

Lawton Philharmonic Society
Regular Board Meeting
Lawton Country Club

March 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was opened by President David Jackson.

MINUTES

The minutes were approved as presented.

FINANCE

As of February 28, 2021, total revenues were \$5810.33, total operating expenses were \$19804.58 with a net loss of \$13,994.25.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Patty Neuwirth reported our next concert will be recorded and will broadcast Saturday, May 1 at 9 pm on MeTV and Sunday, May 2 at 10:35 pm on KSWO. The concert will also stream for one month beginning May 1 at 10 pm. KSWO estimated 9373 households watched our February concert. The upcoming concert will be dedicated to Nels Harveland who was our founder and the first conductor.

Our PPE loan has been accepted and will be funded soon. We expect \$22412.00 which will pay for our musicians for this concert.

LPO will help Indianhoma and Bishop schools with possible outreach using the Carnegie Link Up project with them. Both are waiting grant funding.

CONDUCTORS'S REPORT

Jon Kalbfleisch reported our next season. LPO has been granted permission to do a concert version of OKLAHOMA!, which will open our season. It will also be Lawton's 120th birthday. With this next season being our 60th anniversary, we will begin with OKLAHOMA!, then orchestral music with Andrew Staupe as soloist and finish with Kyle Dillingham in a finale called "How the West Was Won" with music by John Williams, Copland and Grofe. We are planning to be back with in-person concerts at McMahon Auditorium!!!!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Jackson thanked everyone for this year. With this season having concerts recorded, televised and streamed, we've reached a wider audience than before. Now we need to promote LPO to encourage audience participation and presence. We need to be cheerleaders for LPO and be ready to sell, and renew program ads, as well as get more season ticket sales.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grant Writing – Ronda Norrell reported the OAC grant has been submitted and we should hear late June to early July.

Marketing – Kaley Patterson reported she will share the newspaper article about Nel Harveland, will advertise our concerts and the possible school outreach. She will announce next year's season after our April concert.

AFA – Patty Neuwirth reported the annual kick-off luncheon will be May 28, probably virtual. Chance Harmon, LCT director will be guest speaker.

The AFA Festival has been cancelled.

The AFA Gala is scheduled for November 1.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Submitted by Linda Chapman, Recording Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ronda Norrell, Kathy Hickman, David Jackson, Carol Gardner, Albert Rivas, Barbara Curry, Richard Townes, Linda Chapman

Media Director – Kaley Patterson

Executive Director – Patty Neuwirth