsch presented the January financial report and reported that the Schwab investment fund is \$99,083.14. Banking balance is \$150,895.97. The Budget & Allocation Committee met with recommendation for full allocations to all Member Groups.

5. **Report from the Executive Director**

The storage room has been emptied, and plastic tubs have been purchased for organization. The City of Lawton is working on painting and replacing ceiling tiles. Shine Brite will be scheduled to come in for clean-up. The Alarm Group will be working on installation of an entry button on the gate today. Jo Ann thanked everyone that helped to clean out the storage room.

6. **Committee Reports**

a) **Festival** – Sixteen concessionaires have shown interest in participation this year. There is a growing interest by crafters. The next meeting will be on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

b) **Gala** – The committee met on February 13<sup>th</sup> and have selected the theme “Rhinestone Cowboy” for the 2025 Gala.

7. **Announcements**

a) Lawton Pro Musica

March 8            The Joy of Song featuring the Cameron University Concert Choir, Trinity Baptist Church 7pm

- b) Wichita Wildlight Photographic Society  
March 13 "Understanding Your Digital Cameras Features, Settings and Mysteries – Part II" by Clem Wehner, 6:30 pm., Arts for All Office
- c) Blue Moon No Report
- d) Cameron University  
February 28 CU Concert Band, 7:30 pm, University Theatre  
March 2 CU Community Choir Concert, 3pm, University Theatre  
March 3 Jazz Rehearsals, 5pm, University Theatre  
March 4 Jazz Festival, 7:30pm, University Theatre  
March 6 Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm, Recital Hall  
March 30 Dr. Whang Faculty Recital, 3pm, Recital Hall
- e) Friends of the Library  
April 28 Lawton Chautauqua Committee Meeting, 4:30, Lawton Public Library
- f) Lawton Arts & Humanities  
February 26 Free Community Art Workshop: Creative Writing and Graphite, 6pm, Carnegie Library  
March 12 Free Community Art Workshop: Watercolor, 6pm, Carnegie Library  
March 13 Cinderella Confidential, 6:30pm, MacArthur Middle School  
March 20 Let's Talk About It, 6pm, Carnegie Library  
March 26 Free Community Art Workshop: Mixed Media, 6pm, Carnegie Library
- g) Lawton Community Theater  
April 5 – 6 & 10 – 13 "Bat Boy",  
April 6 - 7 Auditions for "Perry Jackson, Lightning Thief". 6:30pm, John Denney Playhouse.
- h) Lawton Fort Sill Arts Council  
No Report
- i) Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra  
April 26 Classic Pops III, Lawton High School, 7:30pm  
May 19 Ed Dzialo Memorial Golf Tournament
- j) Leslie Powell Gallery  
February 28 Current Showing Ends

## 8. Other

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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**Troy Hamilton, Secretary,  
Arts for All, Inc.**