

General Membership Meeting

May 17, 2016

Rudi Timmerman, President, opened the meeting at 6 pm. 26 members were present. Rudi recognized Marilyn Brown as a wonderful treasurer.

Judy Kropp read the minutes from the previous General Membership Meeting. Scotty moved that we approved the minutes as read, and Joe Van Wolf seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report was given stating that we have \$2000.00 in the black and let it be noted that a year ago we were \$11,000 in the hole. What a vast improvement!

On the ballot for election was:

Rudi Timmerman-President

Brad Storey-Vice President

Judy Kropp-Secretary

Bill Hays- Treasurer

Board members- Andy Arnold, Lamar Austin, Robby Burt, Willie Hose, Linda Johnson, and Jessica Kropp.

Eddie Huckaby moved that the nominations be closed. Scotty made the motion that we accept the nominations by acclamation, and Eddie Huckaby seconded and the membership passed it. The above are the new members of the Ouachita Little Theatre Board.

Rudi Timmerman presented the recommendation from the board regarding changes in membership categories and ticket prices. If adopted these would go into effect with the 2017 membership campaign. The recommendation, which had been previously published online and on Facebook, was reviewed with those present. One question raised regarding the ability to vote by absentee ballot was raised. It was pointed out that it was not covered in the proposal and would be a topic addressed later by the board. Until that time the present policies regarding absentee voting would remain in place. It was moved and seconded that the proposal be adopted as presented with the correction of Commercial Memberships being \$150 instead of the erroneously published \$125. The motion carried. (A copy of the adopted proposal will be included as an addendum to these minutes.)

Judy Kropp

Continuation of Judy Kropp's membership meeting minutes, May 17, 2016:

Rudi introduced Barry Mickelson, chairman of the online membership committee. Barry advised the group that the online membership committee had met once on May 3rd and presented various ideas for discussion. In an effort not to reinvent the wheel, other community theatre groups were being researched that did online membership and ticket

sales. He noted that the programs which had more benefits would, of course, cost more. The group will continue to meet until they have a presentation to make to the board for recommendations. Tracie Prather said 'why reinvent the wheel as there are three programs which are used most frequently'. Barry acknowledged her input and advised that the committee was researching the programs to find which would be most appropriate for OLT. Rudi added that if membership is increased, that would more than pay for the costs.

Rudi advised that he would go over the President's Annual Report of Ouachita Little Theatre activities. Copies of this report were given to those in attendance. He then went over every point in the report and elaborated on many. (A copy of the President's report will be included as an addendum to these minutes)

Under future projects, he asked Roy Vail to discuss the possibility of paving the adjacent parking lot. Roy advised that he and his deceased wife had purchased that lot and donated most of it to the City of Mena with OLT having 25' of said lot adjacent to its building. In his talking with a city representative, it was noted that the city could not pave the portion belonging to OLT; however, if OLT would agree to do a hundred year lease with the city paying \$1.00 per year, the city would take responsibility and pave the entire lot. Scotty Jenkins advised that this had come up previously and it was noted that the mortgage company would need to be consulted before OLT could lease to the city. A motion was made by Bill Hays and seconded by Tracie Prather that the OLT board be enabled to investigate the possibility of leasing their portion of the adjacent parking lot to the City of Mena, consult the mortgage holder (Union Bank) and commit to a long-term lease to the city. Motion carried.

Rudi asked if there were any questions or comments about his report. There were none. He once again thanked Marilyn Brown for her outstanding work during her three years as treasurer.

A motion was made by Eddie Huckaby and seconded by Bill Hays to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Judy Thompson

ADOPTED MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

VOTING

A voting member must be at least 18 years of age

One person can have one vote; under no circumstance can an individual person get more than one vote.

MEMBERSHIPS

Life membership (new category)-is for individuals only. It would be for a one-time gift of \$5000. This is non transferrable membership that would give the member free admission to all OLT/JOLT functions, name on TV and in program. They would have voting privileges for life. Complementary tickets would be available on request. This would be \$7500 for a couple.

\$1000 GIFT-Major Donor- this includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets, 18 complimentary tickets per year

\$500 gift-Patron-includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets, 12 complimentary tickets

\$250 gift-Supporter this includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets, 6 complimentary tickets per year

\$125 gift is an Angel- this includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets,

\$150 Commercial Member- 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner), ads in program, TV, and website; 10 complimentary tickets

\$25 Family Member-husband, wife and children, two votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner)

\$10 OLT yearly member-no season tickets but a member and 1 vote, this includes the cost of insurance required by the insurance company for all participants in OLT programs and productions. All cast members and crew MUST be a member to participate in our productions.

TICKETS

Ticket prices will be \$12 for an adult; \$8 for students & seniors for comedies and dramas.

Musical ticket prices will be \$15 for adults; \$10.00 for students & seniors

Season ticket-\$30. Is good for 1 ticket per show, max of 4 shows per year (all regular OLT season productions).

Family ticket-\$75.00 for husband and wife and children. This would consist of tickets for 4 productions a year to be used only by family members.

Once elected to the OLT Board; board members would receive a membership and a season pass.

President's Annual report of Ouachita Little Theatre activities

Three very successful regular OLT shows and great JOLT productions

The Foreigner

Dearly Beloved

Oliver

Chalottes Web (JOLT)

The Lion Which and the Wardrobe (JOLT)

Special events and programs

- Lum and Abner
- BlendRoi Best Benefit
- David Hoffpauir Benefit
- OLP
- Ouachita Arts Celebration
- Membership Drive Concert
- Charlie Farley
- Mena's Got Talent

Fund Raisers

- Membership
- Grant from WesternArkansas Planning and Development
- Rummage Sale
- Hot Dog Sale
- Bathroom construction appeal
- ArkansasGives
- VFW grant
- Concessions
- Raffle

Publicity and communications

- Newspapers
- Radio
 - commercial
- RMCC
- Television - RMCC
- Website
 - Programs
 - Meetings
 - Board Minutes
- Monthly News Letter
- Activated Facebook Page

Building improvements

- Fire escape from balcony
- All woodwork around office doors and windows replaced
- LED work lights in auditorium
- Heater/Air unit in "Green Room"
- Improved lighting and electrical in upstairs work area
- Balcony wall moved to facilitate spotlights and video
- Continued clean up of building
- New ADA Bathroom facilities
- Suite B converted into meeting and office space
- Roof repaired with 15 year warrantee
- Terminex pest treatment
- Exterior Wall contracted to be repaired (not done yet)

New financial arrangement (as voted on at March special meeting)

Refinanced Mortgage with Union Bank

15 year mortgage at 4% (same as previous mortgage)

\$411.33 monthly payments (old mortgage \$531)

plan to continue \$531 payments to shorten the loan.

Refinance raised \$15,000 which along with \$13,000 from ArkansasGives will pay for wall and roof repairs.