Lyrical Opera Theater - Board of Directors Meeting Annual Meeting July 13, 2025, Agenda

Attended: Carly Schaub, Jessie Pugmire, Sydney Leavitt, Lynnette Owens, Sarah Seamons

Call to Order: Jessie Pugmire

Board of Directors and Officers business:

- 1. President's report:
 - a. We are well underway in terms of casting for our next two productions, Falstaff and The Magic Flute. We are well underway with costuming. We need some measurements.
- 2. Vice President's report:
 - a. Senior living centers have been really great.
- 3. Secretary's report:

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4. Treasurer's report: (Financial are listed in Executive Director's report)

Executive Director's report:

- 1. Business:
 - a. Past Business structure business:

b. New Business structure business:

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- 2. Events:
 - a. Operas:
 - i. Falstaff:
 - 1. Cast:
 - a. Fully cast except dancers, a Host and possibly two more pages. Carly is working on getting dancers.
 - 2. Costumes: Deb has made a detailed plan. Costumes have been hung up and we are putting them together. They will be done soon.
 - 3. Marketing:
 - a. We have two artist interviews that were posted in Facebook.
 - b. We have set up a Contact interview on PBS.
 - c. We have printed postcards for Falstaff and for our upcoming two productions.
 - 4. Staging and production notes are done and have been distributed.
 - 5. Scenery pieces are here but need to be fully put together. We have to build a window piece for the Alcove window.
 - 6. Jessie is starting to set up singer evaluations and costume fittings.
 - 7. Website: Falstaff page is put together.
 - 8. Digital program will all be online and interactive now and is almost done.
 - ii. Magic Flute:
 - 1. Cast: It is fully cast except the Chorus
 - 2. Music: Tracks and scores have been distributed. We will sing it in German with English dialogue.
 - iii. Otello: This will probably be our Feb 2027 opera.
 - b. Classy Concerts:
 - i. **Senior living centers:** We did three more senior living centers and have received checks from all.
 - ii. Miscellaneous:
 - 1. Excellence in the Community: November 7th at 7:30pm in the Viridian Center in West Jordan. We have engaged 5 singers and they have all been sent the repertoire. Larry Gee will accompany us on the piano as this concert series insists on only live performers.

3. Educational Outreach:

- a. Elementary:
 - i. We will soon start reaching out to schools again. Crescent Elementary in the Canyons District already reached out to us and scheduled one.
- b. Junior & Senior high: An Insider's Guide is still being produced for them.

4. Fundraising:

- a. **Donations:** (See Financial spreadsheet)
 - i.
 - ii. Flowers fundraiser?: Carly approached Bailey Smalls, a local florist. She seemed to understand what we are going for and feels she can do it in September.
 - iii. We need to ask the florist if we can have a bucket of single roses.

b. Business sponsorships:

- i. Walmart & Sam's Club sponsored us.
- ii. Tinder Box?: Jessie will contact them to see if they can sponsor us again. ??

c. Grants:

- i. Enbridge gas grant submitted 5/18/2025 asking for \$1,000.
- ii. Lawrence T and Janet T. Dee Foundation grant submitted 6/5/2025 asking for \$6,000
- iii. R. Harold Burton Foundation grant submitted on 6/21/2025 asking for \$5,000.
- iv. B.W. Bastien foundation grant submitted on 6/23/2025 asking for \$3,000
- v. UA&M: Grant submitted on 2/25/2025 asking for \$8,000. Still don't know but we doubt we will get \$8,000 due to funding being once again eliminated by the State of Utah.
- vi. ZAP grant: submitted on 3/14/2025 asked for \$12,000 and we submitted our ZAP evaluation. We still don't know.
- vii. Rocky Mountain Power Foundation: submitted 7/12/2025 asking for \$3,000

5. Finances:

a. Q1 Financials:

- i. AUFCU: Starting balance \$29,799.09. Ending balance \$30,116.63
- ii. PayPal: Starting balance \$0.00. Ending balance \$0.00
- iii. Total starting balance: \$29,799.09
- iv. **Total Income:** \$4,559.05
- v. **Total Expenses:** \$4,241.51
- vi. Total ending balance: \$30,116.63

b. In kind service:

- i. **Service**: (See Financial Statement)
- ii. Cost of goods: (refer to Financial Statement)
- iii. Rental in kind donation: (refer to Financial Statement)
- iv. **Business donations:** (refer to Financial Statement)

6. Volunteer efforts:

a. Board of Directors:

- i. Q2 2025 newsletter was sent out. Lynnette did two artist interviews for it. We educated people about Falstaff.
- ii. Are helping with costuming, props, scenery pieces, scenery projections, directions, choreography, providing piano playing, grant writing, stage crew needs.
- iii. Finding sponsorship possibilities.
- iv. Maintained and updated the website.
- v. Administrated LOT
- vi. Marketed LOT
- vii. Generated new ideas:
- viii. Recruited new talent:
- ix. Coordinated the communication between all performers.
- x. Arranged meetings and coordinated schedules.
- xi. Created the programs for events.
- xii. Coordinated Stage Management.

xiii. Coordinated Social Media posts

7. Marketing:

- a. Social media:
 - Facebook: Not much as been done, but Sydney is ramping things up for promoting Falstaff in August.
 - ii. Instagram: Problems are getting resolved.
 - iii. Bluesky?: Sydney will sign us up for Bluesky.
- b. Email:
 - i. Q2 newsletter went out.
 - ii. We will do 4 email blasts for Falstaff.
 - iii. E-blast for SL County will go out on August 26th.
- c. Texting: Friends
- d. Postcards: We produced for Falstaff and one with upcoming operas.
- e. YouTube:
 - i. Artist interviews were posted.

8. Website:

- a. Falstaff page had all the cast members added.
- b. Website transfer?: It is going great! Jason has been doing some good work on it.

9. Goals:

a. Short term goals from our last agenda:

- i. Goal: Costumes mostly done and staging done and distributed. Staging done, costumes are mostly done for Falstaff.
- ii. Goal: Contracts for Falstaff mostly sent out. DONE
- iii. Goal: Cast stage crew for Falstaff. DONE
- iv. Goal: Prepare Q2 newsletter. DONE
- v. Goal: Bigger presence on social media. Working on it.
- vi. Goal: Find another foundation to support us. working on it.
- vii. Goal: Finish getting new website up.

b. Short-term goals to be accomplished before our next board meeting.

- i. Goal: Costumes done.
- ii. Goal: Have a great Falstaff.
- iii. Goal: Increase our audience size 15% over Die Fledermaus.
- iv. Goal: Prepare Q3 newsletter.
- v. Goal: Bigger presence on social media.
- vi. Goal: Weekly Facebook and Instagram posts
- vii. Goal: Find another foundation to support us.
- viii. Goal: Finish getting new website up.

c. Longer term goals:

- i. Goal: Get another Board member. working on it.
- ii. Goal: Get enough funding in place to start paying our accountants for our quarterly reports
- iii. Goal: Get enough funding to start paying staff.
- iv. Goal: Get new talent from the various universities. In progress

10. Other Business (President):

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- 11. **Next Meeting:** Board of Directors meeting October 26, 6:30pm
- **12. Official Close of Meeting:** We closed our meeting at 7:25pm



Jessie Pugmire, President

Kenn Crandall, Secretary