

Date : August 18, 2016

Board members present:

x	Rudi Timmerman		Justin Fenwick
x	Brad Storey	x	Will Hose
x	Judy Kropp		
	Bill Hays	x	Linda Johnson
	Andy Arnold	x	Jessica Kropp
x	Lamar Austin	x	Judy Thompson
x	Robbie Burt	x	LaDonna Van Wolf

**Secretary's Report:** Jessica made the motion to accept the minutes as they had been sent by email, Linda seconded and the motion passed

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill was not present but had sent the report by email to the members. It will be filed for the finance committee to audit in the future.

At this time, we talked about the GoFundMe project for our new seats. Judy K reported that we had \$750 thru the site, \$235 in checks sent to the OLT reported by Bill as of Sunday, and \$250 that came in the mail which gave us a total of \$1235 towards the \$3000 goal. Rudi suggested that the board members donate something together so it shows that the board supported this project.

The budget report was also handed out and Linda talked about it. We are looking good so far.

**Committees:**

**Production:** Scott O'Rear was present and answered questions about the Sherlock Holmes production. Auditions will be held Aug 29 starting at 6 pm; and Aug 30 starting at 4pm. There are no roles for teenagers or children. 2 Women in their 30s, an older woman; 4 middle aged British gents and 2 middle aged French gents.

LaDonna VanWolf reported that EB (the Christmas play) has roles for 6 children and 1 teenager.

**Box Office:**

**Concessions:**

**Publicity:** There was a nice article in the Mena Star concerning the addition of seats to the OLT.

**Play Selection:** \$400 deposit has been paid to MTI for Mary Poppins. Also an additional rider was signed saying that we would keep this a family friendly show, Disney's name would be listed but not produced by, video rights have been purchased, costumes and choreography may not be duplicated from the Broadway show.

**House:**

**Front of the building-** Brad is to place a bid for repairing, painting and sealing with materials from MSBI, then after approved it will be completed.

**Storage building-**will be painted this fall.

**Parking Lot-** paperwork has all been filed for the city.

**Awning-**we need to wait till the front is repaired before doing something with the awning that was damaged during a thunderstorm in July.

**Seats-** getting the new seats installed does require a bit of work. 1) old seats need to be removed 2) holes in the floor need to be patched then sanded 3) entire floor needs to be lightly sanded so new paint will adhere 4) prime the floor 5) paint the floor with 2 coats of enamel 6) attach new seats

It was mentioned that we need to be sure the flooring is adequately supported so it does not collapse in the future like the other side did. We will be doing this in 3 stages, first the stage left side of the auditorium, then the center, and finally stage right. Much help is needed. Also Brad checked with Mike's Home specialty and it would cost approx. \$900 to carpet the aisles which could be done at a later date. The paint will cost close to \$400.

Questions brought up were:

What are we going to do with the old seats? We have approx. 180 seats. We have had some individuals ask about this. We can possibly store them at Brads. It was mentioned that people in NW Arkansas love this type of vintage items and may be willing to pay a good price. Brad is going to check with the local antique store owner about possible people interested. It was decided that we would charge \$40 a row of seats and the seats must be purchased by row.

Are we going to sell season ticket seats? We decided that would be too confusing so the answer was no.

**Costumes:**

## **Programs:**

**Finance:** We still have \$5183.00 in the bldg. fund which we can use for the front of the building or for incidentals with the seats.

**Membership:** Will has spoken with Judy T concerning this and is waiting to see about the new website. He will start sending out notices to individuals though.

**Outreach:** The secretary of the Polk County Chamber came by to talk to us about the **Rod Run** that will be happening on August 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be in front of the theatre this time instead of by the depot. Main Street will be blocked from 5-9 pm on Friday night. Judy T. suggested that we have concessions out front and we will have a row of our old seats with a price tag out front. Good time to promote the play and JOLT. Bill Hays will be notified to get some workers for Friday night.

## **Ouachita Arts Celebration-November 5 10-4 pm**

OLT is on all the publicity. We need to decide to do a workshop again for people, either Robbie or Judy T will organize that-looks good for the grants; also JOLT will perform a 15 min "Outsiders" clipping, and possibly a clipping from the Sherlock Holmes play even though it will be over.

**Third Thursday events** JOLT will be doing a workshop from 4-5:30 pm each month. We also hope to have movies available around 7:30 pm on those nights. While in production, we may need to make the time a little later.

**Downtown Partners**-is a new group forming of business people to help one another and to promote one another. Dues is \$150 per year/\$37.50 quarterly. Judy T. recommended that we join and Brad seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **Social:**

This is the year for Benson Awards. Andy Arnold is in charge with LaDonna and Judy T. helping him.

Wild Apricot-an online service that provides ticket capabilities, website, and membership maintenance. We need to be sure we know the system requirements, that we have a computer and wifi accessibility. The cost is \$40.00 per month. LaDonna made the motion we use this service, Lamar seconded and the motion passed. When Barry Mickelson gets back from his vacation we will sign up with it and get a free 30-day use.

## **The Guild:**

**JOLT:** We had our first workshop today before the board meeting. The kids had a great time with Jessica Kropp and some of the high school students leading it. Had 7 new kids that had never been a part of the OLT before attend.

**Old Business:** Kathy Patterson, our violinist, died of cancer a couple of weeks ago. Rudi attended the funeral, Judy the visitation. She will be greatly missed. Her husband Bruce also was in many plays over the years and is in a nursing home presently.

**New Business:**

Movie Screen has arrived and will need to be mounted.

Rudi is going to meet with someone at the Mena Art Gallery to see if they would like to promote some of their artist' work during one of our shows.

The OLT phone has been manned by Linda and she is getting ready to leave on vacation and needed someone else to take it over. That means responding to voice mails, buying trac phone cards, etc. Robbie Burt took it home.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Judy T, seconded by Linda and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Kropp