## Lyrical Opera Theater - Board of Directors Meeting Annual Meeting October 19, 2025, Agenda

Attended: Lynnette Owens, Jessie Pugmire, Sarah Seamons, Carly Schaub and Kenn Crandall

### Call to Order:

#### **Board of Directors and Officers business:**

- 1. President's report:
  - a. We had an incredibly successful Falstaff except for ticket sales.
  - b. Are auditioning for La Traviata.
  - c. We are recruiting new singers.
- 2. Vice President's report:
  - a. Falstaff was great! It went really well. Merchandise sales were not great due to low ticket sales.
- 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:

i. \_\_\_\_\_

- b. New Business structure business:
  - i. Non-employee complaint form was created by Deborah Siddoway.
  - ii. We bought 1,000 names and emails from Exact Data of people that live along the Wasatch Front and donate aggressively to the arts. We sent out our Q3 newsletter to them.
- 2. Events:
  - a. Operas:
    - i. Falstaff: Best production yet!
      - 1. Cast: We had a fantastic cast
      - 2. Costumes: They looked excellent!
      - 3. Marketing: We did 4 e-blasts and one SL County Arts E-blast. We printed out postcards for upcoming productions and forgot to bring them.
      - 4. Ticket sales: 441 We attributed this to the fact that Falstaff is just not a well-known opera...people don't recognize the name...but it is a great opera and needs to be done. It has put us in a precarious financial position though.
    - ii. Magic Flute:
      - 1. Cast: It is fully cast except the Chorus, stagehands, sound engineer and lighting which we are working on
      - 2. Scenery: It has been designed and the road-map created for where we are going.
      - 3. Dancing:
      - 4. Music: Tracks and scores have been distributed.
      - 5. Coachings have been started
      - 6. Costumes: Deb is working on the costumes. We have ordered some things and will use costumes we bought from Utah Opera for much of it.
    - iii. **Otello:** The music tracks have been started and we have been talking to tenors to find some that could possibly sing it.
  - b. Classy Concerts:
    - i. **Senior living centers:** We have scheduled two for Christmas shows and are working to schedule two more. Capitol Hill Senior Living Center Carly suggests this and will send me the information.
    - ii. Miscellaneous:

1. Excellence in the Community: November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Viridian Event Center in West Jordan. We will rehearse on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jeff Whiteley, their founder, died but they are still moving forward.

#### 3. Educational Outreach:

# a. Elementary:

- i. We easily scheduled 20 schools due to offering it for free and have 9 more schools wanting it that we could not schedule. Daniel Tuutau is back and we have already performed it three times. We just have to find a way to fund it. We have not heard back from the B.W. Bastien Foundation yet but are still hoping to.
- b. Junior & Senior high: An Insider's Guide is still being produced for them.

#### 4. Fundraising:

- a. **Donations:** (See Financial spreadsheet)
  - i. We bought prospecting leads from Exact Data hoping to increase our donations. We will see if this works.

## b. Business sponsorships:

i. Tinder Box: Contact them October 31st.

#### c. **Grants:**

- i. Enbridge gas grant submitted 5/18/2025 asking for \$1,000. 7/25/2026 we received notice we did not get it.
- ii. Sorenson grant asking for \$8,000 was rejected. 8/21/2026. I found out we can request a grant again and will resubmit it before Dec. 1
- iii. UA&M: Grant submitted on 2/25/2025 asking for \$8,000. 8/17/2025 we received an email saying we will only be granted \$3,400. We received most of that.
- iv. Larry H. Miller Foundation grant submitted 8/22/2025 asking for \$8,500.
- v. Dolores Eccles letter of inquiry submitted on 8/20/2025 they turned us down on 8/26/2025.
- vi. Florence J. Gillmore Foundation submitted printed letter of inquiry 9/8/2025 asking for \$7,000.
- vii. Joan and Tim Fenton Foundation submitted on website asking for \$5,000 on 9/11/2025.
- viii. American United Federal Credit Union grant request for \$950 submitted 9/15/2025.
- ix. The Price Family Foundation submitted a hard copy grant request asking for \$7,000 on 9/22/2025.
- x. Lawrence T and Janet T. Dee Foundation grant submitted 6/5/2025 asking for \$6,000
- xi. R. Harold Burton Foundation grant submitted on 6/21/2025 asking for \$5,000.
- xii. B.W. Bastien foundation grant submitted on 6/23/2025 asking for \$3,000
- xiii. ZAP grant: submitted on 3/14/2025 asked for \$12,000 and we submitted our ZAP evaluation. 9/25/2025 WE GOT \$12,000!!!
- xiv. Rocky Mountain Power Foundation: submitted 7/12/2025 asking for \$3,000

### 5. Finances:

## a. Q1 Financials:

- i. AUFCU: Starting balance \$30,116.63. Ending balance \$16,738.02
- ii. PayPal: Starting balance \$0.00. Ending balance \$0.00
- iii. Total starting balance: \$30,116.63
- iv. Total Income: \$9,720.61
- v. **Total Expenses:** \$23,099.22
- vi. Total ending balance: \$16,738.02

#### 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. Q3 2025 newsletter was sent out. We educated people about The Magic Flute.

- 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:
  - i. Facebook: Nov 7<sup>th</sup> concert is being promoted.
  - ii. Instagram: Problems are getting resolved.
  - iii. Bluesky?: Sydney will sign us up for Bluesky.
- b. Email:
  - i. Q3 newsletter went out.
  - ii. We did 4 email blasts for Falstaff.
  - iii. E-blast for SL County went on August 26th.
- c. Texting: Friends
- d. Postcards: We will print them for The Magic Flute
- e. YouTube:
  - i. Insider's Guide was posted
- f. Contact interview for Falstaff

#### 8. Website:

a. Jason is making progress on the new site. We met with him and he showed us where he is going with it.

#### 9. Goals:

### a. Short term goals from our last agenda:

- i. Goal: Costumes done. DONE
- ii. Goal: Have a great Falstaff. DONE
- iii. Goal: Increase our audience size 15% over Die Fledermaus. Not done.
- iv. Goal: Prepare Q3 newsletter. DONE
- v. Goal: Bigger presence on social media. DONE
- vi. Goal: Weekly Facebook and Instagram posts
- vii. Goal: Find another foundation to support us. WORKING on it.
- viii. Goal: Finish getting new website up. WORKING on it.

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

- i. Goal: Get enough funding to pay for The Magic Flute
- ii. Goals: Get enough funding to pay for our Educational Outreach
- iii. Goal: Costumes for The Magic Flute done
- iv. Goal: Production of The Magic Flute mostly done.
- v. Goal: Increase our audience size 15% over Carmen
- vi. Goal: Prepare Q4 newsletter.
- vii. Goal: Bigger presence on social media.
- viii. Goal: Weekly Facebook and Instagram posts
- ix. Goal: Find another foundation to support us.

- x. 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 enough to pay for storage Carly goes through Box & Lock get one with a drive up to the garage 10X10 was \$111 per month. Kenn Crandall will start looking for storage.
  - v. Goal: Get new talent from the various universities. In progress

10. Other Business (	President)	١
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- 11. Next Meeting: Board of Directors meeting January 18, 2026 at 6:30pm
- **12. Official Close of Meeting:** We closed our meeting at 7:33pm

Jessie Pugmire, President

Kenn Crandall, Secretary