

Lawton Philharmonic Society
Board Meeting
Aug. 16, 2023

Lawton Country Club

The meeting was called to order by President David Jackson.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Financial report was given by Jo Ann Knecht. For the month of July, total revenue was \$16,689.22 with total expenses of \$15,903.90 for a net income of \$785.32. Jo Ann also shared a recap of our May 2023 concert. Because of the expenses of that concert, we had to withdraw \$13,510.16 from our LPO funds. Our upcoming August concert gives us financial concerns because of the size of the orchestra.

Conductor's letter was emailed to everyone as presented.

President's report by David Jackson welcomed all back for a new season. He thanked everyone for our attitude and enthusiasm working on this board.

Committee Reports:

*Concert – Backstage and exit doors are to be manned with board members assigned. We may have to help usher. A reminder.....wear your LPO nametag.

*Hospitality – Piere Mariano passed around a sack for monetary donations for snacks for the orchestra's rehearsal. We were reminded for those helping to not be backstage for a long time since we will have large numbers of players.

*Marketing – Kaley Dorsey reprinted the Golf Tournament flyer with the new date. She is working on pushing this concert through social media, Facebook, an ad in the paper and Jon Kalbfleisch will be interviewed on KSWO TV.

*Fundraising – Ronda Norrell reported that because of the storm damage and the intense heat, the LCC greens are not ready for our tournament. So, our new date is Friday, Oct. 20.

*Grant Writing – Ronda Norrell reported that the McMahon Foundation has granted us \$60,000 for Jon's salary of \$30,000 and \$30,000 for the Linkup youth concert. Letters of intent requesting grant money will be sent to McCasland, Priddy, Love's and Bell foundations. LPO has been approved for the OAC grant of \$18,200 and is expected to receive this week. Ronda reminded us LPO has three endowments – OKC Foundation, Lawton Foundation and OK Community Foundation.

*Nominations – A new board member was approved. Doug Brown from LPS is our new member. Doug introduced himself then each board member introduced ourselves to him. Welcome Doug!

*Personnel – Tanya Case reported that Jen Scott's contract was renewed. Jen asked for an amendment to her contract asking for the same provision of extra pay as the Production manager as her Librarian contract read. Motion approved.

*LinkUp – McMahon Foundation granted us \$30,000 to pay for most of this youth program that Carnegie Hall provides most of the materials to elementary music teachers. Fourth and fifth grade students from schools that will participate will be learning to play the recorder, learning the music and then perform Friday, Feb. 23, 2024 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. Each member group of AFA is supposed to donate 10 \$100 auction items. These items are due Sept 27. The AFA office has been cleaned and painted and made more presentable and professional.

New Business – Ronda Norrell reported the OAC Bicentennial Conference will be in Lawton on Oct 17, 18, 19. Discussion was made concerning how the conference will be done with different seminars, break-out sessions, and trips to different areas of Lawton. Approximately 300 people will be attending. Very exciting for us to highlight Lawton to host this convention.

Our next meeting is September 21.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Linda Chapman, Recording Secretary

Those Present: Melissa Beck, Sally Simpson, Cindy O'Connor, Ronda Norrell, Tanya Case, Linda Chapman, David Jackson, Jo Ann Knecht, Janice Fritsch, Piere Mariano, Tim Diley, Kathy Hickman, Carol Gardner, Jim Lambert.

New Member – Doug Brown

Executive Director – Patty Neuwirth

Marketing Director – Kaley Dorsey