

Lawton Philharmonic Society
Regular Board Meeting
Lawton Country Club

April 21, 2022

President David Jackson opened the meeting.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Finance Report was given by JoAnn Knecht. Cash in the bank is \$179,619.88. Income was \$9631.23 (Arts for All revenue is \$7001). Total operating expenses were \$14,841.06 with a net loss of \$5199.98.

Conductor's Report – It was special that Jon Kalbfleisch was at our meeting. He said it felt very strange to not be wearing a mask here since in Washington, DC, mask mandates were still required. For Saturday's concert, screens will be used for the Grand Canyon Suite. Kyle Dillingham will be playing with the orchestra three times. As an encore, Kyle will be playing a solo piece which he composed.

President's Report – David Jackson reported that after many months anticipating Kyle Dillingham playing with our orchestra, the long-awaited pairing will be Saturday. There's been a lot of social media buzz about this concert. David asks us to be at the concert, wearing our name badges and helping. Hopefully this concert will kick off a renewed interest in live orchestral music that will continue for our next season.

Committee Reports

^Hospitality – Piere Mariano reported that MacArthur Middle School donated a sackful of wrapped beefsteaks for the orchestra. Piere is using prewrapped snacks. Everyone is excited to be offering snacks for the orchestra.

^Marketing – Kaley Dorsey reported after Saturday's concert she'll send out information about the next season as well as the AFA festival. Boy Scout troop #176 will be putting out and picking up yard signs for each concert. The troop will receive \$100 for each concert.

^Fundraising – Ronda Norrell reported the Golf Tournament will be September 12 at the Lawton Country Club. Doris Lambert reported Shaun Calix has given Mutti's a few possible dates in the fall for a fundraising event.

^Nominating – Doris Lambert reported all present officers will continue for the next year.

^Personnel – David Jackson reported Jon's contract has been renewed for 3 years with a 5% increase.

^Program – Next year's season's brochures will be distributed starting at Saturday's concert.

^Youth – Kathy Hickman reported she has sent emails to her students about this concert. Currently there is a nice dollar amount for youth concert tickets.

AFA Festival – Ronda Norrell reported the festival will be May 6,7,8. The Thursday night May 5 soiree will be returned at the Farmer's Market from 5:50-7 after a 2 year absence because of Covid. Volunteers in the arts will be recognized. She reported on so many exciting events that will occur for this year's festival. Some LPS art teachers and students will be manning the Kid's Tent teaching children several arts and crafts activities. Entertainment will be at the Harmony Garden from 7-9.

Old Business – David Jackson will present Parvin Smith with a plaque honoring all his years playing in the orchestra.

New Business - Patty Neuwirth reported the Fire Marshall required MMA to get rid of 2 large LPO tubs that were stored in the auditorium. One tub included 1960's LPO's scrapbooks. David Jackson found old instruments used in an old petting zoo. Some may be able to be sold and some saved for future Instruments Transformed.

Our Annual meeting will be May 19.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Linda Chapman, Recording Secretary

Members Present – Carol Gardner, Jo Ann Knecht, Doris Lambert, Jim Lambert, Piere Mariano, David Jackson, Rebecca Kinslow, Kathy Hickman, Ronda Norrell, Linda Chapman

Executive Director – Patty Neuwirth
Marketing Director – Kaley Dorsey
Conductor – Jon Kalbfleisch