

**May 9, 2018**

**General Membership Meeting of the Ouachita Little Theatre**

Rudi Timmerman, President, opened the meeting. 32 members were present at that time and he thanked all for attending this meeting.

2017 General Meeting Minutes were read by Judy Kropp, secretary. Bill Hays made a motion to accept the minutes as they were read, Roy Vail seconded, and the motion passed. Minutes are posted on the website.

Bill Hays, Treasurer gave his report. He mentioned that the accounting process is still in a mess and he will be working with Trixie Ingram, from ARMC college, to learn about QuickBooks.

Arvest paypal accounts total \$481.90 and this is members who have joined or renewed online \$2330.20 is in our general fund at Arvest; Bear State has a balance of \$2174.63 which is concessions; and Union Bank has \$2804.37 which is building projects.

Brad or Scotty will take anyone who desires on a tour of the upstairs to see the finished remodel project after the meeting.

Rudi went over the year end report which is included in this document. A special thanks to Don Buttermilk for his work on the updated Sound System. Also a thanks to Robby Burt for his work with the lights and also for working with the new lights from Ft. Smith that were purchased earlier this year. Our internet service and membership as all been updated thanks to Barry Mickelson. A special thanks to the board member that is leaving- Linda Johnson, who has faithfully served, led us in budgeting and financials, and also produced the Bensons last year and will be directing our Christmas Show.

Jessica Kropp got up and told about the upcoming show, Godspell, and encouraged everyone afterwards to get their tickets. There will also be a special \$2. Off per ticket for groups of 10 or more.

On June 20 and 27 the Arkansas Department of Education will be having workshops and meetings in our theatre. Hopefully many teachers from around the state will be introduced to the great place we have in Mena. It is also free and open to anyone who like to come learn at the workshops.

Nominating Chair for this year's election of officers was Julie Ulmer. She then took the floor, opened for nominations. Will Hose made a motion that the officers be elected by acclamation, seconded by Lamar Austin, and ok'd by the membership. The new officers are: Rudi Timmerman, president; Brad Storey, vice president; Judy Kropp, secretary; and Bill Hays, treasurer. Voting then took place for the 5 board members.

Janelle Baldwin mentioned that the Lyric Players will be performing for the Lum and Abner Celebration. Lum and Abner will be walking around the festival also. She is in need of some men so please show up at Mena Mountain Resort on Saturday at 1:00 pm

Constitution has been updated to reflect that we only have membership meetings once a year, rather than quarterly **and** to accommodate the new subsidiaries-JOLT, Lyric Players, Just for Fun players, and the office personnel. The other change was the price of season tickets which will go up \$10.00 to accommodate the extra shows that will be from the subsidiaries. We will now have 8 shows per season. Roy Vail made the motion that we accept the changes of the constitution, Jessica Kropp seconded, and motion carried.

Our new board members were then announced: Lamar Austin, Jackie Biard, Robbie Burt, Alexis Knight, and Jessica Kropp.

We are still having problems with internet and the telephone. Basically paying \$100.00 a month is steep for a non profit.

We always welcome ideas for movies and plays. Julie Ulmer asked about the genres and comedies, musicals, and the top 5 that influenced pop culture were mentioned. June's movie will be Field of Dreams- baseball show!

Lamar is head of the play selection team so if you have suggestions of plays, please contact him.

Thanks to Will Hose and Beth McMillan for manning our office. And don't forget about the tours of the upstairs after the meeting.

Brad Stroey made a motion to adjourn, Linda Johnson seconded and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Kropp, secretary