

Date : May 18, 2017

Board members present:

x	Rudi Timmerman	x	Justin Fenwick
	Brad Storey	x	Barry Mikelson
x	Judy Kropp		
	Bill Hays		Linda Johnson
		x	Jessica Kropp
x	Lamar Austin	x	Judy Thompson
x	Robbie Burt		LaDonna Van Wolf

Guests: Beth McMillan

**Secretary's Report:** is posted online and approved

**Treasurer's Report:** All current bills are paid. Arvest balance is \$12,161.29; Bear State (concessions) \$1,811.04; Union Bank is \$1631.98. We were also given an accounting of each of the plays this past year.

*Sherlock Holmes* made \$523.37, concessions \$531.00

*EB Scrooge* made \$1349.34, concessions \$510.34

*JOLT AS You Like It* - concessions \$311.

*Southern Hospitality* made \$2065.17, concessions \$662.81

*Mary Poppins* made \$7186.67, concessions \$1544.70

It should be noted that *Scrooge* and *Poppins* directors were very generous and helped to make these numbers possible by paying out of their own pockets many of the expenses. Thanks to Van Wolfs and Timmermans and Kropps.

We did \$772.86 on our new SQUARE

And the royalties for *Poppins* were paid ahead from the concessions fund (Bear State Bank)

## **Committees:**

**Production:** Mary Poppins was a success. Two nights were sold out completely. Great Reviews, great publicity, great financial success! There was some major mic and sound issues. Rudy has asked Ron Beckel and Don Buttermilk to advise and give us an update. Judy K mentioned that she knows someone who is interested in selling us sound equipment. Waiting for a quote from that person.

**Box Office:** The ushers were very helpful and did a great job! No problems with advanced ticket sales-went very smooth! When customers came the night of the show and purchased tickets there were 2 options-box office just gave them seat tickets so they knew where to go or they could just take a free seat. Either worked. Free seats work better when there are only about 15 open seats. It was very beneficial to have the office open to sell tickets the two weeks of the shows. There was a steady group of people in and there is always work that can be done by the volunteers. Beth worked on programs, then Rudi helped during office time-printing, stapling, etc the programs. We also got to talk to people about purchasing memberships.

### **Concessions:**

**Publicity:** social media was used and did a great job!

### **Play Selection**

**House:** all lights are being used. Compared the new system of 17 usable lights to new system with 60 lights. JOLT will need to get someone trained with Robbie on how to use the lights. There was moisture in the pit during Mary Poppins. We need to look at what the problem is and correct it because the deck of the orchestra pit was showing signs of mold after being under for 3 weeks.

**Costumes:** Jane Buttermilk did the costumes for Mary Poppins which was a huge undertaking and did a fabulous job!

**Programs:** There were 3 printings of the program with a total of 600 printed, 22 leftovers. That was cutting it close. We purchased \$200 worth of printer ink. This made our programs considerably less in cost than using a printing service. A BIG thank you to Beth McMillan and Rudi for their hard work!

### **Finance:**

**Membership:** We presently have 149 members in our database. The problem with Paypal has been located and we are currently trying to contact Vickie Terrell.

**Outreach:** November 4 in the Ouachita Arts Council Fall Festival. Judy Thompson made a motion to pay the \$125.00 sponsorship fee, Lamar seconded and motion passed. It was suggested that we have a schedule for events at the OLT during the festival so people really will come in. Jessica suggested that her Fall Cast would teach a choreography workshop, and Judy Kropp suggested that the Ouachita Strings

and Friends may want to perform in the theater. Anyone want to do some other workshops?

**Social:** Benson Awards will be June 10. Ballots are already mailed out! The theme is Hawaiian and spam in small chunks as well as pineapple will be needed. Hoping to decorate with surf boards and palm trees. Desserts also will be needed.

Questions: wondering why the McPhersons were left out as Family of the year- need to be put in next time with Mary Poppins

Suggestions for lifetime award were Brad Storey and Roy Vail. Judy T. made the motion, Jessica K seconded and was approved that Brad Storey will get that honor this year. It was mentioned that this should be given to someone with 20 years or more.

**The Guild:**

**JOLT:**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Elvis show will be June 17. Memberships are not useable at this event because it is NOT an OLT production. They have rented the theatre.

Lamar made a motion to accept the slate of officers on the ballot with Robby seconding and approved.

It was mentioned that we have office hours continued. Possibly only a couple of hours a week until show and then up the times to sell tickets and memberships. This would be volunteer based.

Jessica made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Robby seconded. It was approved as we then went into the General Membership meeting.

**Adjourn:**