JOLT’s “As You Wish It” Opens July 8

"As You Wish It" is an original production written and directed by Logan Sweeten. Sit back and enjoy the and tribulations of 16-year-old Marcus. Marcus is convinced by a hobo sorcerer to go into an enchanted sewer to find a magic lamp. Once there he becomes trapped and discovers the genies. The genies return him home and turn his life into Cinderella. The young girl he had a crush on is now a princess and that night a ball is held to find her a suitor. “As You Wish It” debuts at OLT Friday, July 8 and will run July 9, 10, 15, and 17th. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students.

Writer and director Logan Sweeten will be leaving our area for a new job. He will be working as an assistant costumer at a Florida based business. We will miss him. Congratulations to Logan!

OLT NEGOTIATES LEASE WITH THE CITY
Ouachita Little Theatre owns the 25 feet of the parking lot next to the theatre building. At the annual meeting it was suggested that we contact the city about leasing them the property so that the entire parking lot can be paved. That has been done with favorable results. The city has a legal opinion that they can do this and our mortgage holder, Union Bank, is also onboard with the idea. The city attorney is preparing a lease agreement for us to look at. We will need to be sure that the paved lot will drain away from the building and the exact area to be paved will need to be determined, but it is looking good.

ONLINE COMMITTEE CONTINUES ITS WORK
The Online committee consisting of Jessica Kropp, Judy Thompson, Barry Mickelson, Robby Burt, Linda Johnson, Bill Hays, and Rudi Timmerman studying they ways in which OLT can do some of its business online. It is felt that if folks could join OLT online we could increase our membership enough to more than offset the cost associated with online services. It could also eliminate the need to leave the house to get reserve tickets for our productions. At the last meeting a November deadline was set to start the program for 2017. The plan is to start small and expand as warranted.
OUACHITA LITTLE THEATRE GUILD HOLDS FUND RAISER

The Guild held a wonderful fund raising event at A Bear’s Den. The Heber’s B&B. The money raised was earmarked for the ongoing repairs to the theatre. The guests were entertained by the Ouachita Strings and enjoyed refreshments prepared by the Ladies. Much work went into preparation by the Guild members. Their efforts were appreciated by tall hose in attendance. Over $1700 was raised.

WALL REPAIR HAS BEGUN

Those having passed by the theatre will have noticed that the repairs by MSBI on the north wall have begun. The plan involves stabilizing the bricks that are crumbling with metal mesh and a cement product. The entire wall will be recoated with a protective material. However, the mural will be saved and coated with a clear protective layer. An inspection of the front wall will also be made and appropriate repairs are planned. The irregular ends of the wall in the back are also scheduled to be covered with a metal flashing.

APPLICATIONS FOR OLT CUSTODIAN BEING ACCEPTED

Our present custodian, Katie O’Rear will be going off to college in August. With her departure we will be looking for a new custodian. It pays $250 per month. If you are interested in the job, submit a letter of application to Ouachita Little Theatre, box 1217, Mena, Arkansas. The duties of the job are listed on the OLT website, OLMENA.COM. Click on “ABOUT US”. It is the last item on the drop down menu.

PLAY SELECTION COMMITTEE

The committee has met. They have tentatively suggested the following shows for next season:

**February** — Southern Comfort

**Spring Musical** — Mary Poppins or Thoroughly Modern Millie

**Fall** — Shakespeare (Hamlet?)

Let chair, Lamar Austin know what you think.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS DESIGNATED

At the last board meeting the following folks have been asked to serve as committee chairs for the next year.

**PRODUCTION** — Show director

**BOX OFFICE** — Justin Fenwick

**CONCESSIONS** — Bill Hays

**PUBLICITY** — Tracey Prather

**PLAY SEL.** — Lamar Austin

**HOUSE** — Brad Storey

**COSTUMES** — Ladonna VanWolf

**PROGRAMS** — Beth McMillen

**FINANCE** — Linda Johnson

**MEMBERSHIP** — Will Hose

**OUTREACH** — Judy Thompson

**SOCIAL** — Andy Arnold

They will be looking for members. Please volunteer.