

Date: January 16, 2016

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Andy Anderson in Euless at The Mary Salah Euless City Library conference room.
2. In attendance were the following: Andy Anderson, Christie McNeil, Patsy McMillan, Mauri Norris, Kathy Keaton, Martha Warren, Judy Cornett, Voncille Hardy-Cox, David McCullough (came in late), and Diana McCurtain-Talbert.
3. Guests were Greg Stanford, Mary Whipple and Pam Blacklock.
4. Minutes: The minutes from the October board meeting were sent out by Patsy McMillan via email. Mauri Norris motioned to accept minutes as amended and Martha Warren seconded the motion. All approved unanimously. These will be sent to Greg Stanford to be posted on website published in the Joey Journal with the corrected revision.
5. Treasurer's Report: Mauri Norris distributed the treasurer's report showing us to have \$38,755.96 through 12/31/15. Convention profit has not been reported as of this date. On expenses we were able to hold them down which enabled us to be under budget, which was good. The \$38,755.96 does not include the \$1,000 seed money that has been given to San Angelo for their account. TCA has not received the Tyler seed money back yet. We are waiting on David McCullough to join us at the meeting when he completes the Fort Worth parade to give us the run-down of convention expenses.
12/31/15 members through 3/31/16 is 250. It seems like we get a lot of people to renew their dues right before convention. After membership drive is over, we need to reach out to remind others to renew their dues. Suggested we have a list at the April meeting of those that have dropped out so we can each take some names to call and encourage them to return.

Voncille Hardy-Cox motioned that we accept the budget as presented and Judy Cornett seconded - passed unanimously. It will be published in the Joey Journal.

6. Convention Reports:

2015 Rosy Nose Alley Convention Report: David McCullough said there were 109 paid attendees – 1 day rate, 1 extra banquet ticket and \$600 in dealer spaces – most of the dealers swapped for lectures. Rosy Nose made \$1,773 on the raffle. They also had miscellaneous fundraisers before and during the convention that raised \$11,610. This was begging businesses for money (sponsorships), and ads in the convention book. With Rosy Nose's supreme efforts the total revenue was \$35,445.95 minus the expenses of \$27,727.25. Then he had to deduct the Seed money, 10% to Charity of Choice, advertising revenue thus leaving no profit to be split with TCA. TCA will receive the refund of the \$1,000 Seed money, \$5 per head (for \$545) and the funds from the Quilt Auction (\$750) for a total of \$2,295.

Note: Money raised through raffles is for the charity of choice. Money from membership doesn't support TCA - conventions are our fundraiser.

This was a first for TCA to have so much money raised through fundraisers and we need to look at our current guidelines and write policy for upcoming conventions.

2016 Oops Alley Convention Report: Kathy Keaton passed around the logo for upcoming convention and mentioned that she has a verbal agreement from headliner, Norm Barnhart – humorous magician who was at one of the conventions about 8 years ago. She is trying obtain air miles to pay for his trip to offset their expenses. Oops Alley has a good bid on the t-shirts (long & short sleeve) and stated that the color will be crimson. They are beginning to work on the program book and have set up the following committees: Linda Greene = new clowns, Kathy Keaton = buddies, Diana McCurtain-Talbert= photographer. Kathy is going to see if the University will do a class project to video the convention. Looking at the vendor space, they can have up 25 vendors with 8 x 8 booths but need to keep to numbers down to 8-10 vendors. The banquet will be a buffet. Greg Stanford is doing the website for convention and Diana McCurtain-Talbert is going to back him up. Greg has created pages for the convention off of the TCA website. There will be a silent auction and raffle. The Theme party is MAD HATTER PARTY, so everyone needs to make really fun and crazy hats to be judged. Also planning on having a contest for balloon artists to make table decorations and be judged on them. Linda Greene is in charge of this portion so you know there will probably be games.

Norm Barnhart is going to do an hour magic show and then he will do Normando (Have been told it is an amazing show). He will want to sell items at the end of class instead of setting up in vendor room and they are discussing how to accommodate. Norm will open up at church service and then there will be clown communion. On Wednesday, the cardiologist from the hospital Kathy volunteers at has invited the clowns to “walk with the Doc” to discuss humor in the health care industry. We can be in costume during this time. Discussions ensued about buttons or badges to show we “walked with the Doc”. The hospital is going to do a reception that will be heavy hor’derves which will be our second meal. The hotel has given us 3 lunch meals at reduced prices. On Friday there may be picnic in the park, which will be done by her friends to make sandwiches and be a part of the fun. Planning to have a masseuse there that will charge for services rendered. Need the forms for the silent auction.

Anticipated Instructors/Vendors: Steve Roescke, Sharon Hodges – Facepainting, Suzy Wall, Julia Mauldin; Balloons = Voncille, Kornpop & Twisted Sister. Maybe Viviano Pena will teach balloons also. All American Balloons, also checking into Lone Star Balloons – Pat Billups. Kathy plans on asking Mr. Pitts if he would be available to teach at the convention. Magicians = Norm Barnhart, Bronson Chadwick. EMCEE = Norm, Bronson & Kornpop maybe.

Other possible instructors: Toti & Andy, BeBop, Jackie Garner, Diana for photo posing, Judy Barker and others to be clown panel for therapeutic clowning. And maybe Judy Barker will do class on therapeutic clowning. Will be looking for a wig vendor – asking Andy Anderson to vend again, will be contacting Mike Ford to teach prop class. Floozie Doo - jewelry, Carolyn Tosh – costumes, Kitty Kuhr – Costumes, Sue Kleinwatcher.

