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**McMahon Memorial Auditorium** : Arts and Humanities Committee

**Minutes  
 Monthly Meeting  
 Arts and Humanities Committee  
 a committee of the  
 McMahon Auditorium Authority  
 June 4, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.  
 Carnegie Library Town Hall**

Teresa Abram  
 (Chair)

Alison Offield  
 (Vice Chair)

Melissa Beck  
 Leah Chaffins  
 Natalie McCabe  
 Indie Michaels  
 Darius Monroe  
 Dr. Charles Owens  
 Reginald Ramey  
 Max Sasseen

Jason Poudrier  
 Arts & Humanities  
 Administrator

Andrea Morman  
 Deputy Arts &  
 Humanities  
 Administrator

Michell Rosario  
 Arts & Humanities  
 Community Events &  
 Outreach Coordinator

Haley Moore  
 Arts & Humanities  
 Digital Media &  
 Records Specialist

Reagan Phillips  
 Arts & Humanities  
 Administrative  
 Assistant

Nicholas Sasseen  
 Arts & Humanities  
 Technical Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL – 4:00pm**

PRESENT: Offield, Beck

ABSENT: Abram, Chaffins, McCabe, Micheals, Monroe, Owens, Ramey, Sasseen

STAFF: Poudrier\*, Phillips

**VERIFY POSTING OF MEETING**

Action: Verification of posting time, place, and date

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items are considered to be routine by the Arts and Humanities Committee and will be enacted with one motion. Should discussion be desired on an item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda prior to action and considered separately.

1. Consider approving minutes from May 7, 2025.
2. Consider approving financial report for May 2025.

Motion by Beck to accept the minutes from May 7, 2025 and the bank reconciliation from May 2025. Second by Offield.

Offield and Beck voted yes. Motion carried.

**CHAIR’S REPORT**

3. General announcements and updates  
 none

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Receive reports and take action as necessary.

4. Sub Committees

Phillips reported that the naturalization ceremony is still going on as planned.

Beck and Offield expressed their excitement over the grant application received from Krystal Britz.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

5. Support staff decisions regarding Carnegie Library Art Classes and take action as necessary.

Phillips reported on the Carnegie Library Art Classes that made the enrollment goal. She reported that they would not be adding any additional classes.

\*Poudrier entered

6. Review support needs for Lawton Fort Sill Freedom Festival and take action as necessary.

Poudrier reported that he would love for the Arts and Humanities Committee to help support the Freedom Festival at the backstage entrance managing who is entering the area. Offield stated that she would be available. Beck was unsure if she would be available. He also discussed the possibility of reaching out to Lawton Community Theatre or Sherri's Dance Center to see if they would be available to lead a few line dances at the Freedom Festival.

7. Review any subgrant applications and take action as necessary.

Poudrier reviewed the subgranting application that was sent in by Krystal Britz. Beck and Offield expressed their excitement for this concept.

Motion by Beck to approve the subgrant application sent in by Krystal Britz up to \$2000. Second by Offield.

All in favor. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS – none**

## **NEW BUSINESS – none**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Poudrier announced that he has received multiple bids for the renovation of the front stairs at the Carnegie Library Town Hall and he will be contacting the winning bid shortly to let them know the contract has been awarded. He also announced that he will be working with the Museum of the Great Plains on renovations to their building. Poudrier also announced that the McMahon Auditorium Authority will be receiving \$50,000 out of Hotel/Motel Tax funds for Fiscal Year 2026. Poudrier announced that land study around Lawton Community Theatre will be starting soon.

Offield announced that Abrams had asked her to talk at an event held by the Chickasha Film group. Offield announced that the talk went great and that it brought awareness to the filming community here in Lawton.

Beck announced that Lawton Community Theatre's next show, The Lightning Thief, will run June 20-22, 2025 and June 27-29, 2025.

Phillips announced that Lawton Ballet Theatre's Shakespeare in the Park performance will take place on Saturday, June 7, 2025, in Sheplar Park.

## **ADJOURNMENT**