

**Ouachita Little Theatre Board Minutes**  
**June 21, 2016**

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

President Rudi Timmerman  
Treasurer Bill Hays

**OFFICERS ABSENT:**

Vice President Brad Storey  
Secretary Judy Kropp

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Justin Fenwick  
Will Hose  
Linda Johnson  
Judy Thompson

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Andy Arnold  
Lamar Austin  
Robby Burt  
Jessica Kropp  
LaDonna Van Wolf

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Katie O’Rear

The Board of Directors of the Ouachita Little Theatre met in Suite B of the theatre on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at 5:30. President Rudi Timmerman called the meeting to order. It was determined there was not the quorum necessary to vote on any matters. Rudi called the group’s attention to the May minutes which had been posted online.

Next, the treasurer referred to the financial statements which had been emailed to board members. Bank balance at Arvest Bank was \$5160.55 and balance at Union Bank, \$9934.87. It was noted that the \$15,000 loan proceeds and Arkansas Gives deposit were shown on the Union Bank statement. Linda Johnson questioned if the \$1,000 check from VFW was deposited to the Union Bank account. It had not as of the time the treasurer had printed the statement; however, Bill will check on it.

As there was not a quorum, the above-mentioned minutes and financial reports will be tabled for vote until the next meeting. Bill advised that the president had been reimbursed for the \$17,880 Rudi had paid to the roofing company. Rudi stated that additional funds in the Union Bank building account will most probably be used to repair other parts of the wall, including the end caps.

Judy Thompson reported on the OLT Guild. There was a fundraising reception held at ABears Den Bed and Breakfast on Thursday, June 16. \$1750 was raised. She noted that there might possibly be some more funds forthcoming from the event.

The progress of the Logan Sweeten play “As You Wish It” was discussed with an eye on assuring that rehearsals run smoothly.

The president then reported on the proposal for the City of Mena leasing the 25' of the adjacent parking lot which OLT owns. This would be done so that the city could pave the entire parking lot. Rudi noted that he is now waiting on the letter from the City Attorney for OLT to peruse to determine what is expected from both sides. He noted that Union Bank which holds the property mortgage was happy about the proposition. Roy Vail is concerned about the possible manner of paving to avoid rain water flowing back into OLT. This concern will be addressed.

There were no questions for custodian Katie O'Rear. She did advise the group that she would be leaving for college in August. If a new custodian were hired prior to that time, she would be glad to train him or her. The president advised even though the position had not been advertised, three people have already acknowledged their interest. It was further noted that at least two more may be interested. Judy Thompson said that all applicants should be fully aware of all the custodian duties, not just the cleaning, but also the maintenance.

The president advised that Lamar Austin, Play Selection Committee Chairman, had reported that the committee had recommended that the final Futrelle sisters play be presented in February, 2017; that the spring musical be Mary Poppins and the fall production, a Shakespeare play. The pros and cons of a Shakespeare play were discussed. Rudi noted that the committee had said that Scotty Jenkins volunteered to direct the Futrelle sisters play and Brad Storey would consider directing the Shakespeare production. Rudi said that the committee indicated they would ask him to direct the musical.

The president asked Linda to report on the online membership committee in the absence of Chairman Barry Mickelson. She advised that at the meeting, Barry had questions for the members to determine what type of program was going to actually be needed. Linda said that some things such as ticketing for various events, different prices for different things, and the end system still need to be determined. Rudi confirmed it is a work in progress and Linda noted it needs to be something simple.

Committees and their duties were briefly discussed. Rudi assigned some committee chairs. Will agreed to chair the membership committee. Bill will head concessions; Linda will continue to serve as finance chairman, Justin will head box office and Judy T will serve as outreach chairman. Rudi advised that he would ask Tracy Prather to do publicity. Linda said she would like to have someone else responsible for answering the OLT phone.

Next item to be discussed was whether Arkansas Gives donors should automatically become members. Rudi was asked if any of the donors had questioned this point. He noted that the only one to do so was Linda Johnson. This matter was briefly discussed. It was mentioned that Arkansas Gives donations were tax deductible and memberships were not.

Next on the agenda was the date of the monthly meetings. Linda had asked about this as she has another meeting on the third Tuesday. Changing the meeting to another Tuesday was not agreeable. Changing the meeting date to the third Thursday was mentioned and will be presented and voted on at the next meeting.

Will said that he and Tracy Prather would like to see OLT show movies at the theatre to bring in people. Judy T noted that this was an idea that had been brought up a couple of times in the past. She thought that it would be great. She advised that when she brought it up previously, the equipment was one of the

issues. In the past, it was presented not only as an option to bring in people who had not been in the theatre previously, but as a members' only gathering as a members' benefit. Rudi agreed that it would be something to offer as a benefit for members. Will noted the different licensing and fee structures.

Linda advised that she had received a call on the OLT phone asking if we wanted to hook up to Google for \$399. We currently pay \$125 annually for the Trac Fone.

Bill noted that ASCAP had asked about the annual budget for OLT. He will use \$40,000 figure for annual budget.

As there was no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Judy Thompson