

Lawton Philharmonic Society
Regular Board Meeting
Lawton Country Club
August 22, 2024

David Jackson called the meeting to order. Pam Brisolara was introduced as a new board member. Welcome, Pam!!! Christi Chambers was introduced as a potential board member who is organizing the survey of a few organizations whose membership are young professionals. We hope Christi can find time to join us.

Minutes were approved as corrected. Carol Gardner's name was left out of those present at the June meeting. Sorry Carol!

Conductor's Report – The board was glad to have Jon Kalbfleisch attending our meeting. Jon celebrated how our orchestra gets better with each concert. David Kim will join Jon in Cache with outreach to the elementary students. David tells his story of learning the love of playing violin.

Looking for next season's concerts, Jon is looking at music that has a more broadening appeal to an audience. He is looking at program music to celebrate the 80th year of the end of WWII and the 250th year of our country's birth!

Finance – JoAnn Knecht reported total cash assets of \$97,404.70. Total revenue at the end of July is \$31,014.10 with operating expenses of \$11,623.06 for a net income of \$19,391.04.

President's Report – David Jackson said it is “all hands on deck” for concert preparations. Everyone is needed for a successful concert.

Hospitality – Carol Gardner, Janice Fritsch and Patti Neuwirth bought snacks for the orchestra's rehearsals.

Executive Director's Report – Patti Neuwirth reported the Ad Book is at the printers. We have lost some local vendors and gained a few so she thinks it should be ok on revenue.

Patti has reserved the Eisenhower High School auditorium for our February and Link Up concerts while McMahon Auditorium is undergoing construction.

Our Music Librarian and Stage Manager Jennifer Scott is moving since the 77th Army Band has been decommissioned and she and Ryan will be relocating to Tulsa. Jennifer will be recognized during Saturday's concert. We are in the process of finding someone for both of these positions.

Committee Reports:

^AFA Gala – The theme is Roaring 20's. Each member group is responsible for 10 \$100 items for auction. LPO was given a distribution of \$44,000 from AFA. Tickets will be \$60. Ronda and JoAnn updated us on the plans. Sounds like fun!

^Grants – Ronda Norrell reported grants she has been working on have been sent in. OAC is funding almost \$20,000 which will come in increments. We are still waiting to hear about ARPA funds. The Communities Foundation OK Endowment will be sending \$15,031. Our liability account is \$286,479.

^Marketing – We discussed additional ways of spreading LPO news and concerts.

^Fundraising – The golf tournament will occur October 14. Hole sponsorships are \$100.

^Personnel – Tanya Case discussed filling the librarian and stage manager positions. Pat Reynolds will be billed \$39/hour to see how much duplication is done with his job. Doris Lambert moved and Ronda Norrell seconded a motion to approve. Motion passed.

Tanya also discussed a new union contract. She is proposing a 2-year contract with a 3% increase each year. This proposal was accepted by the union. Ronda Norrell moved and Jim Lambert seconded a motion to approve this contract. Motion passed.

Old Business

There will be a 77th Army Band farewell concert at 7 pm on Sep 20 at McMahon Auditorium.

There is a concert on October 28 at 7 pm at McMahon Auditorium with the US Army Field Band and Soldier's Chorus.

New Business – Melissa Beck asked for assistance for a special production during Black History Month. Ronda Norrell moved and Tanya Case seconded a motion to request AFA to write a joint grant to partnership with LPO to fund the Black Violin production during Black History Month. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Linda Chapman, Recording Secretary

Member Present: JoAnn Knecht, Sally Simpson, Cindy O'Connor, Linda Chapman, Janice Fritsch, Melissa Beck, Tim Diley, David Jackson, Pam Brisolara, Kathy Hickman, Doris Lambert, Jim Lambert, Carol Gardner, Tanya Case.

Guest – Christi Chambers

Executive Director – Patti Neuwirth

Conductor – Jon Kalbfleisch

Members Absent: Doug Brown, Blake Dutcher, Piere Mariano, Conner Sasseen