

Texas Clown Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 5, 2014

Meeting was held at the University United Methodist Church, 5084 DeZavala Rd, San Antonio, Texas. Meeting was called to order by President Diana McCurtain-Talbert at 10:15 am. Board members present: Diana McCurtain-Talbert, John Luce, Olivia Adamson, Mauri Norris, Judy Cornett, Charles Anderson, Kimatha Grice, David McCullough, Patsy McMillan.

Visitors included: Rhea Anderson, LJ Lomrick

Minutes from last meeting on November 5, 2013, were discussed. Diana corrected minutes of last meeting by stating the motion of Rosy Nose Clown alley to be added as a Charter alley# 25 was seconded by Patsy McMillan. Motion was made by John Luce to accept the minutes with corrected changes made, with Patsy seconded the motion. Vote to approve changes was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Mauri Norris reported that the 990N-E post card tax file from 2013 has been completed for the year. Last year (2013) was profitable due to convention. 2013 Financial report to be available later in Joey Journal since this is first meeting of year. TCA dues were due two days ago. 2014 TCA financial report to date shows 269 paid members through 2014-2015; 50 members have not renewed to date from 2013. Dave McCullough made the motion to accept financial report as is, Diana seconded the motion. Vote to approve was unanimous.

Convention Report 2014- Update given by Olivia Adamson with room block being at 37 to date@148 nights reserved; registered to date is 75; agenda/schedule is 95% completed; education and vendor contracted is ~95% have been received.

Committee Reports:

Ambassador: Donna Manna wrote an article in English and Spanish for Joey Journal.

Education: Aurora Krause did not have a report but Diana reported that she is working on education.

Historian: Dusty sent an email inquiring about historical items from Honey the clown, such as painted portraits of clowns, collected figurines, and wards. Storing items of historical value was discussed. Documents of historical value could be stored on website possibly, but storing items is not available at this time. Does a clown museum exist? Was the question brought up for discussion.

Membership report from John Luce requesting Annual Alley reports from each alley. The report will be finished by convention.

Nominating committee report given by David McCullough. David has reported that he will run for president next year. Andy Anderson nominated himself for Vice President. Mauri reported that she would stay for one more term. Sergeant at arms is open for nominations. Voncille Hardy was nominated for secretary from Olivia Adamson. All area representatives were encouraged to talk to their alley members for considering serving on the TCA board. The new president will appoint competition director for next convention. It is very important to attend most if not all TCA board meetings held throughout the year.

Spark Plug report: Mauri reported that we have few new members without referral names. Members are joining via pay pal and information about referral names are not being given.

Joey Journal: Diana encouraged all TCA board members to submit articles to Greg Standford ASAP. Articles are due by April 10, 2014.

Website: Page of historical information/data about conventions, hosts of past conventions, ambassadors, etc. to be placed on the website was discussed.

Sunshine Fund was reported by Kimatha Grice. She stated the balance was \$177.00. Donations during meeting was given with balance being \$205.00 to date.

Area Director reports:

South central: Kimatha Grice reported that her alley had 40 something members. Convention planning is going as scheduled. Battle of Flowers parade is in the works for their alley.

North Central: Martha Warren was not present but via written report that one of their alley members is also a Shrine clown. Martha will be helping with make-up and has invited a special needs person to join.

Northeast-David McCullough reports that his new alley meets every month. David Ginn was a lecturer recently with 16 attendees from Dallas/Tyler area. They also had a professional juggler at one meeting. He states he has contacted potential 2015 convention headliners. One potential headliner mentioned was Terry DeVault, but he is not a clown. Todo Johnson, Jeffery Potts (Buckles the clown) were also mentioned.

Southeast-Patsy McMillan reported that her alley has 111 members at Cheerful Clown alley. Their clown school is June 18-August 2, 2014. Charmin was featured on radio discussing "shortage" of clowns and did a little advertisement for Cheerful clown alley. Charmin printed small flyers to pass around.

Panhandle /West –Kathy Keaton was not present but reported via email that Oop's alley has been having regular monthly meetings with classes to improve clowning skills. Oop's alley member Susan Butler's (Tinker) father passed away, Kathy requested sympathy cards. Another member, Claudette Hayes got married.

Old Business: Recommendations were made last meeting about recognizing TCA members in Joey Journal. Kimatha recommended having only 1 or 2 be recognized with each issue. Mauri Norris will send all boards members a list of questions to ask the person being spotlighted and she agreed to write the article on the person spotlighted. One TCA member (Sammy Simons) was discussed to be spotlighted in the next journal. Mauri mentioned Lou Stoddard, Rosily, and Ducko for possible spotlighted. No further discussion on this. John Luce is to follow up with questions on Sammy Simons for next journal.

Quilt Auction/Raffle: Kimatha is continuing to collect t-shirts to make the next quilt. She reminded all board members to bring left over shirts to next meeting.

Book Honoring David Pitts- We will auction off the book at convention. Joey journal covers that David Pitts designed were looked at and the ones chosen were from past conventions and a few had actually people/clowns (4 additional covers) that he designed. Kimatha had a small booklet made for \$11.10 with all colored copies and got a quote for \$10.00 a book with selling the book for \$13-15.00 a book for a

fund raiser. Photo books were investigated for a possible souvenir for members but were going to cost \$30.00. Other ideas were discussed but it was tabled for discussion for a later date.

Kimatha is going to use disbursement form on internet TCA website for reimbursement for what she spent on the replicas of the journal covers.

Andy Anderson has a bid for TCA awards for \$341.40 for the upcoming convention. Judy made the motion to accept Andy's bid, Patsy seconded it and it was passed unanimously. Andy offered to make the swingers for 2014 convention to be printed Kerrville 2014.

Mauri discussed money for raffle will go towards Tyler's convention. Old quilt will be raffled and given to a member and the new quilt will be raffled for next convention.

Poster is on website to access for advertising your alley and promoting TCA. It has used by Kathy Keaton and one other person. There was no feedback given regarding benefit of poster.

Next meeting will be held July 26, 2014 in Tyler, Texas.

Stipend was issued to members present with exception of Diana, Olivia and Kim whom declined their stipend.

David McCullough made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Kimatha seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Olivia Adamson, Secretary
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