ARTS FOR ALL, INC.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

afa425@att.net **March 24, 2025** **www.lawtonartsforall.org**

Members: J. Knecht, T. Hamilton, J. Fritsch, B. Bannon, R. Norrell, Z. DuRant, K. Villarreal
At Large: A. Brown, L. Fitz, S.R. Klein **Member Groups:** A. Morman, M. Harden, M. Thomas, M. McCartney, P. Neuwirth, S. Rubio, S. Mosley, E. Petersen
Ex-Officio, Affiliate, Friends: F. Couch
Excused: B. Brewer, M. Brown, S. Kremmer, G. Martinez
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1. **Call to Order –** A quorum was present, and the meeting called to order by J. Knecht at 12:02 p.m.

2. **New Business**
   a) **New LCT Director.** Michaeal Harden has been hired as the Managing Director.

   b) **Prospective Members.** The Board is highly encouraged to submit names of prospective members to the office.

   c) **Nominating Committee.** The job description for the Nominating Committee has been updated. The Committee will consist of three persons, with one being chair, AFA president and executive director serving as ex-officio.

   d) **Open Streets.** This children's outreach will be Saturday from 10am-2pm. Looking for volunteers in 2-hour shifts. Children will be painting tomatoes for the Farmer's Market Tomato Festival.

   e) **Storage Room Clean Up.** This will take place on Saturday, April 5th at 9:30.

   f) **May Meeting Update**. The May Executive Committee meeting has been moved to Friday May 2nd and the Board meeting is rescheduled for Tuesday, May 27th.

3. **Old Business**
   a) **Fund Drive** – A total of $12,035 in donations have been received thus far.

   b) **Priddy Foundation Grant.** Representatives will be in the AFA office on April 10th @ 11:20 for the grant review.

   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 28th. Priddy representatives will be here on April 10th for formal application review.

4. **Officer's Reports**
   a) Motion by Z. Durant, second by P. Lynn Fitz to accept the February minutes as written.

   b) J. Fritsch presented the February financial report and reported that the Schwab investment fund is $98,201.66. Banking balance including Charles Schwab is $238,692.10. Report accepted and filed.

5. **Report from the Executive Director**
   Reminded the Board to vote for the Board Volunteer of the Year. Everyone is encouraged to attend Arts Day at the Capitol on Thursday, April 17th, 8am-Noon.

6. **Committee Reports**
   a) **Festival** – Tshirts will be ready later this week. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be sent to member groups this week. No trustees this year, P. Reynolds will have the manpower.

   b) **Gala** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 27th at 5pm.

7. **Announcements**
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a) Wichita Wildlight Photographic Society

April 17	Photographic tour of Antarctia, 6:30 pm., Arts for All Office

b) Blue Moon — No Report

c) Cameron University

April 9	CU Percussion Ensemble, 7:30 pm, University Theatre
April 11	2025 Civics Bee, 8am – 5pm, University Theatre
April 17-19	Devised Theatre Production, 7:30pm, Studio Theatre
April 20	Devised Theatre Production, 2:00pm, Studio Theatre
April 22	Choir/Concert Band Performance, 7:30pm, University Theatre
April 24-26	DO Willy Wonka Jr., 8am – 9pm, Theatre
April 29	Soiree Concert, 7:30pm, Recital Hall

d) Friends of the Library

April 3-6	Annual Book Sale. Thursday 4-7pm, Friday & Saturday 8am-6pm, Sunday Noon-4pm
April 28	Quarter Meeting, 12 Noon. Safe Haven Baby Boxes by DeDe Armes
June 17-21	2025 Lawton Chautauqua "Anything Goes: America in the Roaring Twenties"

e) Lawton Arts & Humanities

Arts classes are continuing upstairs. Summer arts schedule coming soon.

f) Lawton Community Theater

April 4-6 & 10-13	"Bat Boy" the Musical, 7:30 pm. Sunday shows at 2pm
April 6-7	Auditions for "Perry Jackson, Lightning Thief". 7:00pm, John Denney Playhouse.

g) Lawton Fort Sill Arts Council

Events will start up again soon

h) Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra

April 26	Classic Pops III, Lawton High School, 7:30pm
May 19	Ed Dzialo Memorial Golf Tournament

i) Leslie Powell Gallery

April 5-May 2	"Through Our Eyes", Cameron University Senior Art Exhibit

j) Lawton Pro Musica

June 17	Patriotic Concert. Details to come.

8. **Other**

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

Troy Hamilton, Secretary,
Arts for All, Inc.