

Date : August 18, 2022

Board members present:

X	Alex Night	X	Jered Biard
X	Brad Story		Robby Burt
X	Judy Kropp	X	Ann Glenn
X	Bill Hays	X	Jessica Kropp
		X	Makayla Kenyon-Ortiz
	Lamar Austin		Rudi Timmerman
	Amanda Baker	x	Julie Ulmer

Visitor: Alannah Thorton

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was approved by Ann Glenn, seconded by Julie Ulmer and passed

Treasurer's Report: Arvest (general fund) \$8223.50

Union Bank (Building) \$10,537.75

First Financial (concessions) \$2,837.22

Arvest (Pay Pal)

3. Office Report—Alex

We had received a letter from Mr. Dan Kern about losing \$100.00 and was hoping he would get it returned after the last play. No money was found by his seat or on the floor.

Brad painted the office. It looks so fresh and clean and good. Thanks to Brad!

No memory savers this month.

We seem to have a bug problem. Alex calls them huge roaches; Brad seems to think they are a water bug but, in any case, Jess made a motion that we contact an exterminator, Brad seconded, and motion passed. Brad will investigate this.

All nomination forms are getting out to the directors and hopefully will be returned shortly. There was discussion and the decision was made that if there are two people given the same part, that both will be nominated for the position and if they win, both will receive trophies. This is in reference where 2 different people played the part of Annie in Annie. This is not the same as an understudy and the original cast member would be the only one up for nomination.

4. Artistic Director Report—Judy

Monty Python report- was well received by its audiences. We had \$930 of presale, \$2576 of box office sales. Judy really feels that the increase in membership is as great an emphasis as the total income. 24 new memberships for this play. With the money from memberships and donations, we made about a \$500. It was a good show and great job to Jered and his cast and crew!

Silas Marner- Judy met with Brad and he is ready for auditions on August 30, Sept 1 and 3. We all need to be on the lookout for hairstylists and makeup people. Costumers would also be a welcome addition.

The Ouachita Strings have 2 performances scheduled for the park. In case of rain, they would like to use our theatre. The dates are Sept.17 and October 8. Both have been cleared with Brad.

Harmony has contacted me about doing a Christmas show again this Dec. 23. Of the members present, only Bill said he was sure he would be here to let them in. We decided we needed to talk to Rudi and see if it brings enough of a crowd and whether we want them again. It seems like they have been here the past 3 years. Maybe we should take a break? Anyway, we will wait till next board meeting to decide. Judy will stay in contact with them.

Roy Orbison concert will be January 21. The contract calls for him to receive 60%, us to receive 40% of box office and we will sell tickets from our website. We get all concessions; he gets all of products he may sell.

5. Burn the Mortgage report—Judy

We still have about \$7000 to reach our goal. Please give Judy some names. We want this done. Brad questioned whether Rudi had been paid as of last months board decision. Bill did not know how much he needed to pay Rudi back and said he would contact him.

6. House—Brad

Brad was wondering if it might be a good idea to have an Annual AC/Heat check? He was very thankful that Alvin's Heating and Air, took time to help us the day of our performances so we had air. A thank you (Alex) should be sent, and possibly a thank you on our Facebook page (Julie)! The board decided that Brad should call Alvin's and find out information about an annual checkup, and he will report back to us.

7. ASCAP

ASCAP is a musical subscription to cover playing music in our theatre as background when patrons are waiting for a show to begin. There was a question as to whether we needed this and the cost. Judy reported that through our AACT membership we pay \$193. yearly for that subscription which is considerably less than paying without the AACT membership. Judy had investigated another musical entity for streaming of music, but it was going to cost \$420 per year. It was decided to keep it as we now have it and Bill will pay the bill.

7a. Reader's Theater-Ann Glenn

Ann reported that she found that the Readers Theatre was previously named the Lyric Players: a Readers Theater troupe! and already had a logo. She is going to have an organizational meeting on August 27 at 2:30 pm at the theatre. Julie will get it announced!

8. Play Selection—Lamar

Lamar was not present. Alannah has a play “Arkaeology” of a friend, that she would like us to consider and so she will give it to Lamar who will then pass on to play selection committee.

Lamar, Alex, and now Judy have the script, “Rest in Peace, a Bed and Breakfast” that Amanda has written for her play in February.

9. IT Report—Jered

Jered is now working on Past Performances for the website. He is going to be mentoring Alexis Payne as she is going to work on enhancements. Jered will now also work on the wiring. Jered brought up the idea of cross promotion with Mount Ida and Theatre Squared. Mixed feelings on the part of the board.

10. Box office—Amanda

Judy brought up the idea of ushers. We feel that they are an important face of our theatre and as such should be trained. It will be up to the director of each show whether they want characters in the cast in costumes, or whether they want a different look for their ushers. A vest was suggested as being part of an overall look. Judy will oversee getting the ushers trained. There is a need of 1 person outside, and two inside to seat people.

11. Publicity—Julie

There was a News Brief in the Mena Star concerning Silas Marner and an entire article in the Pulse. She will continue to get auditions/info in next week.

12. Adjourn.

Makayla made a motion to adjourn, Julie seconded, and motion passed.