

Lawton Philharmonic Society
Regular Business Meeting
Lawton Country Club

April 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was opened by President David Jackson.

MINUTES

The minutes were approved as presented.

FINANCE

JoAnn Knecht reported cash on hand is \$200,321.24. Total revenue is \$22,197.00 which included \$10,000 from the Hotel/Motel Tax from the City of Lawton. Total operating expenses are \$9,468.52. Net income is \$33,150.32.

CONDUCTOR'S REPORT

The board was happy to have Jon Kalbfleisch join us during our meeting. On behalf of the musicians and soloists, Jon expressed appreciation to the board members for their continued support on creating ways of having concerts. Our next season will be in McMahon Auditorium which will give space for social distancing.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Jackson reported it's important to get sponsors, ticket sales and ad sales to financially support the next season. We are in a "holding pattern" waiting for the auditorium's availability. LPO has been approved for the concert version of *Oklahoma!* which will piggyback with Lawton's birthday.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Patty Neuwirth reported the concert will be recorded on April 17 with broadcasts Saturday, May 1 at 9 PM on MeTV and Sunday at 10:35 PM on KSWO. Then the concert will be streamed for one month beginning May 1 at 10:00 PM. The concert will be dedicated to Nels Harveland, our founder and first conductor.

Season tickets, ad sales and program books will have to wait until we hear from McMahon Auditorium. We will need sponsors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Hospitality – There is discussion of how to sell wine before and during intermission during concerts.

*Finance – We received the PPE loan which will cover the musician's salaries for the April concert.

*Marketing – Kaley Patterson has print outs available advertising the April concert.

*Youth – Kathy Hickman passed around the donation sack for free youth tickets attending our concerts.

*Arts for All – The AFA Gala is scheduled November 1 at the Coliseum. The committee has had a lot of discussion on how to limit attendance and food. The AFA Art Festival is cancelled this year. There is discussion in trying to do something during the tomato festival at the Farmer's Market.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting will be our annual meeting. It is at noon on Thursday, May 20. Those attending will be given two sets of minutes – the April regular board meeting and the annual meeting of 2 years ago since last year's annual meeting was cancelled because of Covid.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

^The CU Percussion Concert is May 22 at 7:30 PM at Cameron University

^Richard Townsend of the 77th Army Band introduced his new replacement as of the upcoming January. WO Johnston will be joining us. On May 24 there will be a joint concert at the CU Courtyard.

^Young Professionals of Lawton will have a fundraiser, Bowties and Bourbon, at the Country Club on May 1 from 4-7.

MEETING ADJOURNED

SUBMITTED BY

Linda Chapman, Recording Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Albert Rivas, Linda Chapman, Doris Lambert, Jim Lambert, WO Johnston, Ronda Norrell, Richard Townsend, Shaun Calix, David Jackson, Blake Dutcher, JoAnn Knecht, Carol Gardner, Piere Mariano, Carla Saliba, Kathy Hickman
Marketing Director – Kaley Patterson
Executive Director – Patty Neuwirth