

Lawton Philharmonic Society  
Board Meeting  
Lawton Country Club  
August 19, 2021

President David Jackson called the meeting to order.

The minutes were approved as presented.

Finance – JoAnn Knecht presented the finance report. Current cash on hand is \$215,116.67. Total income is \$40,205.00 with expenses of \$7,168.46. Net income is \$33,036.54.

David Jackson announced it was exciting to return to a live performance for our 60<sup>th</sup> season. Programs are printed, tickets have been mailed and sales have been good. David reminded board members to wear their badge and masks. There will be no refreshments or formal reception after the concert.

Patty Neuwirth reported the city is requiring social distancing and wearing masks at the MMA. Patty and the auditorium staff are working on distance seating. Board members will help guide audience members to seats. Patty introduced Jason Poudrier who is the new Arts and Humanities Director for the City of Lawton.

JoAnn Knecht reported the Budget Committee has produced a balanced budget for this year of \$282,000. The motion was approved.

Ronda Norrell moved to proceed with the Military & Arts Grant to be used for student outreach. Motion passed. The grant is due September 15.

Kaley Dorsey announced marketing is very busy. There will be an article in Sunday's paper, ads are on KSWO, there will be facebook postings. Signs will be put out on Sunday.

Ronda Norrell announced the Ed Dzialo Memorial Golf Tournament is Friday, Oct. 15. The Dzialo family and friends will also be participating. Ronda encouraged us to push this fund raiser for teams.

Patty Neuwirth announced 2-year contracts for Jennifer Scott and Arthur Busby have been renewed.

JoAnn Knecht reported as of now the Arts for All Gala committee is still meeting. She is not certain if the gala will be held, depending on the covid levels. Arts for All allocated \$28,003.79 to LPO.

Jim Lambert announced Dr. Whang and David Kim will present a concert August 24 at 7:30 pm at the CU Theatre. Admission is \$10.

Doris Lambert is excitedly working with the Oklahoma! cast and chorus. She expressed what wonderful local talent we have. It will be a wonderful concert.

Linda Chapman read a thank-you card from Billie Whipp, thanking LPO for her retirement gift of season tickets.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Linda Chapman, Recording Secretary

Members Present: Ronda Norrell, Piere Mariano, JoAnn Knecht, Richard Townes, Jim Lambert, Doris Lambert, Rebecca Kinslow, Shaun Calix, Sally Simpson, Kathy Hickman, David Jackson, Carol Gardner, Linda Chapman

Executive Director – Patty Neuwirth  
Marketing Director – Kaley Dorsey