

Date: September 30, 2015

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Andy Anderson in Tyler at the Holiday Inn South Broadway, 5701 South Broadway, Tyler TX 75703 – Main Ballroom.
In attendance were the following: Andy Anderson, Christie McNeil, Patsy McMillan, Mauri Norris, Kathy Keaton, Martha Warren, Duane Wilhite, Judy Cornett, Voncille Hardy Cox, David McCullough and Greg Stanford. Diana McCurtain-Talbert was absent.
2. Minutes: The minutes from the July board meeting were sent out by Patsy McMillan via email. Voncille Hardy Cox motioned to accept minutes as written and Christie McNeil seconded the motion. All approved unanimously. These will be sent to Greg Stanford to be posted on website.
3. Treasurer's Report: Mauri Norris distributed the treasurer's report showing us to have \$39,638.35 through 9/15/15 and gave us a proposed budget that will be presented at the General Membership meeting. Stated that we overshot board stipends because of board meeting locations but everything should be back to normal next year. Another 6 or 7 people signed up for convention registration and TCA Membership at convention. Mauri Norris moved that we accept the proposed budget for presentation to the general membership. Dwain Wilhite seconded. All voted and it was unanimously approved.
4. Convention Report: David McCullough feels things are going smoother than anticipated. Thinks they will break even. Have 113 pre-registered with some walk ins on Wednesday. He is anticipating more to walk in. Should get 120 which is David's goal. Circus theme has helped to get sponsors. David thinks he may have paid too much money for lecturers and vendors but is doing his best to have it all work out for the good of the convention. David will be contacting the fire department to assist with the group photo and then his Alley will take to office depot to have pictures made and sell for \$10 each will be available for pickup before going home. This is a first time to be able to get this accomplished before end of convention.. David thinks there will be approximately 120 special needs kids and their family members attending Circus. Will have blowups to be given to the kids - - - - - and then after the circus we will have a lesson for pie in the face.
5. Committee Reports:
 - Ambassador - Martha Warren has 4 nominations and they will have an Ambassador meeting after the General Membership meeting on Thursday to discuss and vote on who the 2015 Ambassador will be. Martha didn't have much response and started emailing the alleys to get their input for deserving nominees.
 - Education – Linda Greene was informed she did not need to attend unless she had questions
 - Nominating – there will be election next year, and David McCullough will be accepting names for the ballot.
 - Competition – Greg Stanford said everything was much smoother this afternoon than this morning. Still looking for judges
 - Membership – Nothing to be reported at this time.
 - Sunshine –Christie McNeil states that we have \$247 at the moment but will have to pay for ice cream yet and doesn't know how much will have left.
 - Spark Plug – Mauri Norris sent Andy the name of the person who brought in the most people and has made the certificates for the rest who sparked interest in clowning.

- Joey Journal – As always Greg Stanford still needs more articles. He has some regular contributors that he can count on. Greg is asking for some good pictures to go along with the reports.
- Web Page – Greg Stanford has it running on his server and Mark Kent is still handling the domain. On-line forms seem to be working OK at this time. Greg mentioned that there is a service called Wufoo that assist with forms, etc. that runs \$30 month which he is currently using and paying for at the moment

6. Area Director Reports:

North Central – Martha Warren said Happi Tymes Alley had activities every day during National Clown week and sometimes they had 3 a day, with approximately 12 people participating. Went to Dallas and Weatherford for events. Feel they had a nice schedule and everyone had a great time.

Northeast - David McCoullough and Rosy Nose Alley is getting prepared for the Rose Parade in Tyler. Their Alley has 6 active members. Rosy Nose has printed tickets to the Saturday afternoon Circus to give out information printed on back about becoming a clown.

Panhandle/West - Kathy Keaton says they have one new clown that wasn't able to come to the convention but seems will be a good clown. They are talking about convention at their meetings.

South/Central - Dwain Wilhite has been ill and had nothing to report at this time. Mentioned that he has traveled to a lot of clown convention this year and it has been an education to see how all conventions are handled differently. Has 48 members and were able to do quite a few events during clown week.

Southeast – Judy Cornett reported that Cheerful Clown Alley has 144 members but are in process of getting more and even had a person who saw us on Facebook inquire into becoming a clown. Cheerful graduated 14 new clowns on August 1st and, 3 of them are at the convention. Cheerful has a grand total of 28 alley members at convention, and Miss Cookie will be visiting our alley next week for our educational program.

OLD BUSINESS

Forms have already been discussed.

Membership is still being worked on.

Ice cream social – Andy will be headed out after meeting to purchase ice cream

No other old business at this time – suggested Kathy bring 2016 convention sign up forms to banquet to facilitate early sign up.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Convention – Kathy Keaton says their theme is “Clowning is art from the heart”. Needing a logo – will be taking to Josh Potts who is at the 2015 convention to inquire if he would be willing to put together. Mauri has reached out with no results. Mathew Spraggins could be another prospect to help with logo. The Visitor Center of San Angelo in connection with the non profit of San Angelo Kid Safe, and the hospital Kathy volunteers at will provide goody bags. The hospital will do a reception during convention that will serve as one of the meals. It was recommended that

they keep the bags simple. Mauri has agreed to be the Registrar/Treasurer for 2016. The Visitor Center will print badges. Voncille Hardy Cox and Martha Warren have agreed to work on auction items. There will be a drawing for a candy confection basket donated by their local Chocolatier. This will be going to one of the early registrants for the 2016 convention and will be drawn at the Sunday 2015 breakfast. They will work on getting bids for t shirts.

Still putting together and need assistance in getting idea of schedule, lecturers and vendors for 2016. Kathy was thinking of inviting the community to attend clown worship on Sunday but will scratch that idea because of seating. They have lot of local volunteers that want to help and just need to figure out what they could do to assist – and these volunteers could be invited to the Sunday morning worship. Reminded us that there will absolutely be no paint, glitter or gum in the convention center. Kathy will ask the different departments at the hospital to do baskets for the raffle/auction items.

Joey to the World will be in Hurst, Texas Feb 5 – 6, 2016.

The board will meet Sunday morning after breakfast to schedule the next board meeting in January.

Chhristi McNeil motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Voncille Hardy Cox seconded. Of course it was unanimous - meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy McMillan
TCA Secretary 9/30/15