

Lawton Philharmonic Society  
Regular Board Meeting  
Lawton Country Club

June 18, 2020

### **WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by David Jackson. David introduced three guests: Chance Harmon, the new director of Lawton Community Theatre, who reported on upcoming events; Chief Richard Townes who is the new commander of the 77<sup>th</sup> Army Band and will be the liaison; and Sean Gariboy from Arvest Bank, visiting as a potential new board member.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the February board meeting were approved as presented. Because of the Covid-19, the board did not meet March, April, and May.

### **FINANCE**

JoAnn Knecht reported we have about \$91,000 cash on hand, revenue \$5.68 and expenses of about \$26,000, with a net loss of \$24,800.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

David Jackson welcomed back the board. This meeting is being held with proper precautions. Our April concert was rescheduled then cancelled because of the uncertainty of the city venue. We did pay musicians that were to play for 2 services using funds from the PPP SBA loan program. They were appreciative for doing so. The board is working with McMahon Auditorium on requirements and details for our August concert. We are moving forward with cautious optimism.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Patty Neuwirth reported we have a new reimagined season that Jon put together. Most concerts will have a small orchestra. She is working on details to live stream the August concert. McMahon Foundation will be honored as it is their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. BankFirst will sponsor for the August 29 concert. The brochure will be printed and sent out for season subscribers.

### **CONDUCTOR'S REPORT**

Jon Kalbfleisch reiterated the orchestra's appreciation for payment of the cancelled April concert. He appreciated us moving forward to plan for some kind of a season. David Kim is anxious to return to Lawton and hopefully can do some outreach at Freedom Elementary.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

By-laws – Members of the board will be meeting with an attorney who will come on the board. We are sad to be replacing Ed Dzialo after his untimely death.

Concert/Hospitality - McMahon Auditorium now can hold 400 or less in the audience. Patrons will be given seating with social distancing in mind. There was discussion on the best ways to

open for this concert. Staff at the auditorium will be helping us with this. KSWO is helping with live streaming. At this time, we are unsure if hospitality will be able to provide food for the rehearsal.

Grant Writing - Ronda Norrell reported we received a military grant which will help pay for David Kim providing outreach at Freedom Elementary. She is hoping the funds will be extended past July because of the COVID-19.

Marketing – Kaley Patterson has been putting out press releases. She announced she is now working for the City of Lawton AND she is engaged!!!!

Fundraising – If we will be able to have the golf tournament in the fall, we will have it to honor Ed Dzialo.

Nominating – Doris Lambert reported the slate of officers will be carried on for the next year. Motion passed.

Youth – Kathy Hickman sent around a basket for donations for student tickets.

Arts for All - JoAnn Knecht reported the Arts for All received a \$40,000 donation from the Newspaper Foundation. Some sponsors for the Arts for All Festival which was cancelled did not want to be refunded and gave \$8000 to give to the different art organizations. Currently, the Gala is undecided.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The board decided to meet July 16. The location is to be determined later.

David Jackson gave well wishes to Alexis Sprakties who will be moving to Fort Drum, NY. He thanked her for her service with the 77th Army Band and being on our board.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Chapman  
Recording Secretary

Members Present: Piere Mariano, Doris Lambert, Jim Lambert, Chlorica Farmer, JoAnn Knecht, Sally Simpson, Cindy O'Connor, Ronda Norrell, Carolyn Barnes, Kathy Hickman, David Jackson, Linda Chapman

Guests: Chance Harmon, Richard Townes and Sean Gariboy  
Executive Director – Patty Neuwirth  
Media Director – Kaley Patterson