

Lawton Philharmonic Society
Regular Board Meeting
Lawton Country Club

November 18, 2021

President David Jackson called the meeting to order.

Minutes were approved as corrected.

JoAnn Knecht presented the financial report. Total current assets are \$242,906.51. Total income is \$17,025.00 with total operating expenses of \$10,415.74 with a profit of \$6609.26. Net income is \$20,146.51.

David Jackson reported he was thankful we were able to have concerts with our players playing beautiful music. With the advantage of technology, we were able to expand our reach to people who watched via television or live streaming. Most of all we are thankful to have had an in-person concert.

Patti Neuwirth reported we are planning two outreach events. For our February concert we have Andrew Staupe (pianist) coming. Hopefully, he can go to Cache Public Schools; one concert for Cache and one for the surrounding schools.

Because we received the Military Grant from OAC, we are bringing Nat Chaitkin (cello) who will bring us "Bach and the Boombox". We plan to do three performances: Freedom Elementary School, the Veteran's Center, and possibly to Central Middle School.

Golf Tournament mulligans brought in \$540.

Jon Kalbfleisch emailed his thanks that Lawton Philharmonic continued to have concerts, both virtually and in person. Last year we produced three concerts seen by record numbers on television and online. We opened this season with "Oklahoma!" and looking forward to classical music in February with Andrew Staupe. Andrew will record short videos for use on KSWO-TV, on Constant Contact and our website.

Committee Reports:

*Program – Jon will be emailing us a proposed concert season for 2022-23. We will vote on it at the January meeting.

*Grant Writing – Ronda Norrell reported we received the \$5000 military grant and the endowment grant from the Oklahoma City Foundation in the amount of \$8833.

*Marketing – Kaley Dorsey reported she is promoting the gala.

*Arts for All Gala - Patti Neuwirth reported the virtual gala will be Thursday, Dec 2 on MeTV at 7 pm and Sunday, December 5 on KSWO-TV at 10:35 pm. It will feature a live virtual auction and informational segments on each member group. There will also be a silent auction on the website of smaller items. The auction will run through December 9.

*Fundraising – David Jackson asked us to be thinking of possible fundraising events. We definitely want to continue the golf tournament in the fall and perhaps decide on something for the spring.

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Old Business:

Doris Lambert brought copies of the debut performance program of LPO in 1962. Many of us “old-timers” recognized names of the instrumentalists. She also brought an original program which will be added to our files.

Richard Townes, director of the 77th Army band said his good-byes, as he is being relocated to the El Paso area. He thanked us for his time on our board and complimented the passion we have for music and how we continue the arts in this community.

New Business:

The next meeting is January 19, 2022. (No December meeting)

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

Meeting adjourned.

Linda Chapman – Recording Secretary

Members Present: Cindy O’Connor, JoAnn Knecht, Jim Lambert, Doris Lambert, Ronda Norrell, Shaun Calix, Barbara Moeller, Piere, Mariano, Kathy Hickman, Rebecca Kinslow, Richard Townes, Carla Saliba, Linda Chapman.

Marketing Director – Kaley Dorsey

Executive Director – Patti Neuwirth