

LAWTON PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Lawton Country Club

The regular board meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by President David Jackson.
A quorum was present.

The minutes were approved as presented.

The financial reports were presented and will be filed for audit. Total revenues were for October was \$31,725.53 with total expenses of \$8,677.50 with a net income of \$23,048.03. Annual income from the OKC (Lawton) Community Foundation was \$14,342.53 of the income.

Jon Kalbfleisch's report was shared as presented. Next season will be discussed under program.

Patty Neuwirth's report reviewed the golf tournament and GALA.

David Jackson mentioned board responsibilities and future concerts.

Committee Reports:

*Finance – They are meeting on next season's costs. More discussion will be held.

*Grant-Writing – Patty Neuwirth reported she is working on the ARPA grant.

*Endowment – We have received the annual income from our endowment account.

*Fund Raising – The golf tournament netted \$3619.00.

*Program – Jon's proposal for the 2024-25 season was discussed. The Executive Board has met and are concerned with the costs. Jon was asked to reduce costs and he has reduced it \$7265 so far. We will continue to meet on costs and ways to increase our revenue. We will vote on a season proposal January 18, 2024. Patty passed out Flex Passes and asked members to bring prospective patrons to a concert.

*Link-Up - The Lawton Chamber of Commerce has awarded us \$2240 for the program.

*AFA Gala – Great job JoAnn, Janice, Ronda and volunteers. No figures available yet.

New Business:

*A new board member, Conner Sasseen from Arvest Bank, was proposed. He has spent many years assisting at McMahon auditorium so he know our program. The vote was unanimous to bring in Connor.

*LPO has been contacted by the US Army Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus to present a concert with our sponsorship on October 28, 2024. No cost to us. McMahon has the date reserved.

*Our next meeting is January 18, 2024.

Submitted by Patty Neuwirth, Executive Director for Linda Chapman.

Members Present: David Jackson, Janice Fritsch, Piere Mariano, Tim Diley, Sally Simpson, Cindy O'Connor, Linda Chapman, Jim Lambert, Doug Brown, Tanya Case, Carol Gardner, Katherine Hickman, JoAnn Knecht, new member Conner Sasseen and Patty Neuwirth (Exec Dir)

Members Absent: Melissa Beck, Blake Dutcher, Doris Lambert, Ronda Norrell, Linda Chapman, Martin Johnston (77th Army Band), Kaley Dorsey (Media)