

Lawton Philharmonic Society
Regular Board Meeting
Lawton Country Club
January 18, 2024

The meeting was opened by President David Jackson.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Finance report was presented by Jo Ann Knecht. Total revenue was \$6867.20, with total expenses of \$4292.06, leaving a profit of \$2605.22.

Conductor Jon Kalbflesisch's letter gave an overview of the proposed season for 2024-25.

Executive Director Patty Neuwirth's letter reminded us of our very busy February schedule.

Committee Reports

^ Executive Committee met January 4, 2024 to discuss a few items. In order to generate funds, the committee proposed to increase the \$10 seats to \$15. Motion passed.

The committee also discussed offering an early bird discount to our season subscribers. After discussion, a motion to reduce season subscribers by 10% with a deadline of July 31 was passed. This will be for the 2024-25 season subscriptions.

^Hospitality – Piere Mariano will organize hospitality for the orchestra, which will be a larger orchestra.

^Children's Concert will be Friday, Feb 23, with two concerts – 11:00 am and 12:30 pm.

Volunteers are need by 10 am. Charlotte Oates is directing the concert. There will be approximately 171 students playing recorders. We already have 2000 LPS students attending the concert. There will also be entertainment from some of the Lawton high schools.

^Finance - David Jackson reported year-end donations of \$4350 were given for LPO.

^Grant-Writing – Ronda Norrell is gearing up to write grants. Patty Neuwirth also has been sending in grants.

^Fundraising – Ronda Norrell explained about a fun wine tasting event for LPO. It will be held at the Trophy Room Leap Day, Thursday, Feb 29, from 5:30-7:00 pm. Donations will be accepted. It will be hosted by Cache Rd Liquor. We can taste wine and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and entertainment.

^Program – The 2024-25 season was presented and discussed. A motion was made to accept the proposal, motion passed.

^AFA – The AFA Festival will open Mother's Day weekend. It will be the 50th anniversary for this festival. T-shirts will be available to purchase at our next board meeting.

Ronda Norrell also reported the Summer Camp will return for the month of June. Funding has been secured to have even more students attend. Volunteers are needed.

New Business – Patty Neuwirth reported the Chamber's Art Luncheon will be Wednesday, February 7, noon, at the Hilton Garden Inn. Patty will take our reservations. Deadline for reservations will be Friday, Feb. 2. Tickets are \$25.

Next meeting is Wednesday, Feb 15, 2024.

Submitted by Linda Chapman, Recording Secretary

Members Present: Ronda Norrell, Melissa Beck, Conner Sasseen, David Jackson, Linda Chapman, Cindy O'Connor, Sally Simpson, Janice Fritsch, Jo Ann Knecht, Tim Diley, Doug Brown, Jim Lambert, Doris Lambert, Kathy Hickman

Executive Director – Patty Neuwirth

Members Absent: Tanya Case, Blake Dutcher, Carol Gardner, Martin Johnston