

Date: July 11, 2015

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Andy Anderson in San Angelo at Clarion Hotel, 441 Rio Concho Drive, San Angelo, TX 76903. In attendance were the following: Andy Anderson, Christie McNeill, Patsy McMillan, Mauri Norris, Kathy Keaton, Diana McCurtain-Talbert, Martha Warren, Duane Wilhite, Judy Cornett and Voncille Hardy Cox. David McCullough was absent from the meeting.
2. Guests: Rhea Anderson, Pam Blacklock and Linda Greene.
3. Minutes: The minutes from the April board meeting were sent out by Patsy McMillan via email. Mauri Norris made the motion to approve the April minutes as distributed and Christie McNeil seconded the motion. All approved unanimously. These will be sent to Greg Stanford to be posted on website.
4. Treasurer's Report: Mauri distributed the treasurer's report showing the amount in checking at present to be \$40,244.45. This report will be filed for audit.
As mentioned in April's minutes it was also time to renew our insurance, and this has been completed.
We have 205 members that have renewed including 30 Ambassador & Lifetime members.
5. Convention Report:
2015 Convention - David McCullough was absent but sent the following to Andy:
 - *Everything is looking good for the convention this year. We have around 80 pre-registered and the hotel block is at 70%. We are fund raising now with a couple of raffles. One is \$250 in Brookshire Grocery gift cards, and the other is called a "Romantic Get Away" (2 weekend nights at Holiday Inn in Tyler with breakfast, dinner for 2 at Spring Creek BBQ, and a dozen roses). Both raffles are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The hotel said if someone registered for the convention wins, they will take the 2 night stay off their room.*
 - *The schedule is almost done, just working on class titles and content now. We are doing a circus on Saturday afternoon for special needs kids using lecturers and vendors to assist with that. Some TCA members will be doing pre show help also.*
 - *Presented a list of vendors – hopefully they will be on website soon.*
 - *Since breakfast is not included in the hotel room price this year, we found sponsors who are going to provide on Thursday, Friday & Saturday. Chic-Fil-A, Dairy Queen, and a donut shop will provide breakfast through the hospitality room.*
 - *Julia Mauldin will be our face paint instructor this year. Her company is Jujubilee's Professional Paint and Body Art. She is local in Tyler and has been featured in national magazines for her art.*
 - *We have 40 plus classes to choose from this year and a Super Star Circus Extravaganza.*

- *Mauri called David to ask if he was including plans for the ice cream social on Wednesday evening and was told “yes”.*

The convention website is **tca2015.com**

6. Committee Reports:

- Ambassador – Martha Warren, Ambassador Policies & Procedures

Martha started the process of getting information out to members, but hasn't seen her article in Joey Journal yet. Deadline is September 1st, so need to find out if her article is going to be in the next issue - - if not, may have to extend deadline. Nothing has been sent to her yet.

- Education – Scholarship Guidelines

At the beginning of the meeting we were in need of a chair for that position, when our guest, Linda Greene, asked what the position involved. Andy explained it to her and she agreed to do the job. Diana McCurtain-Talbert motioned to have Linda appointed and Judy Cornett seconded. Board voted and all approved.

As discussed in April's minutes the guidelines still need to be changed and posted to the website. Judy Cornett motioned to extend the application for scholarship to September 1st this year and Martha Warren seconded. Board voted and approved.

Item 3 – in the guidelines to be changed from 2 years to 1 year. Need to be a TCA member for at least 1 year or more.

Item 2 – in the guidelines should read “all applications need to be received by the deadline published in the current Joey Journal”.

Diana agreed to make the changes and send to Board members before sending to Greg Stanford for posting to website.

Andy Anderson will send out letter stating the nomination of Linda Greene as Education Chair.

We adjourned at 10:55 am to take tour of San Angelo Convention Center and then reconvened at 11:41 am with a discussion of convention proposal. Adjourned for lunch at 12:06 and reconvened at 1:52 pm with a tour of the hotel that ended at 2:53 pm.

- Historian – Nothing to report.
- Nominating – David McCullough- there are slots open that need to be filled.
- Competition - Greg Stanford was absent and had nothing to report at this time.
- Membership – Since the last meeting Greg made the requested changes in the report form and posted to the website. Alleys no longer need to send in membership roster to complete report. There are 8 active alleys and 7 inactive alleys - we received Alley reports from all 8 of the active alleys and 1 inactive alley report from The Clown Alley in Corpus Christi.
- Sunshine Fund – nothing spent at this time but collected enough at Board meeting to make a grand total of \$245.

- Spark Plug Nothing to report at this time.
- Joey Journal – Area Reports are completed, but we still need more articles.
- Website – alley Report and Membership page looks good.

7. Area Director Reports:

South/Central – Duane Wilhite said they had several events during Fiesta including parades, Morgan Wonderland and Living Museum. Duane went to a Clown and Magic convention that ran simultaneously, the Abracorndabra Heartland Clown Convention and Fellowship of Christian Magicians in Nashville.

Clown School is not working well in San Antonio so they have started doing a one day workshop in Donnabelle's home with six people that signed up for that one day event, and are now attending Alley meetings. This is being advertised through "word of mouth". Bebop is doing a class through Alear program that is basically for senior citizens and seems to be doing ok. They are advertising this during their alley gigs.

Duane mentioned that Norm Barnhard would like to come back to Texas to lecture.

North Central – Martha Warren of Happi Tymes has been talking up the Ambassador Award at their meetings and encouraging their members to apply for the educational scholarship. Happi Tymes is trying to do a gig every day during International Clown Week. They have booked activities every day to accomplish this goal. They are stapling a large business card advertising International Clown Week along with the websites of COAI, TCA & their own alley, to a packaged foam nose and handing out to the public. Doing what they can to stay connected.

Southeast – Judy Cornett of Cheerful Clown Alley says we have 129 members and we are in the middle of clown school with 14 students. On July 18th we will have a workshop with Brenda Marshall. Non-members are \$20 and members are free. Pam Blacklock worked with her on the schedule. Daytona Magic came to the meeting in May with a good program, and was even able to sell some of his products.

Panhandle/West – Kathy Keaton said they have seven of their members that are not active, but visited with them before the Board Meeting and almost all said they would try to come back in. They had a magic sale at their last meeting. Kathy asked the alley members if they would be ok with hosting convention in 2016, and was given a "yes". Eight said they would definitely help out, and 4 possibly. Hoping this will help to have members return to the organization.

8. Old Business:

- Forms on TCA Web page already talked about – Diana is changing and will have Greg post when completed.
- We did the Boost program/event on Facebook that we discussed at the last meeting, and had a report showing 1700 views with some sharing and only two people commenting.

- Membership – Ways to increase membership
Thinking that Facebook might help generate excitement and Alley Reps should discuss at meetings to get their members to join TCA. Doing “in home” classes like San Antonio is a different way to get members. Diana is writing articles on membership and will be glad to give Greg to put in JJ.
9. New Business:
- 2016 TCA Convention
After taking tour of Convention Center and Clarion Hotel the Board discussed the facilities and Diana McCurtain-Talbert made a motion to accept bid proposal for 2016 TCA Convention to be in San Angelo, Texas. Christie McNeil seconded and the Board approved unanimously.
Please note that the Board will be co-hosting with Oops Alley in San Angelo.
10. Other goings-on:
- August 14, 2015 – Clown Jam in Branson
11. Next Meeting(s):
- September 30, 2015 in Tyler before ice cream social.
12. Adjournment Motion – Judy Cornett motioned that we adjourn and Diana McCurtain-Talbert seconded. All approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy McMillan
TCA Secretary 7/11/15