

Locust Grove Arts Alliance February 2015 Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2015, 5:30-6:30 p.m., VFW Hall, Locust Grove

In attendance: Pam Quantie, Marea Breedlove, Jennifer Henson, Robin Pendergraft, Kelly Palmer, Shaun Perkins, Jerry Yates, Georgia Rainbolt, Roxann Yates, Fern McFarland, Theresa Mennecke, April Stone, Betty Perkins, Steve Cole

Agenda Items:

NEWSLETTER

1. Betty and Roxann discussed the newsletter and the new ads we have gotten. Roxann will write a feature about a new business each month.

TREASURER REPORT

2. Betty submitted the treasurer's report, which is attached to these minutes. She also brought up a proposal to pay the VFW a monthly fee. Steve said he would talk to the VFW members about it and will get back to us.

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT

3. Jerry talked about facilitating meetings and then led the group in coming up with a list of rules to follow for conducting future meetings. The rules include the following:
 - Start and end on time, 5:30-6:30.
 - Stick to the agenda.
 - Begin with the minutes of the last meeting and old news, then go to new.
 - Follow the 5-minute rule for speaking.
 - Vote on major agenda items.
 - End meeting with consensus.
 - Refrain from side-talking.
 - Turn off cell phones.
 - Secretary sums up the meeting at the end.
 - Raise your hand to speak.
 - Everyone equally shares the talking space.

We also decided to put the Mission Statement review on the agenda for the next meeting. Here is the mission statement as quoted on our website:

The LGAA's mission is to provide opportunities for and awareness of the arts in Locust Grove, Oklahoma.

BIG READ, ETC. REPORT

4. Shaun reported that the Big Read grant was submitted, and we will know about its status in April.

5. She also mentioned the CMCA asking for our help in writing a script and finding actors for a video about alcohol prevention. Shaun forwarded the email information to April. Theresa added additional information about the CMCA.
6. Shaun also mentioned two grants we could consider applying for: the Northeast Electric Cooperative grant for small items and the Dept. of Agriculture grant for a facility upgrade. Steve will discuss the facility upgrade idea with VFW members.

CHILDREN'S THEATER REPORT

7. April told us about the Pirate play Lost 'N' Found, which will be Mar. 7, 5:30 at the old gym at the old elementary. Kelly will print the programs. Anyone who can help move props and chairs from the VFW to the gym should contact April to see how to help. At the dress rehearsal on Mar. 6 at 5:30, Gentry from the Hahn Appliance commercials will visit the children and give acting tips.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

8. Pancake Breakfast or Indian Taco Dinner: We discussed having one or both of these regularly to raise money and awareness for both LGAA and the VFW. We need to consult school sports schedules to pick suitable times for them.
9. Jennifer mentioned the Donkey Basketball game on May 1, and that might be a good night to have an Indian Taco dinner.
10. Spring Art Tour: We tentatively have a tour lineup of Fern McFarland's studio, Jess Dinsmore's studio, and the Willard Stone Museum, though none of these are confirmed at this time. Pam said she would probably be able to borrow the church bus again for the event. The Art Tour is April 18.
11. LG Photos: If anyone has photos of Locust Grove that April can use in her slide show before the Pirate Play, please email them to her: apensu@yahoo.com.