

Date : August 19, 2021

Board members present:

X	Scotty Jenkins	X	Alex Night
	Brad Story	X	Jered Biard
X	Judy Kropp		Robby Burt
X	Bill Hays	X	Jessica Kropp
X	Rudi Timmerman, past pres.		Gayle Krahn
X	Lamar Austin		Makayla Kenyon-Ortiz
X	Amanda Baker	X	Julie Ulmer

Eva McAllister and Jane Buttermilk were visitors.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's amended report was approved by Julie, seconded by Rudi and motion carried. The amendment states that Justin Richmond's board term will be filled by Alex Night for the next 3 years.

Treasurer's Report: Arvest (general fund) \$4392.85

Union Bank (Building) \$18,233.10

First Financial (concessions) \$3042.16

Arvest (Pay Pal)

Big recorded a -\$7.65, while Little Women recorded a net of \$1602.28

Committees:

Division Reports:

JOLT

Office

Production:

Big was a great HAPPY show!

Little Women -was a positive experience. Alex said she was grateful for the opportunity. The show did get filmed and was a great job from all involved.

Box Office:

Concessions:

Publicity: Little Women was publicized well. Julie needs info to get started on 39 steps.

Movie of the Month: Rudi made a motion that we cancel Movie Night for September since Covid is abundant. Bill seconded and motion was approved.

Play Selection: Last month it was discussed about possibly paying Cynthia Perkins gas money to direct Oklahoma. Much was commented about this-she is not a local, she doesn't know our people, we are a community theatre so no one gets paid, and that she has in the past failed to give a donation for costume rental. Rudi made a motion that the musical be directed by a local person, Lamar, seconded and the motion passed.

There was also some discussion on whether we even want to do Oklahoma since it is a little on the sexist side as well as cultural problems. This was tabled. It was stated it is much easier to find directors and let them present a play they are interested in, rather than finding a play and trying to get someone to direct it.

Jessica will be looking into doing Matilda in the spring. Alex would like to do Little Shop of Horrors in spring 2023.

Our lineup should be pretty set. In February it was thought to have One Acts. Jessica said her school one acts are scheduled for the first weekend of March. Scotty will check with Robby and Ann Glenn to see if the first weekend of March will be OK with them.

Justin Richmond would like to do his play Montezuma ASAP. He should give a copy to the Play Selection committee so it can be read and then decided on as to when he can do it.

Double Wide Christmas will be performed the first two weekends of December.

House: Miles Construction is ready to begin on Suite A. Unfortunately, he has another job before us, so it will be at least two jobs before he begins. It was also brought up that the Quilt from Home Extension Office was put up without anyone being there from the theatre and so it will have to be moved for the new work being done for Suite A. Scotty said it was not a big deal.

Costumes: Jane Buttermilk came to let us know that she is stepping down from costumes. She will finish everything with Little Women on Friday. She can not find a replacement. WE NEED To GET a Replacement! Jane gave us some information concerning getting UV lights when no one is in the building to help with mold and smell.

Programs: Jered has been searching for a better printer that would cut the costs of ink and time. He has found one that should sell for \$600. Printer ink would be refillable instead of cartridge which saves quite a bit of money. It is unavailable for purchase right now. When Jered has seen it, the cost has been \$1129.00 -he thinks this is due to the chip crisis caused by the virus. The printer would be capable of doing posters, tickets, roadside signs, and programs.

Rudi tabled the purchase of it till September unless he can find it for the \$600 price and then he should purchase immediately. Lamar seconded and motion passed with one nay.

Another idea that was brought up that younger people might be willing to view the program through a QR code which could save us some money also. Jered said he would look into that!

Finance:

Membership: Scotty has appointed Eva McAllister as the chairman of the membership committee.

Outreach:

Social:

Old Business:

Work is still being done concerning the LYRIC sign. A picture was sent and a quote on cost and it was for \$26196.30. At the last meeting it was decided to hold off on the sign until January with the hopes of receiving some more donation. It was also mentioned that a company from Hot Springs that Bill has talked with had a much lower bid. We should also consult with Turbyfill signs and Sanctified Design here in Mena.

The notion of having an Artistic Director was again discussed. Rudi felt it should be in our constitution and that would take a membership vote. Scotty felt it could be an assigned position. The board decided that we should do it on a trial basis till the upcoming May meeting when we can decide if the position is really needed. Jessica made the motion to do a trial run until May starting immediately, Julie seconded, and motion passed. Judy Kropp will fill that position for now.

Burn the Mortgage is a fund raiser specifically looking for 30- \$1000 donations. If someone donates that amount, they can get a membership at that value. Of course, people are free to give more than \$1000 if they would like. Avalon Botanical Gardens would like to be the first to be on this band wagon. Judy will work with Julie and Eva McAllister on this project. The amount is for a one-year donation. It was recommended that we talk with the banks and CMA.

New Business:

Downtown Partners is offering (3) \$500 grants for building facades. An invoice will need to be paid by Dec 31st to qualify. Scotty will go through the procedure of filling out the grant proposal for painting the front of the building.

SNL show- Michael Eudy is getting a combo together which may include Kassie Moe. He would like to use the theatre for a concert after January 1st.

We also received a request from Harmony again to come do a Christmas concert. They charge us nothing but we usually split the proceeds half and half with them. They will perform on December 18

Gayle Krahn has turned in her resignation to be on the board because she is moving to St. Louis. She has suggested that her friend, Heather, will continue doing hair and makeup.

Judy gave a report on All Together Now-the musical global concert held in November. We will charge \$10 per ticket. We will plan on Saturday night (Nov 13) and Sunday matinee (Nov 14) performances. Artists include Lamar, Burt women, Burt boys, Amanda Baker, Alex Night, Brandy Benner, Tiffini Cavelli, Alexyss Hildebrand, Alex Atchley, possibly Lana Coogan and Rachel Galloway and more.

Judy asked permission to try to get sponsors that would pay for printing costs and an honorarium for the Ouachita Strings and Friends who will also be playing in the concert. Pre-sale tickets will help decide whether we need to add another performance on Saturday.

Adjourn: Bill made the motion to adjourn, Jessica seconded and we were on our way!