

Lawton Community Theatre
Board of Directors Meeting, 18 March 2019
John Denney Playhouse, 1316 NW Bell Avenue

1. **Call to Order** at 5:36 PM
2. **Members Present (Quorum not met):** Jolly, Klein, V. Leary, K. Pendergraft, Neuwirth, M. Thomas, Tate.
3. **Members Absent (excused):** Bear, Jones, McCartney, Richey, B. Thomas, Offield
4. **Absent (unexcused):** Burgess, Burk, Dzindolet, Patterson, Veenhuizen
5. **Staff Absent:** Kuether
6. **Minutes:** February, 2019 minutes were reviewed.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was reviewed and will be filed for audit. Neuwirth reported that LCT will receive bequest from Candice Earley estate.
8. **Public Forum:** Pendergraft reported that the Next Generation Performing Arts Camp will take place the week of July 21st at Cameron University for ages 13 to 18. Three options available: Music Theatre, Strings, and Collaborative Piano. Music Theatre cast will perform *The Drowsy Chaperone*.
9. **President's Report:**
 - Ben Williams, designer for *August: Osage County* and *Peter Pan*, was interviewed at Cameron University. The board discussed the possibility of Mr. Williams designing sets for future LCT productions in conjunction with work at Cameron University.
10. **Managing Director's Report:**
 - Kuether absent. Jolly reported that rehearsals for *August: Osage County* are going well, and production meetings for *Peter Pan* have commenced. *Peter Pan* cast members will perform at the Lawton Philharmonic concert on 27 April 2019 at 6:45 p.m.

11. Committee Reports:

Arts for All: LCT had no representation at the March Arts for All (AFA) meeting. Kuether and Bear are working to secure performers for LCT's AFA performance. M. Thomas reported that board members are requested to donate \$5 in lieu of a food donation for artist hospitality, as per AFA's request. Also requested food donations for soiree event. LCT's Volunteer of the Year nominee has been submitted. Jolly requested board support during festival for volunteer hours.

Fundraising: Tate reported that Speakeasy event was successful. LCT's Pirate Party will take place on 27 April 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Tentative date for Firo fundraiser is April 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Play Selection: No report.

Marketing: Patterson absent. Jolly that online ticket sales have commenced. All ticket sales must be made through Eventbrite. Jolly reported that the website is functional, however, improvements will continue to be made.

Building and Grounds: Jolly reported that talks have commenced at the City of Lawton for possible LCT relocation to the National Guard Armory building. Jolly also reported that due to

the success of trial during *The Miracle Worker*, disabled seating in sections one (1) and five (5) will be utilized during the run of *August: Osage County*.

Outreach: No report.

Board Development and Governance Committee: No report.

Strategic Planning: No report.

Personnel: No report.

Cameron University: Klein reported that Cameron University theatre students attended the Regional Kennedy Center Theatre Festival, Region Six (6) event on 24 February 2019. Two (2) students were honored for best design and property design. One student received a scholarship. Klein will travel to New Mexico to present a directing workshop at a festival.

Blue Moon Productions: K. Pendergraft reported that *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* was a success, and had over 100 audience members in attendance. Auditions for *In the Next Room: The Vibrator Play* will take place April 21 & 22 at 7:00 p.m. Three (3) men and four (4) women are needed. Byron Phillips is the director.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Jolly reported that the bylaws revisions will be voted on at the Annual Member's Meeting. The board discussed methods to increase member attendance at meeting, including newspaper/social media advertising and possible post-card mailing to members. M. Thomas brought up the possibility of moving the LCT director's meetings from the third (3rd) Monday of each month, beginning next fiscal year. Possible dates are being considered, including the final Monday of each month. It was also reported that Lisa Leary has resigned from the LCT Board of Directors, effective immediately. The board discussed possible candidates to fill board vacancies.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.