Asked Kathy what specific help she needed at this time and she said will call on us when she figures out what is still needed.

During this discussion she let us know that Monica & Rick Cheney informed her of a website that helps to sell our clown items that we are ready to part with – the site is called “Circus Exchange”.

2017 Cheerful Clown Alley Convention Report:

Mary Whipple & Pam Blacklock presented the bid for 2017 convention. After visiting and chatting with several locations the one that stood out for them is La Torretta Spa & Resort in Montgomery, Texas (close to Conroe).

Diana McCurtain-Talbert motioned that we accept Cheerful's bid and Martha Warren seconded - - ALL VOTED - PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Committee Reports:

- Ambassador - Uh oh – Judy Cornett just found out she was supposed to give a report and had nothing to say at this time.
- Education – Linda Greene – Scholarship Guidelines – not present – nothing reported.
- Nominating – there will be election this year, and David McCullough is accepting names for the ballot. ALL positions are up for election and while some are term limited, others may be interested in being re-elected. Susan Keys has expressed interest in serving on the board. Christie McNeil said she talked to Lana Sue Fridge & Viv Pena about taking a board position and mentioned that anyone that takes the position be aware they need to be at the meetings.
- Competition – nothing to report at this time.
- Membership – Nothing to be reported at this time.
- Sunshine –TCA Board Member and Area Representative for the South/Central areas – Duane Wilhite passed away in December 2015. Duane Wilhite's family asked that we give to Gideon's International to supply bibles which was near and dear to his heart. Current sunshine fund is \$212 plus \$183 collected at this meeting for a total of \$395. The Board voted to give \$125 for the donation of 100 New Testament bibles. Voncille Hardy-Cox motioned that we donate the \$125 and Martha Warren seconded - all approved. *Duane Wilhite's son is a missionary and Diana is going to find out what country he is in to possibly have the bibles shipped to his location. But it was mentioned that Duane would not be concerned over where they were going.*
At this time Andy appointed Greg "Zoots" Stanford to serve out the remainder of Duane's term as the Area Rep for the South/Central Regions.
- Spark Plug – Mauri Norris had no report at this time.
- Joey Journal – Greg says they are having issues with the printer, that the pages are smearing and are redoing it in hopes that will fix the problem. Will be talking to the printer on Monday to see if the issues are resolved. Still need articles for the JJ – please send in the articles before February 1st. Ask your headliners and vendors to write articles for JJ.
- Web Page – Roster has incorrect information at this time – plans on having an article in JJ to publish corrections to JJ – titled "Updates to the Roster."

8. Area Director Reports:

North Central – Martha Warren said she is mentoring a new clown, Kathy Bartel, who lives in Arlington. She is checking with the city of Arlington about getting their clowns to participate in city events to help get their alley known.

Martha is working on this year's convention committee and asked for permission to make all the containers for the silent auction the same size instead of varying sizes. Asked for a budget of \$50 to get 100 of the same size containers to use for raffle tickets. Mauri Norris made motion to approve expenditure of up to \$50 for auction containers and Diana McCurtain-Talbert seconded. All voted and was unanimous.

Northeast - David McCullough -had new officers elected with David now as past president, and Curt Gunz is the new president. Curt already has 3 or 4 speakers lined up for their meetings.

Panhandle/West - Kathy Keaton's report was given earlier in today's meeting.

South/Central – since Greg Stanford was newly appointed (*noted under Sunshine section*) – Diana McCurtain-Talbert gave the report for him. Jolley Joeys is having their educational workshop February 19 – 20th. Lee Andrews is going to be there, \$15 to non-members. Friday night is from 7–8:45. Saturday is 9-4. This is going to be where they have their alley meetings. Judy Cornett asked if she could get idea of hotels in area. Diana said she would forward the flyer and hotel information to the area reps for distribution.

Later in the year their alley will have Melissa Morgan from Austin to do a facepainting workshop sometime in April. They just elected a new board and Aurora Krause is the new president. Thinks they have a really strong board this year and are excited for the upcoming year. Diana is working on membership for WCA and is trying to interest younger clowns. She is trying to do a class for her son's fraternity with the thought they can make money with clowning for now and then hope they will come to love the art of clowning in the future.

Southeast – Judy Cornett stated that Cheerful just had their annual awards banquet and Pam Blacklock just became our new president, with Mary Whipple as past president. Cheerful has new blood on board and hope that will generate more energy. Working on clown school, and looking for new location for this year's class. Pam Blacklock has arranged to have Lee Andrews as educational program for clown school. Located venue for 2017 convention at La Torretta Resort and Spa and are really excited for everyone to see the property. Cheerful will be busy trying to energize the membership and planning a convention.

Took break at 12:27 for lunch - Reconvened at 2:03

OLD BUSINESS

Forms on webpage – Wufoo is working well for Greg at the moment.

Membership – still working on getting numbers increased.

As of December 7th TCA is on Amazon Smile – a program that will give TCA 5% from the sales. Kathy Keaton set this up for us. So, when ordering on Amazon, click on smile and they give us reward for using their program. Go to [Amazonsmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) for further information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Going to have convention timeline updated and give to upcoming alleys to help with their planning.

9. OTHER GOINGS ON

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

Next board meetings = April 30 -La Torretta July 23 - San Antonio Sept. 21 -San Angelo

Christie McNeil motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Voncille Hardy-Cox seconded. All agreed and meeting was over at 3:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy McMillan
TCA Secretary 1/16/16