

Lawton Community Theatre
Board of Directors Meeting and Annual Meeting, April 15, 2019
John Denney Playhouse, 1316 NW Bell Avenue

1. **Call to Order** at 5:30 PM
2. **Members Present:** Bear, Jolly, Jones, Klein, Leary, V., Littig-Albin, McCartney, Neuwirth, Offield, Patterson, Thomas, B.; Thomas, M
3. **Absent:** Burgess, Dzindolet, Leary, L.; Richey, Tate, Veenhuizen, Burk
4. **Staff Present:** Kuether
5. **Minutes:** February and March minutes were submitted; Neuwirth moved to approve minutes as written, M. Thomas seconded. February and March minutes were approved.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** No report
7. **Public Forum:** Neil West and Shawn Roberts represented Southwest Pride Barbershop Chorus at the meeting tonight. Mr. West expressed his displeasure that in the last three years LCT has scheduled either a show or a fundraiser event on the same night as their spring event. He asked that in the future LCT not schedule any event on the evenings of their performances and would like that in writing. Jolly stated that this will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
8. **President's Report:**
 - Technical Director Search-contacting area universities for graduates interested in the position.
 - Ben Williams contracted to design the sets for us for *August: Osage County* and *Peter Pan*.
 - Please sign up to volunteer for the LCT booth and vendor booths at Arts for All.
 - City of Lawton lease signed, LCT committing to \$1 per year for the next 20 years.
 - Candace Earley estate generously donated to LCT and we will be exploring options for using her gift.
9. **Managing Director's Report:**
 - *Church & State* brought in approximately \$13,000 and we spent \$5,000.
 - *August: Osage County* brought in approximately \$10,000 and we spent \$5,000.
 - *Peter Pan*- a cast of 30 has been announced with first rehearsal this evening.
 - Audition workshops have been a huge success, 39 people total.
 - Speakeasy fundraiser brought in \$1,250 free and clear. Lots of new faces at the event.
 - Website/online ticket sales are going well; no issues so far.
10. **Committee Reports:**

Fundraising: Pirate Party scheduled for April 27th from 2:00-4:00PM, volunteers still needed. Raffle basket for *Church & State* brought in about \$800, and basket for *August: Osage County* brought in about \$500. Need to have a dedicated person to sell tickets for raffle.

Play Selection: M. Thomas announced the new season: *Mamma Mia* (September 27), *Play On* (November 9), *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night* (March 6), *Wait Until Dark* (May 15), *Matilda* (June 19).

Marketing: No report

Building and Grounds: There are leaks in front and back walls, and in second stall of the ladies' restroom. New fader wing has been delivered and will be installed soon. New LED lighting on front porch.

Outreach: Touring children's show to reach 2000 children. In need of shopping cart or wagon.

Board Development and Governance Committee: See New Business

Personnel: No report

Arts for All: The gala brought in \$67,000. The Soiree is scheduled for May 9 from 5:30-7:00 at the Museum of the Great Plains. LPO's final concert is April 27th featuring three Broadway performers. The Lawton-Ft. Sill Arts Council will feature a pastel class on Thursday at 7:00. Wild Light Photography soiree on the 9th at 7:00PM. Painted Sky Opera Guild annual meeting on May 5th at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Cameron University: Klein reported *Little Mermaid* closed yesterday.

Blue Moon: Auditions for *In the Next Room: The Vibrator Play* on Sunday and Monday.

New Business:

- Revision of Bylaws proposed by McCartney (see attached). Motion to approve revision of bylaws carried.
- Proposed Officers for Board of Directors for 2019-2020:
President: Marsha Thomas
President-Elect: Allison Offield
Secretary: Cassie Jones
Treasurer: Martha McCartney
Past President: Alan Jolly
- Taylor Burgess and Lisa Leary are no longer on the Board. Victor Leary and Addam Tate are fulfilling others' terms and will stay on the Board. Two nominees to fill vacancies are Cyndal Cooley and Shannan Brown. We still have two vacancies that need to be filled. Jolly nominated Melissa Beck and Patterson nominated Cheyenne Cole. McCartney made the motion to approve all nominees to the Board. Motion carried.
- Jolly made motion to approve new officers. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25PM.