

**Date : July 19, 2018**

**Board Members Present:**

**Rudi Timmerman, Brad Storey, Lamar Austin, Jackie Biard, Robby Burt, Jane Buttermilk, Alexa Night**

**Guests included Beth McMillan, Justin Richmond and John Puddington**

**Secretary's Report:** Alexa filled in for Judy as temporary secretary. Jackie moved to accept last month's minutes, Brad seconded and the motion passed.

John Puddington, who has recently moved to Mena, expressed his interest in lending his talents wherever needed, with a focus on acting and directing. He mentioned he acted and directed professionally for forty years and would be glad to be part of the OLT. He will be meeting with Lamar about play selection.

**Treasurer's Report:** At this point our balance is several grand in our accounts. We are doing alright, but certainly not flush.

**Committees:**

**Production:**

**Just For Fun Players-** Jackie reported that "Harvey" is right on schedule on all fronts. Everyone is encouraged to reserve tickets for the first weekend at the Mena Mountain Resort the last week of July. The dinner theatre will be buffet-style. The show will also be performed August 3, 4, & 5 at the OLT.

**Lyric Players-**

**JOLT:** The Committee met recently and brainstormed on workshops and events. A JOLT Lock-in is scheduled for January 4th. Brad has been in contact with Vicki Terrell about possibly doing some puppeteering workshops. Other workshop suggestions are welcome.

"Weeds and Dandelions" rehearsals are going very well. They do not have programs yet at this time.

"Miracle Worker" auditions will be held in the middle of August and announced shortly. All roles are available except Annie Sullivan, Helen Keller and Kate Keller at this time. John Vacca and The Lion's Club have offered to sponsor the show up to \$600. They are intent on advertising as much as possible to promote the show and to promote awareness that the Lion's Club works to support the visually impaired. The royalties for the show have been paid; they were \$1000.

"It's A Wonderful Life" still needs scripts and the royalties still need to be paid.

**Office**

**Box Office:**

**Concessions:**

**Publicity:** Articles for "Harvey" were recently published in both the Star and the Pulse. Jane spoke with the Friendship House, who would like to dedicate one of their windows to

advertising OLT productions, events, and season tickets. Pasha of the Polk County Chamber of Commerce is also very interested in working with us.

**Play Selection:** Brad talked some more with Lana McDonald who is still interested in doing the Patsy Cline show, but there is some confusion over whether or not it will be a Patsy Cline revue or the play "Always, Patsy Cline" by Ted Swindley. The play involves one other female character besides Patsy Cline and also specific band members and includes both monologues and songs.

**House:** Jane brought up the problem with unreliable keys, which work at random times but refuse to work more often than not. Jackie suggested changes be made to the lobby, including a move toward making the main area of the lobby more themed toward theatre (posters of past shows, etcetera), and designating the art gallery to the hallway. Alexa suggested softer, more formal lighting in the lobby area. Jackie also suggested painting or refinishing the wood on the concession stand. The board agreed to talk more about these details at the next meeting.

**Costumes:** Jane Buttermilk, Chairman, will buy shades for the upstairs windows and get back with the office on re-imbursement at a later time. She will be applying for a \$500 grant from WalMart to help with or cover the cost. Jane, Judy and Jessica also made lots of progress working on costume storage over the weekend.

**Programs:** Rudi suggested having a standard template for all programs including JOLT and Just For Fun Players, for the purpose of simplifying as well as maintaining consistency with the advertisements within our programs.

**Finance:**

**Membership:** There is a long list of current members, and yet when the Insurance company was contacted, no one was on the list. Anyone needing to establish or renew their membership needs to bring their payment into the office so that they can get their information into the computer.

**Outreach:** The Chamber of Commerce will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, August 21 at 5 PM. The meeting will be open to all.

**Social:** The next movie night will be Father of the Bride.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Rudi suggested coming up with a budget for all shows under the OLT umbrella to follow. Robby suggested that since budgets can vary so vastly depending on the shows and their royalties, directors propose a budget to the board up front instead. Brad made a motion to pass this, Jane seconded, and the motion passed.

**Adjourn:** Brad made the motion to adjourn, Brad seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexa Night

