

Date: January 6, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Judy Cornett at Westin Dallas Fort Worth Irving, 4545 John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, Texas 75063.

In attendance were the following: Judy Cornett, Patsy McMillan, Cynthia Rice, Voncille Cox, Andy Anderson, Susan Butler, Lana Sue Fridge, and Greg Stanford. The following board members were absent: Patti Gilbert, Linda Greene and Viviano Pena.

1. Guests were: John Luce, LJ Luce and Susan Keys.
2. Minutes: The minutes from the September board meeting were sent out by Patsy McMillan via email. Susan Butler motioned that we accept the minutes as presented, Voncille Cox seconded and all approved unanimously. These will be sent to Greg Stanford to be posted on the website.
3. Treasurer's Report: Cindy Rice gave the treasurer's report stating that the Checking account has \$10,523.97 and the Money Market has \$31,231.19. Cindy mentioned there were 60 non-renewals from 2017. Andy Anderson motioned to approve the financial report and Shirley Hamilton seconded. It was unanimous - the financial report will be filed for audit.
4. Convention Reports:
  - **Cheerful Clown Alley Convention Report** - No one from Cheerful Clown Alley was present but Judy Cornett had been given a report as follows: CCA believes that the 2017 TCA Convention held at La Torretta Lake Resort and Spa September 27<sup>th</sup> through October 1, 2017 was a success. They had 99 full registrations which included 2 juniors. 18 lecturers conducted a total of 43 lectures. The room block of 210 was met with a total of 219 paid room nights.  
Advertising brought in \$2,520; Raffle/Auction \$2,432 and had Grants/Donations of \$1,260. After all expenses were paid they had a final Profit/Loss of \$5,569.37 which was distributed as follows: 60% to Host Alley of \$3,341.62 (advertising and raffle/auction not included in calculation) and 40% to TCA of \$3,217.75.
  - **2018 Mid Cities Convention Report** – August 1-5, 2018  
Susan Keys stated that they already have 14 people registered at this time but may be more in her mailbox because she has been out of town for 3 weeks. She believes they are on schedule with their timeline and has 18 people on her committee with subcommittees taking on individual items. The Ringling clowns are coming and Leon McBride has promised to come depending on his health; Susan will contact him shortly to confirm. Lone Star Circus will be there on the banquet night, and there will be an "escape" room for the theme party with puzzles. Julia Bothun of Mooseburger will be doing costume vending and Andy Anderson said he will also be vending.
5. Committee Reports:
  - Ambassador – Christie McNeil: None at this time but has an article in Joey Journal
  - Education – Scholarship Results – Linda Greene: None at this time
  - Historian – Susan Keys: Said that it is the same as usual about having a lot of old stuff still needing to be made digital, and has the CD from the photographer to send to Greg Stanford to be put on website from 2017 convention.

- Nominating – Elections 2018 – Andy Anderson: This will be the start of 1 year terms as decided at the General Membership Meeting in September 2017. His current slate is as follows:

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| President          | Judy Cornett   |
| Vice President     | Linda Greene   |
| Treasurer          | Cindy Rice   |
| Secretary          | Voncille Cox   |
| Sergeant at Arms   | Patsy McMillan   |
| N East Area Rep    | Susan Keys   |
| N Central Area Rep | Lana Sue Fridge  |
| S East Area Rep    | will check with Patti Gilbert to see if she wants to run |
| S Central Area Rep | no one at this time                                      |

John Luce said he would run an area representative position if no one else steps up

Andy Anderson made a motion to propose to the membership to split the Treasurer/Member position to be individual positions adding another member to the board. Lana Sue Fridge seconded and all agreed – it was unanimous.

Judy Cornett said she will put together an article for the Joey Journal regarding a by-law change to have a Membership Person be a board member.

Shirley Hamilton would be agreeable to be Membership and Cindy agreed to run for treasurer again.

- Competition – Susan Keys/Susan Butler: Susan Keys said she hopes we have more competing. We need more competitors and may have to consider consolidating groupings. Voncille Cox said she would write an article for Joey Journal regarding this issue.
- Membership – Alley Report Page – Cindy Rice: Cindy said that only 60 individuals did not renew last year, and that she had sent out a mass mailing that helped TCA to pick up some members that had previously dropped out. She will send email with list of renewals to the Board members and will also send renewal cards out in January. Judy Cornett asked John Luce to discuss early renewal reward that had been done in the past. After this discussion, it was decided that if anyone sends in their renewal by February 15<sup>th</sup> they will be put in a drawing for free membership. This information will be put in the Joey Journal.
- Sunshine Fund – Andy Anderson: Andy said as of 9/27/17 we had a total of \$264.48 which we spent \$28.48 on ice cream at the convention leaving us with a total of \$236.96.
- Spark Plug – Cindy Rice: Nothing at this time but be sure to add a sponsor to form including Paypal when applying for membership.
- Joey Journal – Greg Stanford: Nothing at this time but Greg said he would extend January's deadline for the current JJ to go out to January 8<sup>th</sup>. And, the next deadline would be February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Website – Greg Stanford: Greg Stanford and Susan Keys will discuss how to link the TCA page with their Alley for the 2018 convention.

