

July 26th TCA Board Meeting called to order at 10:22 a.m. in Tyler, TX

Meeting Location: Atria Copeland Retirement Center, 5317 New Copeland Rd, Tyler, TX 75703

Attendance in person were: Mauri Norris, Judy Cornett, David McCullough, John Luce, Andy Anderson, Patsy McMillan, Martha Warren, Kathy Keaton and guest L J Lomenick. Kim Grice and Olivia Adamson attempted to attend by Skype.

John Luce asked for a volunteer to take minutes and Patsy McMillan volunteered to do the deed.

Mauri had proxies from Diana McCurtain-Talbert, Olivia Adamson and Kim Grice

1. Minutes from the April 5, 2014 meeting were reviewed. David McCullough motioned we accept as written and Mauri Norris seconded. All in favor was unanimous so it was approved.
2. Treasurer's report – Mauri Norris stated that we are still approximately \$400 under budget on dues revenue so far. TCA has 197 paid members. Total bank balance is \$39,844.53 including \$1000 in convention account. Discussed getting a list of old members to reach out and contact them. Proposed budget for 2015 shows that we would spend \$1200 more than we would bring in because predicting convention profit is always an unknown.

Tax status is still pending re changing from 501C4 to a 501C3. Would like the Board to decide if we want to pursue this, if so, we need to approve the \$450 expense that might be needed. Judy Cornett motioned that we approve and David McCullough seconded. Unanimous vote by Board to go forward.

David McCullough motioned that we approve Treasurer's report and Andy Anderson seconded. Unanimous approval.

3. Convention report – 94 people preregistered not including the 10-12 lecturer/dealers on the list. Room block has been exceeded. Agenda schedule is 99% complete. Current agenda is on website for review.
 4. Committee Reports
 - Ambassador – An article was written for the Joey Journal in both English and Spanish.
 - Bylaws – A change was discussed regarding electronic attendance at meetings. Tried to Skype with Kim and Olivia and it was not successful. According to bylaws you are not part of quorum if not present in person. "Skype usage and electronic, phone conference for board meetings was discussed and it was decided to table it until after the new board elections." It was a unanimous decision to table it. Such a change would require a bylaw change.
 5. Education - The Board would like to recommend to the Education Committee that the scholarship guidelines should be relaxed. Individuals should be a TCA member for 1 year before applying for scholarship. The Education Committee needs to present new time guidelines to Board for approval.
- Historian - Noted that items are in storage and no report

Membership - Missing the following annual reports: Jolly Joeys, Oops Alley. Discussed changing the pdf form on the alley report to a template for electronic transmission.

Nominating

President	Andy Anderson
VP	David McCullough
Secretary	Patsy McMillan
Treasurer	Mauri Norris
Sgt of Arms	maybe Christie McNeil or Martha Warren
Area Directors	
North Central	Martha Warren
South Central	
North East	
South East	Judy Cornett
Panhandle West	Kathy Keaton

Spark Plug – Nothing to report at this time

Joey Journal – Greg is having a lot of difficulty getting the journal filled. The JJ has been coming out late. All articles for next JJ should be to Greg by August 5th.

Website - Under Members Only there is a history link. Please go out there to review

Sunshine Fund - No report

Area Directors Report

North Central – Martha Warren - Helped Greg Stanford’s alley, the Clown Arouns, by having 18 clowns show up at Wichita Falls for “Spark in the Park” They did facepainting, balloons, etc. and had a lot of people that showed up to be entertained. Some of the clowns even learned how to Geocach to find a treasure.

North East – David McCullough - Rosy Nose Alley is meeting monthly. Attendance has been down, but the alley has been involved in several community events car shows, No Hungry Children Festival, hospital clowning, etc. They are working on a theme for next years’ convention, and working on getting talent for the convention.

South East – Patsy McMillan – Cheerful Clown Alley has 120 members at present. CCA has a clown school with 13 students that will graduate on August 2nd. Don Bursell was a guest lecturer on July 19th and we even had some attendees from out of town.

Panhandle West – Kathy Keaton There has been a lot of illness in their alley. Kathy is going to the first Pediatric Therapeutic Convention in Italy with Brenda Marsha, Patty Wooten, and Jacki Kwan. This will be in October after Convention. They also presented at Red Skelton School for AATH. Association of Applied Therapeutic Humor.

7. Old Business

Discussed the history page on website and Mauri asked us to go out to the website to review.

Article about Sammy Sims for JJ – John Luce obtained the information and gave to Mauri to write the article. Asking for photos of Sammy to go along with the article.

Honey the Clown – Judy Cornett called Dusty to help her go through items and was told the family was not ready at this time.

ACTION ITEMS - - NEED TO AMEND THE ALLEY REPORT – John Luce will contact Diana about modifying the alley report template to eliminate the requirement to provide a membership list and total TCA members.

REPORT ON WEB – Diana mentioned at the last board meeting that she would work with Greg to enable the report to be filled in and filed electronically. Talked to John again before July's board meeting and mentioned that she was still willing to work with Greg on this.

8. New Business – Andy Anderson received a packet from the Nacogdoches Convention Center about having a convention in their area. Andy will pursue information on size and pricing for their venue in the future.

Diana wants to be replied to whenever she sends emails

THOUGHT FOR THE FUTURE from Kathy Keaton - In Joey Journal would like to see certain topics grouped together by categories.

Martha Warren motioned to adjourn meeting and it was seconded by David McCullough - approved by all at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy McMillan

July 30, 2014