

## 2019 May 8 General Membership Meeting

Rudi Timmerman, president, opened the meeting with 26 members present. More continued in as the meeting progressed.

Judy Kropp, secretary, read the minutes of the May 2018 meeting. Bill Hays made a motion that we accept the minutes, Scotty Jenkins seconded and the membership approved.

Bill Hays, treasurer, gave the financial report. Arvest Bank which has the general account has a balance of \$1053.12; the JOLT account has \$6360.07; PayPal account has \$202.09; Union Bank has \$4081.51 balance of which \$2260. Is money for the Bensons. The treasurers report will be placed on file.

The Benson Gala will be held on June 1 at 6:00 pm at the Ouachita Center at Arkansas Rich Mountain with a dinner and then presentations will start around 6:30. Scotty Jenkins is the coordinator of the event and his team is doing a remarkable job. The Chamber of Commerce is helping us with details. We are selling tables for either a \$500 or \$300 donation, which allows nominees to get in free but also be a fundraiser for the OLT. The dress is business casual. Kassie Moe will be providing dinner entertainment and Judy Kropp will oversee entertainment throughout the night. Presenters of the awards will be community leaders. Also, during the night, videos of each nominee will be shown and their will be photo op for all attending. Tickets for the Gala will cost \$10.00 if not a nominee. All are encouraged to come to this wonderful event honoring our volunteers and actors.

Annie is now in production. As always, the directors, costumers, orchestra, as well as the actors are working hard to perfect their craft We will need box office workers for the shows. On October 5, 2018 Lorraine Timmerman had a bleeding brain aneurism. She has progressed well and has done all the painting for Annie.

Rudi took the opportunity to thank Beth Coogan for serving on the board, and coordinating Saturday Night Live at the Lyric for the Lum and Abner celebration last summer as well as a fundraiser near Christmas, Beth also was the costumer for "It's a Wonderful Life" this past Christmas. She is off to college so we wish her the best of luck. Rudi also thanked Brad Storey for his service as Vice President for many years, and for his directing of the October shows for the past 3 years. He assured us it would be a seamless transition.

Lamar Austin came forward to explain elections. Roy Vail made the motion to accept all by acclamation, Bill Hays seconded, motion carried. The new officers are President-Rudi Timmerman; Vice President-Scotty Jenkins; Secretary-Judy Kropp; and Treasurer- Bill Hays. Three Year Board members elected were Jane Butterfield, Julie Ulmer, Amanda Baker, and Mike Moe.

Rudi brought up the idea of raising concession prices. It was suggested that we sell all items for \$2.00 or 2 items for \$3.00. Reasoning behind this is that all items have increased in price so we were not showing a profit. These prices are still below the cost at the local movie theater. Bill Hays made the motion to raise the prices and Jessica Kropp seconded. It passed unanimously. Bill will consider getting larger popcorn bags and possibly 20 oz waters for this increased price. We also talked about

the new concession stand in the lobby. We are still waiting for small tables in the lobby with the same tops as on the counters, and the glass needs to be put in the candy area and the knobs still need to be attached before Opening Night on Thursday.

Ashley Smith was mentioned. She is working with the Chamber of Commerce and is a huge supporter of the OLT. Thank her if you see her. We are hoping to ask businesses to sponsor the OLT for \$5000 a year or sponsor a show like the Lions Club did for Miracle Worker.

Our long-range goal for the OLT is to rebuild the back of the theatre so it will have fly space and a larger space.

Mike Moe mentioned that he felt we should capitalize on being an Award Winning Theater and hopefully we will continue to go to these competitions.

Rudi asked if there were any ideas for future shows. Little Women-the musical, Old MacBeth had a Farm, 12 Angry Men, Elf for adults, and a Mystery type like Clue.

We have some outside programs on the calendar. They include Marty Haggard in July, Still on the Hill in July, and Remnants of Rock on Nov. 2. Remnants of Rock played for proms years ago so we need to get that out. It was suggested that maybe we could find some way to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Woodstock.

Some improvements that were mentioned was solid doors at the back of the theater and an ionizer in the costume area.

Movie suggestion included Clue.

For Community involvement it was suggested that we sell hot dogs at Atwoods again, Lum and Abner movies, Rod Run, OAC tours of the OLT along with skids. This is also the OLTs 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary-maybe a Back to the theatre night including skits and tours.

Jessica Kropp made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Roy Vail seconded, and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Kropp, secretary

## **2018-2019 Activities**

### **Shows presented This year**

Godspell

Alice in Football Land

Weeds and Dandelions

Harvey

Miracle Worker

It's a Wonderful Life

Saturday Night Live in Mena

Farce of Nature

Jam sessions-Ownby Night

## **Outside Programs**

Mary Haggard

## **Lyric Players Activity**

Lyric players perform before movie  
Lyric player perform at Lum and Abner

## **Educational Opportunities**

Othello workshop  
Just 4 fun acting workshop  
Department of education workshops

## **JOLT**

Jolt Lock in  
Shows

## **Building improvements**

Lobby remodel  
Upstairs remodel  
Awnings replaced  
Office opens up

## **Finance Efforts**

Applied for Walmart grant  
Received 10,000 Carver Foundation Grant  
Lions club partnership for Miracle Worker

## **Administrative Progress**

Constitution update  
Membership goes online

## **Community Participation**

Cash mob  
OAC  
Christmas parade

## **In Progress**

Sweet emporium  
Voting for bensons  
Benson Gala  
Annie