

LPO ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 18, 2023

Lawton Country Club

The annual meeting of the Lawton Philharmonic Society was opened by President David Jackson. Twelve members attended with one guest.

The annual meeting minutes of 2022 were approved as presented.

The financial report of the annual meeting of 2022 was approved. The financial report of April 2023 was presented. Cash on hand is \$141,178.76. Total revenue was \$798.17 with operating expenses (-\$3598.30) with a net loss of (-\$3589.30).

Jon Kalbfleisch's report was shared as presented. He was very appreciative of our work with the concert, displaying Instruments Transformed in the lobby and recognizing Jim Lambert for his contributions to the orchestra.

Patty Neuwirth's report was shared as presented. She appreciated David Jackson for moving the Instruments Transformed to AFA. The festival survived the rain. The auction raised \$1400. Patty will be in NYC next week for the Carnegie Hall Link Up workshop. She announced there are 5 schools interested in participating. Season subscriptions go out next year as well as selling ads for the program book.

President David Jackson gave a recap of the past year's event. August had our best attended concert, reinforcing our audience appreciates light classical music in addition to traditional repertoire. September was our annual golf tournament and October we had a night of German food and song. February was our "middle" concert and gave us a chance to perform Peter and the Wolf for over 1200 elementary students. April was the beginning of Instruments Transformed 4 with those instruments being displayed at our May concert. Our May concert featured our largest orchestra, honoring Jim Lambert for his years of playing in the orchestra.

Committee Reports:

*By-laws – Our by-laws were updated. It was moved by the committee to accept the changes. Motion passed.

*Hospitality – Piere Mariano has done a remarkable job with this committee. The players appreciated so much her "spread" for them. Carol Gardner expressed for Piere her appreciation to all who helped her.

*Finance – The next year's budget will be presented at the June meeting for approval.

*Marketing – Kaley Dorsey reported next year's season will be pushed out next week with subscriptions go out.

*Fundraising – Ronda Norrell reminded everyone the golf tournament will be in August.

*Nominating – The slate of officers for next year will remain the same as it is. Voting for approval will be at the June meeting. It was reported we need 5 more board members in the next 6 months. The members need to be subscribers and willing to help in a variety of ways.

*Personnel – Arthur Busby has resigned. We will be looking for someone who is familiar with union contracts coordination with the players.

*Program – New season brochures were available to pass out among friends and agencies.
*Youth – Kathy Hickman thanked the board for their continued support for student tickets.
*AFA Festival – Ronda Norrell reported the festival was successful in spite of the rain. She reminded everyone the AFA Gala will be on November 3. The summer school arts program will be in the month of June at 4 different elementary schools. So far, 1000 students have signed up.

The next monthly meeting will be June 15, 2023.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Chapman – Recording Secretary

Members Present – Janice Fritsch, Tim Diley, Melissa Beck, Kathy Hickman, Sally Simpson,
David Jackson, Linda Chapman, Carol Gardner, Ronda Norrell, Cindy O'Connor
Executive Director – Patty Neuwirth
Marketing Director – Kaley Dorsey
Guest – Mena Stone