

Lawton Philharmonic Society
Regular Board Meeting
Lawton Country Club
March 21, 2024

David Jackson called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.
Minutes were approved as presented.

Jo Ann Knecht presented the finance report: Total revenues for the month - \$22,233.17 – (\$10,107 from Arts for All). Total expenses were \$72,890.40 with the biggest expenses being for the Link-Up concert musician wages, musician's travel, and conductor's payment. LPO had a net loss of \$50,657.23 for the month.
The Leap Year Wine event made approximately \$1356 and Jon's concert appeal brought in \$1126.50.

Patty Neuwirth and Jon Kalbfleisch's reports were presented as printed.

Committee Reports:

^Grant-Writing – Ronda Norrell reported LPO received the ARPA grant of \$74,151.96. We will receive information soon on the parameters on how the money may be spent.

^Hospitality – The committee did an outstanding job providing food and decorations for the orchestra for the concert. The musicians commented very favorably.

^Marketing – Lisa Leary has been putting out Facebook and Instagram postings.

^Fundraising – Ronda Norrell reported the Leap Year Wine event was well received. Bent Fork did a fabulous job with the food and JP's staff were very helpful in presenting the drinks for the tasting. Doris Lambert played keyboard for entertainment. It was a nice evening.

^Personnel – Tanya Case reported via phone that contracts are current.

^Youth – Kathy Hickman reported the Link-Up concert was a success. She heard from several parents and students how much they enjoyed it.

^AFA – Member groups now have space available at the AFA basement office for meetings. Enhancements have been made to the office area, as well as the tunnel area to make it look better and have better security. For the AFA Festival in May, this will be the 50th anniversary of the festival. Plans are coming along very well. For the Summer Arts Camp, Ronda Norrell announced the events are being planned. The subjects taught will be art, theatre, esports, music and dance. School locations are being developed.

^ Conner Sasseen is researching possible things that will help LPO and other arts organizations to involve and entice more young adults to come to concerts and productions. He is working on a survey.

Next meeting is April 18, 2024.

Submitted by Linda Chapman – Recording Secretary

Present – Melissa Beck, Jo Ann Knecht, Janice Fritsch, Ronda Norrell, Tim Diley, Cindy O'Connor, David Jackson, Doris Lambert, Jim Lambert, Carol Gardner, Linda Chapman, Kathy Hickman, Tanya Case Patty Neuwirth – Executive Director

Excused – Doug Brown, Piere Mariano, Conner Sasseen

Absent – Sally Simpson, Blake Dutcher