

Lawton Philharmonic Society
Regular Board Meeting
Lawton Country Club

January 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President David Jackson.

Minutes of November were approved with correction of the spelling of “Oklahoma”. There was no December board meeting.

The financial report was presented as printed. Total revenue was \$126,818.81. Total operating expenses were \$82,873.25. Other income was \$42,460.10. There was a net income of \$86,405.66.

President’s Report – David Jackson welcomed us to 2022. We are crossing our fingers for the February concert to take place. Dates are saved for February and April outreach.

Conductor’s Report – Jon Kalbfleisch presented music and notes for the music for the 2022-2023 season.

Executive Director’s Report – Patti Neuwirth reported she was planning two outreach events if Covid doesn’t stop them.

In February we have pianist Andrew Staupe coming and we will take him to Cache Public Schools – one performance for Cache students and another with surrounding schools.

The Military Grant from OAC will allow us to bring celloist Nat Chaitkin who will bring us “Bach and the Boombox”. We plan to do three performances at Freedom Elementary, the veterans center and possibly Central Middle School.

Committee Reports

Concert – The instrumentalists are needing new stand lights. The cost of these rechargeable battery-operated lights will be shared by MMA, LPO and A&H – each paying \$2200 for the \$6600 cost (66 lights @ \$100 each). Doris Lambert moved to approve LPO to pay our third share of cost to purchase stand lights. Shaun Calix seconded the motion. Motion passed. A charging case is needed. Later discussion will be concerning the cost and how it will be paid. We still have Covid concerns for both instrumentalists and audience participants. The players are either vaccinated or have taken a negative test 48 hours before the concert. Discussion was made concerning possibly to record the February concert and replay it later. The cost would be approximately \$2000. Motion was presented by the concert committee to authorize \$2000 for online viewing. Motion passed.

Grant Writing – The grant for OAC is due in February. Ronda Norrell is working on this.

Personnel – Doris Lambert recommends CU student Victoria Chambers as our intern. A job requirement packet will be sent to her.

Youth – Kathy Hickman passed around her sack for donations for student tickets.

Concert Season – Jon Kalbfleisch presented a concert proposal for season 2022-2023. In reviewing his proposal, we agreed it was a nice mix. Concert committee moved to approve this 2022-2023 season. Motion passed.

Arts for All – The Arts for All Festival is scheduled during Mother's Day weekend. The virtual Arts for All fundraiser received \$36,000, which is less than an in-person event.

New Business

New timpani heads are needed to be replaced again. Cindy O'Connor moved to authorize up to \$500 for this replacement. Shaun Calix seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Arts and Humanities director Jason Poudrier reported the McMahon Authority is looking using E-ticks (sp?) as a cost effective way to sell tickets at the auditorium for any entity needing ticket sales. Each performance organization can absorb initial costs or add the cost to the sale of the ticket. Jason plans to inquire if there are any Hotel-Motel tax funds available to absorb some initial costs. LPO will be looking at this possibility for selling tickets. Updates will be reported later.

Martin Johnston from the 77th Army Band reported 4 Army bands will be deactivated by October 2024. Sadly, Ft Sill's band is on this list. It was suggested for us to email Senator Jim Inhofe to re-evaluate the disbanding of the 77th Army Band.

Next meeting is February 17, 2022, at noon.

Meeting Adjourned

Linda Chapman – Recording Secretary

Members Present – Cindy O'Connor, Kathy Hickman, Barbara Moeller, David Jackson, Piere Mariano, Doris Lambert, Jim Lambert, Carla Saliba, Shaun Calix, Carol Gardner, Melissa Beck, Linda Chapman, Martin Johnston
Executive Director – Patti Neuwirth
Guest – Jason Poudrier