

Date: September 21, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:13 PM by Andy Anderson in the Hospitality Room of the Clarion Hotel, 441 Rio Concho Drive, San Angelo, TX 76903. This is the location of the 2016 TCA Convention.

In attendance were the following: Andy Anderson, Christie McNeil, Patsy McMillan, Mauri Norris, Voncille Cox, Diana McCurtain-Talbert, Martha Warren, David McCullough, Kathy Keaton, Judy Cornett and Greg Stanford. Everyone was present – WOO HOO !!

1. Guests were Rhea Anderson and Linda Greene.
2. Minutes: The minutes from the July board meeting were sent out by Patsy McMillan via email. Mauri Norris motioned that we approve the minutes as distributed, Voncille Cox seconded and 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 \$39,977.44 as of 9/9/2016. We are still a little bit under budget for income, mostly because we don't have the dues we thought we were getting. And, because not all of the convention expenses have been recorded yet. This does not include the most recent issue of the Joey Journal that was just sent out. We have 199 members – with one person paying their dues today; and one person joined TCA today. That means we have 76 that haven't renewed from last year. No questions were asked about the report. Voncille Cox motioned to accept the treasurer's report, and Judy Cornett seconded – passed unanimously. It will be filed for audit.
4. Convention Reports:  
**Kathy Keaton of Oops Alley** reported on the 2016 convention saying that classes seem to be going well, the auction and raffle items are out for display. They will have a local TV station coming out to be face painted after the competition is completed tomorrow. Also they had the Walk with the Doc and it was a success and should be on TV at 10:00 this evening. Mauri Norris said we have 95 registered with 5 that were comped – and there should be other people coming tomorrow. She then mentioned that a Theater Teacher will be bringing a class of 12 to participate in the convention tomorrow. They were given a great deal to attend the convention. Kathy mentioned that Greg Stanford has a HD video recorder that can be used for videoing the convention. We will make an announcement at the General Membership meeting regarding this. There will be just cameras sitting around unmanned that will record the fun activities. Everyone said that it looks like Kathy and her team is doing a great job. Mauri Norris will be getting cash for raffle tickets to be sold along with the tickets that are going to be sold to shoot the cannon at the Fort. They will also have a logo card drawing for a chance to win \$500. These items will start to sell at the ice cream social.  
**Pam Blacklock of Cheerful Clown Alley** reported on the upcoming 2017 convention. The dates are September 27 – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The location will be La Torretta Lake Resort and Spa, which is located on Lake Conroe in Montgomery, Texas. The charity of choice is Boys & Girls Country. The convention theme is School Daze (because some people were in a daze through those years; and this will give them a chance for a do-over. The theme party will be a Clown Prom where a king and queen will be elected from their classmates. Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors will have ribbons indicating their status; along with a lunch lady, counselors and even principals. Registration Forms will be given out after the banquet.

5. Committee Reports:

**Ambassador:** Judy Cornett said she has several nominations for Ambassador and will have a meeting with the other Ambassadors after the General Membership Meeting to make a decision on who the winner will be.

**Education:** No report was given.

**Historian:** No report was given.

**Nominating:** David McCullough said that he has a slate of officers for the board positions which are as follows:

President	Judy Cornett
Vice President	Linda Greene
Secretary	Patsy McMillan
Treasurer:	Cindy Rice
Sgt at Arms	Voncille Cox

This is the slate that was published in the Joey Journal. Matthew Spraggins indicated to David that he will be glad to serve on the board in whatever capacity is needed. Also each area will get together at the General Membership Meeting to nominate and select their Area Reps.

**Competition:** Greg Stanford said everything is OK so far but that he still needs some judges. Will make announcement at General Membership Meeting if he still needs help.

**Sunshine Fund:** We have \$270 in the fund but will be giving Andy \$100 to get ice cream and supplies for the social tonight.

**Spark Plug:** We have a winner and Mauri has all certificates ready to go for Saturday night.

**Joey Journal:** We all need to get more stories and articles to Greg.

**Website:** Greg said everything is running ok at the moment.

6. Area Directors:

- ❖ North Central – Martha Warren. Martha said that their Alley has been real busy with visiting fire and police departments, nursing homes, recreation centers and, that they stayed busy all week with something every day during National Clown Week. They have made chicken kazooos that they are planning on starting a band with. Katnip and Miss Cookie will be going back to Boys & Girls Club.
- ❖ North East – David McCullough. David said they were also doing nursing homes, police departments and Boys & Girls Country. Mentioned they had someone from an Alzheimers organization talk about how to clown for them.
- ❖ Panhandle West – Kathy Keaton. Kathy mentioned that they have been extremely busy with convention. Also said the program had a few mistakes in the schedule, but have posted the corrections.
- ❖ South Central – Greg Stanford. Greg said he failed to contact them, so Diana McCurtail-Talbert reported that they did Morgan’s Wonderland (which is a theme park for special needs), they did nursing homes, etc. Said they have not had success with clown school so BeBop and Donnabelle are working on day classes. Diana has rented space for her personal present endeavor and hopes to utilize that space to have one day classes with the hope of putting them into a clown school. She wants to start a blog and an online clown school. All of this is in San Antonio. Their Alley also had Mike “Splatter” Ford present a prop class,

which turned out to be pretty good – hoping that he inspired the attendees to attempt their own props. The Austin clowns have been going to San Antonio for workshops and some have even gone to the meetings.

- ❖ South East - Judy Cornett. Judy said that Cheerful graduated 12 clowns during Clown Week. During clown school the news people came out to do a report on them and they were so excited about what they saw, they came back on graduation to do another report. Cheerful has also been busy working on the upcoming 2017 convention in Montgomery, Texas.

7. Old Business

- ❖ Convention Profits and Losses Policies will be put on the website after this convention.
- ❖ Convention Time Line – Christie McNeil looked at it and decided it needs more work and has a committee that will be looking at it. So this is being tabled until the January meeting.
- ❖ Convention Guidelines – has been taken care of but is not on the website yet.

8. New Business

- ❖ Terms for Board Members – We may have to reconsider the 2 year terms for the officers . Asked us to think what the pros and cons of this would be. Whatever is decided will have to be a bylaw change. Want to read bylaws from other organizations to get an idea of how they implement president elect, president & past president. THIS IS TABLED UNTIL JANUARY MEETING AFTER RESEARCH HAS BEEN DONE.

9. Other goings-on: Greg Stanford would like to hand off the Competition director position; and, we will be needing a new Education Director. This will be mentioned at General Membership meeting.

10. Next Meeting(s): All the new board members will get together after the General Membership Meeting to figure out when the January board meeting will be.

11. Voncille Cox motioned to adjourn the meeting and Martha Warren seconded it. All agreed and meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy McMillan

TCA Secretary 9/21/16