

LAWTON COMMUNITY THEATRE
Board of Directors Meeting
January 20, 2014
John Denney Playhouse, 1316 NW Bell Avenue

1. Call to Order at 5:29 PM.

2. **Roll Call.**

Members Present: Abram., Bear, Breeden, Bullock, Burk, Edwards, Hofmann, John, Klein, Leary, Lewis, McCartney, Neuwirth, Tate, Young.

Members Absent: Elliott (excused), Hunter.

Staff Present: Lytle.

3. The December, 2014 minutes were approved.

4. **Financial Report:**

As of December 31, 2013 ---

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1) Operating (BancFirst)	34,432.38
2) Money Market	19,894.08
3) Building Fund (Arvest)	44,748.87
Total Checking/Savings	99,075.33

Total Current Assets 99,075.33

TOTAL ASSETS 99,075.33

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

30000 Opening Balance Equity	91,363.45
Net Income	7,711.88
Total Equity	99,075.33

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 99,075.33

5. **President's Remarks:** Neuwirth reminded board members that LCT is on the agenda at the City Council meeting on January 28 for a possible \$15,000 of the Hotel/Motel money. She urged board members to show up at 6:00 PM. Lytle reminded the board that not only do the arts contribute economically to a community, but they are also a quality of life issue. Burk reported that after this year, allocating this money will be removed from the City Council's authority. It will become the Chamber's responsibility. He advised cutting the Hotel/Motel allocation from LCT's budget next year.

6. Managing Director's Report:

- Lytle asked if board members wanted to contribute toward an AFA sign.
- Heroes, directed by Scott Richard Klein, opened Friday, January 17. This production is the Oklahoma State Premiere. It will continue its run this weekend, January 23-26. Approximately seventy high school students and Ft. Sill personnel attended the final dress rehearsal.
- Lytle announced that the AFA “Kickoff Luncheon” will be February 14.
- The State Legislature is considering negating funding for the Arts Council. She urged board members to call their state legislators to encourage them to support the arts.
- The AmBucs Tricycle race will be held February 15 at 12:30. Addam Tate, Jim Elliott, and Victor Leary volunteered to participate.
- Lytle has secured a deal with LARC for a children’s theatre production for next winter.
- She announced Katie Noffske’s resignation from the LCT board.
- Lytle thanked board members for the flowers for her grandmother’s service and for their support for her family during Sam’s illness.
- Lytle presented a new color-coded calendar designating not only such activities as LCT productions and rehearsals, fundraising events, children’s activities, holidays, LPO concerts, and Cameron and Blue Moon productions, but also the **new** meeting dates.
- The musical, multigenerational 2013 Christmas Party was a success.

7. Committee Reports

Arts for All: Edwards reported that the “Kick-Off” Luncheon/Fund Drive will be held on February 14, 2014. Scott Richard Klein will be honored as Educator in the Arts, and Neil West will be honored as Citizen of the Arts. Committee members are planning a scavenger hunt to be conducted from the Children’s Tent for the festival.

Cameron University: Cameron Drama Department is in rehearsal for the Scottish play. It will be in production February 20-23.

Fort Sill Co-Op and Fort Sill Families: Lytle reported that Elliott has distributed flyers on post.

Development: No report.

Fundraising Sponsorship: John reported that the “Chocolate at Tiffany’s” committee has met three times. The next meeting will be held at 5:30 on January 29 at 712 Heinzwood Circle. The date for the event is March 8, 2014 in the City Hall Banquet Room. It has been added to the Chamber’s Calendar of Events. John thanked Lytle and Nicole Bucher for acting as the marketing committee. Diane Denham is in charge of decorations: Tiffany Blue boxes with white sating ribbon, black and white tablecloths with projected silhouettes. The event will serve blue martinis, chocolate martinis, wine, soft drinks, and water. Kris Gill has volunteered to do the seating

chart. Neuwirth will handle the silent auction. John asked board members to sell a minimum of ten tickets.

Abram reported that the first rehearsal of the 2014 “Friends of the Theatre Benefit” took place on January 11, 2014. The performance dates are February 7, 8, 9, 2014.

Program of Work:

1. *Outreach:* Bear reported that approximately seventy local high school students and Ft. Sill personnel attended the final dress rehearsal of Heroes. Bear and eighteen Eisenhower High School students are in rehearsal for a touring Creative Dramatics Children’s Production . Martha McCartney is working with thirty-five MacArthur High School students in a musical production of Crazy for You to be presented the first week of March.
2. *Play Selection:* The committee will meet after the LCT board meeting to make the final selections for next year’s season. The plan is to throw a Preview Party in the spring, announcing the season.

Strategic Planning: The committee met last month. The members have planned a retreat, possibly in April, with Charles Middleton doing SWAT analysis.

1. *Building and Grounds:* No report.
2. *Nominating:* With Noffske’s resignation, there is a vacancy on the board. The Board accepted the recommendation of the nominating committee: Joe St. John.

6. **Old Business:** None

9. **New Business:** McCartney announced that Blue Moon Productions is presenting a Night of One Acts February 7, 8 and 14, 15. They are directed by Jack Hunsucker and Sahona Littig (making her directorial debut). Bear reported that Eisenhower Senior High will present Annie the last week of February. The Barbershop’s annual production will be presented February 28 in Duncan and March 1 in Lawton.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28.