

Membership Meeting Minutes  
Lake Gaston Baptist Church December 6, 2023, 9:30 am

**Attendees:**

Public: approximately 18 attendees

Board of Directors: Jeff Zimmer, Eric Wooster, Brian Goldsworthy, Jane Stringer, Patricia Price, John Cataldo, Lewis Mustian, Shannon McAllister, Anne Wood

Co-Chairs: Bob Alan

Executive Director: Tammy Clarke

**Welcome**

Jeff welcomed all attendees and members at 9:30 am and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff provided updates:

- A brief review of the agenda for next year.
- Thanked and introduced the Financial Review group who volunteered to conduct the annual review of LGA books. LGA greatly appreciates these three individuals for their time and willingness to review the LGA books. Review of the books and the movement of funds provides a great insight as to how LGA helps the community and works with other organizations in the preservation of our lake.

The John 3:16 Center Christmas Outreach 2023

- Jeff introduced Shannon McAllister representing The John 3:16 Center Christmas Outreach 2023. This program touches 500 children each year.
- Shannon talked about how much she and the team appreciate the individuals who donated toys and clothing and the businesses happily having collection boxes. She briefly talked about how the Program works and how the children are selected. There is a sign-up link on the website if you would like to volunteer. Volunteers are always welcome.
- Brian talked about the 12 local businesses allowing LGA to place the collection boxes in their business location and thanked all of them for supporting this drive. Thank you to these businesses for their help with the collection of toys and to the residents for their generosity.
- A few of the donated toys were exchanged.

**Intro Speaker/Presentation**

Speaker – John Duvall

Brian introduced John Duvall, the Managing Artistic Director from Lakeland Cultural & Art Center in Littleton. John provided an overview of upcoming events, the history of Lakeland and that he is humbled by the Board members and residences for keeping the center open for 40 years. He also spoke about the millions of dollars in renovation and was very excited to share the K through 7 Program which will soon be a K through 12 STEM now STEAM with the addition of Art. The Center supports local artists by displaying their work in the Art Gallery, having cultural art shows to educate us about our community and much more. For more information, please visit Lakeland Cultural Arts Center website [LakelandCAC.org](http://LakelandCAC.org).

Upcoming events at LCAC:

- 3 Redneck Tenors – Christmas show Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- John Brown's Big Band Christmas show December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Community Cantata show December 21<sup>st</sup>
- Three Toasts to Midnight December 31<sup>st</sup> . This is the only fundraiser Lakeland has each year. Please call or come into the box office for tickets.

Sign up to be on their email mailing list.

Flex passes are available. Buy a set of tickets and spend them however you want. See their website or call for details.

Space available for rent. There are two smaller conference rooms for rent in addition to the lobby and theater.

Follow on Facebook and/or check out their website at [LakelandCAC.org](http://LakelandCAC.org)

Jeff thanked John for speaking today.

#### **Issues/Concerns by membership**

- Jeff let everyone know that the Directors will be around after the meeting if there are any questions or concerns.
- Eric mentioned that there is a Bob Ross painting explosion at Wesleyan University in Rocky Mount. Admission is \$15.

Meeting adjourned