

Date : Sept. 16, 2021

Board members present:

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

Guests: Eva McAllister and Michael Cate

Brad called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm and made this statement.

To the Board of Directors of Ouachita Little Theatre:

I, Brad Storey, hereby grant to Scotty Jenkins a full and unconditional pardon for any and all crimes which he may have committed while serving as president of our organization. At present, the only such crime, to my knowledge, is that he has resigned the presidency which has thereby put undue pressure on myself.

However, the case, this document shall forever find him blameless for having done so. Somewhat sincerely, Brad Storey, president

A note of thanks will be sent to Scotty for his many hours of work building sets, directorship and his service on the board.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was approved by Rudi and seconded by Julie and was approved by members present.

Treasurer's Report:

Arvest (general fund)	\$2518.89
Union Bank (Building)	\$19,233.10
First Financial (concessions)	\$3438.28
Burn the Mortgage	\$6000.00

The next item of business was the replacement of the Vice President, since Brad moved into the Presidency, and the filling the position of one board member. Brad appointed Eva McAllister and Rudi Timmerman to the board positions and Robby Burt to the Vice Presidency. All was unanimously approved by the Board. The decision as to whom is replacing whom for term limits will be decided at the next meeting.

Michael Cate reported that Rae Grasso had spoken to him about a generous donation (somewhere between \$8-15,000) possibly to be used for Solar Panels on the roof of the OLT to help us with electricity. We will investigate that in the future. Rae also wanted someone to visit and look at her home furnishings to see if there were things of value and if we wanted to help her get rid of those things. Some discussion was held and it was decided that Brad, Michael Cate, and Eva would go and visit Rae.

Everyone needs to know that Brad's phone number is 479.234.2321.

Publicity: Did everyone notice that the **Burn the Mortgage** campaign made the front page? Chris Daniel put it on facebook, it is on our website as well. Alex will put in on Instagram and Rudi will be sure it is in the newsletter.

Movie of the Month: no movie in October due to outbreak of Covid

House: Brad wanted everyone to know that there is mold in the cabinets in the lobby at the concession stand. He will be looking into that.

Suite A repair to the stucco on the front of the building has been completed. Brad is concerned that we do not cover up the mold but it is remediated. He will be talking with Jason Miles, our contractor, about that. Flashing has not been done yet. (NEWS since we met: we did receive a grant from Mena Downtown for \$500 to cover improvements to the front of the building)

LYRIC sign is on hold. Brad is going to talk to Jesse from Sanctified Design to see if he is interested in working on it and a quote from him.

Production:

39 Steps will be held on October 22 & 23 at Mena Mountain Resort. OLT performances will be on October 29-31.

ATN performances will be on November 13 & 14

A Doublewide Texas Christmas will be held Dec 3-5 and Dec 10-12. Auditions will be October 2 from 10- noon and October 4 from 5:30-7:30pm

Quotes (\$1500.00) have been sent by Theatrical Rights Worldwide for the summer play, *Monty Python's Edukational Show*.

We have not got the info on *Matilda* yet.

Membership: Eva is having a letter revised at this time and getting ready to send out letters to all businesses and then other patrons who have let their membership lapse.

Office- The Board needed to take a vote authorizing Jered to purchase an office printer. Jered said he was trying to get a 2nd level printer which would be able to do different sizes of

paper, color, etc. Jessica made the motion, Alex seconded it and it was approved. (NOTE: Jered did find one in Ft. Smith at a good price, and it has been purchased and is working at this time).

There was quite a bit of discussion concerning how to proceed with plays during this COVID time. POLK County's numbers are at 120 which is an all time high. 75 deaths have been recorded. It was discussed that we could follow the guidelines of

1) Theatre 2nd in Fayetteville and Broadway which includes: required vaccination, and masks worn at all times

2) cancel until numbers get better

3) do nothing and let all who want to come, come. It is their responsibility

4) do a distanced seating on the sides, people picking their sides with no distancing in the center, no masks required but encouraged.

No decision was made concerning the future of plays with the hopes that our numbers will go down before the October show.

Jessica made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rudi seconded it and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Kropp, secretary

Adjourn: