

Minutes of the Los Alamos Little Theatre
Annual Meeting
June 27, 2010

Eric called the meeting to order and it opened with a performance of “The Thinks You Can Think” by cast members from Seussical the Musical.

Minutes:

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was waived by popular acclaim.

Treasurer's Report:

Bobbie reported that LALT generated a total income of \$25,985, of which \$23,567 was from shows (rest from rental fees, etc.). Total expenses for the year were \$31,950 but even with that LALT's overall budget outlook is good.

Bobbie noted that attendance was down overall.

It was noted that utility costs represented about \$5,000 of the expenses, so members were reminded to be judicious with use of the thermostats. We also pay \$500 for the phone line to the theater, and it was questioned how much use there is of the line.

President's Report:

Eric introduced the Board members, then reviewed the past and upcoming seasons (one show for the 2010-11 season still in negotiation, otherwise the season is set).

He reported some “decisions of note” made by the Board: undertaking a process to determine the upcoming season by April; defining a process for mentoring new directors and producers; and posting minutes to the LALT web page.

He offered a reminder of notable LALT members and alumni who had died since the last annual meeting: John and Vera Mench, Elizabeth Gray, and Joe Greene. He also noted the passing of Doug Revelle, spouse of LALT member Ann Revelle. Eric brought members out to look at the trees planted and dedicated to the LALT members, and those present shared memories, mostly amusing but also poignant.

Eric announced the addition of three new names to the plaque honoring sustaining contributors to LALT: Allen Brown, Ken Milder, and Patti Stevenson-Brown.

Election of New Board Members:

Pat and Kaki presented the slate assembled and distributed before the meeting: Jillian Burgin, Gracie Cainielli, Loida Garcia, Todd Graves, John Gustafson, Warren Houghteling, Kaki Kelly, Alison Mercer-Smith, Corey New, Jim Sicilian, and Roxanne Tapia. Mimi Adams was nominated from the floor and added to the slate.

Nominees present provided a few words about their interests. Those not present were represented in absentia by people who had something to say about them.

Ballots were distributed, filled out, returned and tallied. Those elected to the Board were Cainelli, Graves, Gustafson, Houghteling, Kelly, Sicilian and Tapia. They join holdovers Beck, Bjorklund, and Simpson.

General Discussion:

- Kendra Smale was the recipient of the LALT scholarship this year.
- Members were reminded that if they are LANL employees or retirees they should track and report their volunteer hours. Last year LALT received \$950 from LANL management for volunteer hours reported. (Note: Learned after the meeting that this year LALT will receive more than \$2,000.)
- The 2011 Theatre New Mexico AACT Fest will be in Artesia. LALT intends to host the 2013 AACTFest, which would be the year of LALT's 70th anniversary.
- A member suggested that LALT seriously look into the purchase and installation of an assisted-hearing system.
- It was suggested again that LALT find a way to assist Music Theatre Southwest, which recently experienced a devastating fire. LALT Board had considered donation of costumes or money. A member noted that Wendy Kostora (former LALT member) was organizing donations for MTSW and therefore might have a good idea of what their needs were. Therefore, LALT will determine a course of action after contacting Wendy for some insights.
- LALT on Facebook? Why not? Kate Ramsey and Nick Gurrola-Gal offered to put together some thoughts about taking this step.
- Kate also proposed greater interaction between LALT and the YMCA's summer program for theater. She has contacts at the YMCA and said she'd explore possibilities with them.

And the meeting was adjourned to yet more rousing acclaim.