

Ouachita Little Theatre Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2019

Board Members Present: Rudi Timmerman, Jane Buttermilk, Jackie Baird, Scotty Jenkins, Lamar Austin Robby Burt, Amanda Baker, Alexa Night

Board Members Absent: Judy Kropp, Bill Hays, Jessica Kropp

Guest: Beth McMillan, Julie Moe

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Secretary's report: Rudi gave time for minutes to be read. They were also sent out electronically earlier in the month. Scotty made a motion to accept minutes as written, Jackie seconded, and minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report - In Bill's absence, Rudi passed out the financial statement which is attached to these minutes.

Division Reports:

Just 4 Fun - no official report, but Denni has indicated she would like to attend some board meetings

Lyric Players - no report

JOLT - Alexa Night is finishing her casting for Best Christmas Pageant Ever. Denie Westfall is doing the costumes. Casting list will be published in social media forum and the papers when complete. Auditions went well and Makayla Kenyon-Ortiz will be assistant director.

Office report - Beth indicated an income of \$760 this month. Also some good contacts were made.

Committee Reports:

Box Office: no report

Concessions: no report

Publicity: Lots of publicity went in for Chekhov plays and OAC / Remnants of Rock. We will place an ad in October 30 and 31 editions of both papers for the After Party/BBQ at the OAC.

Play Selection: John Puddington has decided not to do Othello.

House: Scotty report the AC/heating in the Sweet Emporium has been repaired and the green room painting will be finished next week.

Costumes: no report

Membership: Scotty reported for Michael Cate telling us that the Walton Foundation focuses on education and environment, so appears to be a dead end for OLT building assistance. However, Murphy Oil may be a possibility, and he is checking it out. Rudi also reported that Wild Apricot is setting up their own pay system instead of using Pay Pal. It will cost us more if we don't go with their new system, so after discussion, it was decided no change will take place on our end, so a vote was not necessary.

Outreach: Mike and Julie Moe, along with Scotty Jenkins, will work with the Downtown Partners for Trick or Treat on Main Street from 4:00 -6:30 P. The street will be closed to traffic. We are purchasing 2000 pieces of candy and Lamar said we can use the AWANA bean bag toss game courtesy of Grace Bible Church. We discussed game prizes, including the possibility of discounted tickets for Best Christmas Pageant, but in the end decided to go with some cheap prizes from Oriental Trading Company.

Also, we discussed the "OLT After Party" following the closing of the Ouachita Arts Celebration at 5:00 PM. Linda Denton is bringing her BBQ wagon to park in our lot and sell food from 5:00 -7:00 PM. This will lead into the Remnants of Rock Concert. Our Concession stand will be open during the regular OAC hours.

Regarding the Remnants of Rock concert on November 1, tickets have been sluggish, but we expect them to pick up toward the showtime. Publicity has been good, and Patrick Calhoun of R.O.R. has purchased some radio time on his own. Don Buttermilk is handling the sound, Rudi is doing the lights, and Beth is running the sales desk where they sell CD's, t-shirts, or other memorabilia. They asked for some help when they unload earlier in the day. If you can help, please contact Rudi for exact unloading times.

Scotty moved that we adjourn, Jackie seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Ulmer