

Lawton Philharmonic Society
Board Meeting
September 21, 2023

Lawton Country Club

The meeting was called to order by President David Jackson.

Minutes were approved as presented (9-0).

Financial report was given by Jo Ann Knecht. For the month of August, total revenue was \$111,652.86 with total expenses of \$78,246.54 for a net income of \$33,406.32. Patty also shared a recap of our August 2023 concert. Because of the expenses of that concert, we had to withdraw \$17,082.43 from our LPO funds.

Conductor's letter was emailed to everyone as presented.

President's report by David Jackson thanked everyone for our attitude and enthusiasm working on this board and the help with our August concert.

Committee Reports:

*Finance – Finance will be meeting soon to discuss funding concerns.

*Concert – Patty shared that several patrons stated, “best concert ever”. We had 469 in attendance which included 45 students.

*Hospitality – Piere Mariano and crew were thanked for the wonderful refreshments set up for the orchestra. The Harry Potter theme was great.

*Marketing – Kaley Dorsey is working on pushing this concert through social media, Facebook, an ad in the paper. KSWO TV will run our golf tournament ad.

*Fundraising Friday, Oct. 20 is our Ed Dzialo Golf Tournament. Hole sponsors are \$100, teams \$500 (which includes a hole sponsorship) and individual players are \$125. We will not be doing lunch due to the high cost involved. Instead after round refreshments will be available. We are going to purchase prizes as EZGO gift cards are no longer available.

*Grant Writing – We will be applying for some additional grants for our Linkup youth concert and season expenses. Letters of intent requesting grant money will be sent to McCasland, Priddy, Love's and Bell foundations.

*Link Up – Eleven LPS schools are participating by teaching the recorder pieces for our two Friday, Feb. 23, 2024 concerts at McMahon Auditorium. Students from the participating schools will be able to attend the concert. Fantastic outreach, hoping to extend this to other surrounding communities in the future.

*Arts for All – Jo Ann Knecht reminded us the Gala is Nov. 3. Any auction items need to be turned in by September 27. All volunteers need to purchase a ticket for \$60. A signup sheet was passed around for LPO board members to sign up to volunteer.

Old Business – Patty reminded that the OAC Bicentennial Conference will be in Lawton on Oct 17, 18, 19. Lawton to host an event Wednesday, October 17 from 5 to 7 pm. It is a “progressive party” that will be held at McMahon Auditorium, Museum of the Great Plains and Comanche Nation Museum. Refreshments are needed and volunteers to man the event. Let Patty know if you can assist. This will be followed by “Forever Motown” at the auditorium and then an afterparty at 9pm at the Hilton.

Our next meeting is being moved to October 26 due to the OAC conference.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Patty Neuwirth on behalf of Linda Chapman, Recording Secretary

Those Present: Sally Simpson, Cindy O’Connor, David Jackson, Jo Ann Knecht, Janice Fritsch, Piere Mariano, Tim Diley, Kathy Hickman, Doris Lambert, Jim Lambert.

Also

Executive Director – Patty Neuwirth

Members Absent: Melissa Beck, Doug Brown, Tanya Case, Linda Chapman, Blake Dutcher, Carol Gardner, Ronda Norrell. Advisors Absent: Martin Johnston (77th Army Band) and Media Director Kaley Dorsey