

OLT Board of Directors Meeting

July 21, 2022

Members Present: Alexa Night, Brad Storey, Bill Hays, Jered Biard, Makayla Kenyon-Ortiz, Amanda Baker, Julie Ulmer

Absent: Judy Kropp, Jessica Kropp, Ann Glenn, Lamar Austin, Robby Burt, Rudi Timmerman

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Alex Night. Amanda moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Makayla, motion passed.

Office Report - Alex said she is selling lots of tickets, some DVD's, and handling the day to day events of the OLT office and all is going well. There is a password that needs to be retrieved so OLT can provide the receipts necessary to prove to the CARES Act Grant monies were spent specifically on Covid related products and services. Alex said she would further work to untangle the missing pieces as it is very important that this information is relayed in a timely manner. Alex is working with Bill on this. If anyone has any information regarding these expenses including receipts or possible passwords, etc., please contact Alex as soon as possible.

House Report – Brad has been investigating a new fire safety company and will keep us posted. He also said he and Jered are working on getting the seat labels updated before Monty Python opening night.

Treasurer's Report – As of June 30, these are the balances of the checking accounts: Operating fund (Arvest) balance was \$8943.70. The Union (Building) balance was \$10, 537.75. The First Financial (Concessions) balance was \$3,210.31.

There was discussion about the payback to Rudi and Brad regarding their loan to pay off the OLT mortgage. It was decided Rudi's portion of \$2700 will be paid back in full to him immediately, and a monthly installment from our operating account for \$200-250 will be paid to Brad Storey until his loan is completely paid back. This should leave a comfortable balance for emergencies in the operating fund. OLT is grateful to these board members who made such a personal sacrifice to enable us to pay off the mortgage in full quickly. We also discussed the Burn the Mortgage Thermometer outside the theater lobby, as no action has taken place on it. We have received some other donations for a little over \$1000. We agreed to go ahead and add that amount to the thermometer. We will discuss further when we want to officially and publicly declare the mortgage "burned", as technically it already is paid off. We don't want to compete with the opening of the Monty Python show coming up in a week, but we can address this important announcement next meeting to nail down the details.

Bensons Report – The board members met July 7 and began settling on details that can be found in a separate report submitted by Judy Kropp.

Play Selection – Amanda told us more about her original comedy that she has written that will be performed in February called "Rest in Peace B&B". The board thought it sounds delightful and look forward to hearing more about it.

Brad's performance dates for "Silas Marner" are October 21-23 and 28-30. Auditions will be held September 6 & 8 from 7- 9 PM and Saturday September 10 from 9 AM to noon at the theater. He is

looking for several adult men, various ages, and two or three younger women as well as a very young girl, perhaps around 5 years old, or someone who could pass for that age.

IT Report – Jered had nothing additional to report as he has been in the process of directing Monty Python.

Box Office – Amanda gathered a few names who can work the Monty Python show, but she needs several more people to help. Please contact her if you can assist for a performance.

Publicity – Julie reported that Movie Night this past Wednesday was a success with over 30 people in attendance. Lots of new faces, and guest Ruby K. Manis did an excellent job entertaining people before the show with stories about her costuming days working some of the stars of the featured film, “Silverado.” Thanks to Bill and Kristie for working the concessions, and to Makayla for running the movie and taking care of theater preparation details. Date for next Wednesday Night at the Lyric is October 12. Brad offered to put the purchased banner for future movie nights on a permanent backing that we can hang outside the week before our Wednesday Night at the Lyric. Thank you, Brad!

The Mena Star Readers’ Choice survey selected “Matilda” as Best Performance in Mena in the last 12 months. They offered for us to take out an ad to thank the readers in the Star for \$86 for a 3X3 ad. We decided to pass unless Judy and Jessica felt strongly that we should. (Julie discussed this with them and they agreed it was okay to skip this one.) We do appreciate the accolades, and Julie will be sure to thank the Star for this honor.

Ethan Nahte hopes to visit the dress rehearsal for Monty Python July 22 to take photos and write an article himself for the next edition. Julie is sending photos and a brief article about opening night to both papers. (update: Ethan was exposed to Covid in his household so had to miss the rehearsal. Julie sent the Pulse as well as the Star some new photos Alex took Thursday night with a short reminder of the show’s opening July 29 and basic info.)

Brad motioned to adjourn, Julie seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Submitted by Julie Ulmer