

**Date :**

**Board members present:**

x	Rudi Timmerman	x	Robbie Burt
x	Brad Storey	x	Justin Fenwick
x	Judy Kropp	x	Bill Hays
	Marilyn Brown	x	Linda Johnson
x	Lamar Austin	x	Judy Thompson
	Chris Benner	x	LaDonna Van Wolf
	Melanie Buck		

**Guests included:** Beth McMillan, Katie and Scott O’Rear, Barefoot Annie, and Andy Arnold

**Secretary’s Report:** was posted on the website.

**Treasurer’s Report:** was reported online.

**Committees:**

**Production:**

Scott O’Rear gave a report on the Sherlock Holmes play called “The Penultimate Problem of Sherlock Holmes”. It is a play concerning the problem that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle had with Sherlock Holmes. Royalty costs will be approximately \$450 for 6 performances. It will be performed two weekends before Halloween in October, which is appropriate since Doyle often consulted a medium which is a part of the play. We want to be sure the weekend before the CMA Changing of the Colors is one of our performance weekends. Auditions will be held Aug 29-4-6pm; August 30 6-8pm; and Thursday Sept. 1

Production of *Oliver* was great! Box office brought in \$4594.00 and concessions brought in \$1057.50. It was noted that the ushers did a great job! Also, it is important that customers check their tickets when purchasing them at the bank and make sure they get what they ordered. We had a couple of mishaps.

LaDonna reported on the Christmas play. She has been in contact with the author and has been given permission for the setting to be in 1990 Mena,

Arkansas. The authors have come up with some great changes including audience involvement. This play will be performed the first and second weekends in December.

*Godspell* is also going to try to be produced this summer. Lorraine Timmerman has been approached as being the director, Becky Austin has possibly the music director. Lamar would be willing to be Assistant Director. They will hold auditions to see if they can fill the cast. They will probably be practicing at the same time as Logan's JOLT play and will perform about a month after his play. (August 5 and 12 were mentioned as dates)

**Box Office:** for *Oliver* ran very well.

**Concessions:** Lamar Austin and LaDonna made the motion that we increase the concession prices to \$1.50 for candy and keep everything else at \$1.00. Motion did not pass so the prices will remain the same. The above people also made a motion that appropriate attire be purchased using concession stand funds for those working concessions. Workers make some of the first impression of the theatre and should look nice. (Tshirts, aprons, and vests were mentioned as an option)

**Publicity & Programs:** Beth McMillan was thanked for her work on all the articles for the paper and for her work with programs for *Oliver*. Only 25 programs were left and she mentioned that there was no cost to the theatre for those programs. RMCC's machines were used and Rudi purchased all the paper. Thank you to Rudi for that generous offer.

**Play Selection** - Lamar asked Scott O'Rear, Judy K., and Robbie to be part of the play selection committee. They will need to meet soon to arrange next year's list.

**House:**

**Costumes:** have been sent to the laundry.

**Finance:** Linda presented a printed version of the budget and how the spending related to it. A great report that detailed things well. Thanks for your hard work.

**Membership:** We received \$10,080 so far this fiscal year. We presently have 103 members. We are planning a membership brainstorming meeting for Tuesday, May 10 at 5:30pm. Discussion will be about raising membership prices and steps.

**Outreach:**

**Social:**

**The Guild:**

**JOLT:** will be presenting Logan Sweeten's own play on the weekends of July 9 and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Nominating:** is being led by Justin Fenwick. He reported that Jessica Kropp and Willie Hose have accepted nominations to be on the board. Brad Storey is concerned that he will not be in town often to be Vice President again with the responsibilities of House Manager. Scotty Jenkins said he could fill in when Brad was not in town. Brad also mentioned that it really needs to be someone close to town. Bill Hays will be nominated as Treasurer but if not elected he would like to stay on the board. Membership meeting will be held May 17 for voting. Meeting will be held at the OLT at 6 pm.

### **Old Business:**

Janitorial Services- Katie has been keeping a log of what work she is doing. She came to the meeting to answer any questions concerning her work. She thanked Barefoot Annie for her help during *Oliver* performances and also felt that *Oliver* cast was an exceptionally clean group.

### **New Business:**

Funding: we still do not have the final report from Arkansas Gives; we should hear from Arkansas Power this summer, and we have applied for the Walmart Foundation, probably not eligible, but have tried.

It was mentioned by Justin Fenwick about looking into websites that help with fundraising. "Go Fund Me" and "Donors Choose" were mentioned. Judy Kropp is find out specifics and possibly get us on one. People are always scrolling for places to give their money.

Rudi Timmerman mentioned that our renter has been killing mice by the dozens daily. We will be paying \$500.00 for a super duper extermination which will include sealing up all the little holes where they seem to be getting in.

Mortgage information: LaDonna Wolfe made the resolution and Bill seconded stating that Marilyn Brown, Rudi Timmerman, and Judy Thompson are authorized to make a loan and to borrow money and extend our mortgage to 15 years at the \$425per month. It was further voted to continue paying, when possible, the \$531 we presently pay in order to pay the loan off as early as possible.

Rudi paid in full the cost of the repair on the roof -\$18,000. This needs to be reimbursed to him.

Outreach: After much work, Marilyn discovered that Tim Hesse was the administrator of the OLT Facebook page. Tim added Rudi T., Traci Prather, and Marilyn Brown as administrators. Rudi had formed a new Facebook page. Traci Prather was able to combine the two Facebook accounts. Rudi suggested that the administrator of the Facebook page be the president and the secretary. All editors would be members of the OLT Board.

Rudi has formed an Online committee to investigate purchasing tickets and memberships online. Those appointed to the committee are Marilyn Brown, Linda Thompson, Robbie Burt, Jessica Kropp, Judy Thompson and Barry Mickelson.

Ouachita Arts Festival Celebration will be held Saturday, November 5. Judy T. made a motion and Brad seconded that we pay \$125 to be a business sponsor.

**Adjourn:** Robbie Burt made the motion and Justin Fenwick seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Kropp