TOOK LUNCH BREAK AT 11:27 AND RESUMED MEETING AT 12:23

## 6. Area Director Reports:

- ❖ North Central – Lana Sue Fridge, represents Cowtown, Happi Tymes & The Clown Arounds

Lana Sue had so much to report on that I was depending on taking what she had written and typing it up later. Well – the dog had a fantastic meal and we don't have anything to report on at this time. But as we all know the areas Lana Sue represents does a fantastic job.

- ❖ North East – Shirley Hamilton, represents Mid Cities & Rosy Nose

Mid Cities as given to her by Susan Keys: December activities included Cancer Kids Children's Christmas celebration at Brookhaven Country Club. 75 children + 200 siblings and parents were entertained by Mid Cities with face painting, balloons, airbrush tattoos, costume characters, a stiltwalker and toy soldier. The hospital provided a kid friendly meal, characters, Santa & Mrs. Clause, photo fun, live band, dee jay, presents and more. 15 of their members participated. They also provided 4 elves for the Children's Sickle Cell Anemia patients at City Place. The kids were able to get balloons and be face painted while they feasted, received presents and visited with Santa.

Rosy Nose will have a CPR course at Atria Copeland on February 26<sup>th</sup> for a cost of \$20. Contact Dee Kirkpatrick if you are interested in receiving CPR Certification (they need 9 to sign up for this class to take place). Their new president is Shannon Green. Their 2018 Prison Ministry dates have already been established and are:

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| Powledge | April 14 <sup>th</sup> | October 13 <sup>th</sup>          |
| Coffield | March 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | September 1 <sup>st</sup>         |
| Goodman  | May 5 <sup>th</sup>    | June 9 <sup>th</sup> (family day) |
| Telford  | June 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | November 10 <sup>th</sup>         |

If you are interested in volunteering with the Son Shine Sisters & Calvary Commission, contact Shirley Hamilton and she will need your drivers license to get you approved.

Salvation Army Angel Tree – the clowns donated their time on black Friday and were told more gifts had been donated because of their effort. They were asked to do funeral decorations for CW Benton (Magic Man). Also had a garage sale of magic tricks from the deceased with the funds going to his wife. Worked Crisis Center for Texas Bank & Trust, did face painting and balloons at air show. And to top it all off they were audited by the IRS and passed with flying colors.

- ❖ Panhandle West – Susan Butler, represents Clowns Under Construction & Oops Alley

Oops Alley – had a slow fall due to illness. They met December with the local magic club for a Christmas party - - - fellowship, food & laughter.

Wilma Cunningham is still entertaining at the nursing homes and hospice in Midland and may be moving out of state to live with family soon. Kathy Keaton's new book should be out in January. Claudette Webb, Kathy Keaton, Judy Cornett and Martha Warren will be

attending the Therapeutic Humor Conference in San Diego. Voncille, Linda, Claudette and Lupe have been busy face painting at fall festivals and schools.

Clowns Under Construction – their Alley went to Happy Texas to entertain the senior citizens (45 were in attendance). Did the Fiona First Baptist Church Fall Festival for 125 kids. Entertained at the Children’s Christmas Celebration in Wellington, Texas with 100 kids and 30 seniors. Also worked two fall festivals with face painting, balloons and stories. Two other events were cancelled because of the weather.

- ❖ South Central – Viviano Pena represents Jolly Joeys: nothing at this time
- ❖ South East – Patti Gilbert represents Cheerful Clown Alley: Patti wasn’t able to be there but Judy Cornett mentioned that Cheerful hosted TCA’s 2017 convention and that Kitty Kuhr had to cancel vending at the convention due to bad weather donated 2 costumes to Cheerful to help raise money. Jennifer Howard and Linda Cooper won the scholarships donated to Cheerful by Mooseburger for all the Hurricane Harvey difficulties encountered. Cheerful will be having their awards banquet on January 11<sup>th</sup>; and clown school with Joe Luce as Chairman – and we have been told several people have already mentioned wanting to attend.

#### 7. Old Business:

- Membership – we are always looking for ways to increase membership and Cindy Rice is working on getting renewals out which seemed to help last year.

#### 8. New Business

- Need to start working on getting possible candidates for 2018 election – but as the notes indicate above, it looks like we have a good start - - - always hope to have more people willing to be on the ballot.
- Future Convention Structure Discussion - our discussion suggested looking to group all of makeup into one category but it will be made up of whiteface, auguste, character, etc. Susan Keys will look up the statistics to see how many competed in each of the categories in 2017. John Luce mentioned that we might consider eliminating Single Skit and combining it with Performance. He also suggested if we continue with Makeup competition, have the judges view the initial parade along with the individual schtick – videotaping the entire time and then the judges will go to another room and view the competition and hoping to decrease time the contestant has to stand on the stage.

At the next Board Meeting we hope to develop a survey for the membership regarding possible convention restructure which will be put into the Joey Journal. Also ask at your alley meetings what they would like to see the convention look like.

- 2019 Convention – it is time to start stepping up to do the next convention. Lana Sue Fridge and Andy Anderson will talk to their alleys if they are willing to take this on.
- It was also mentioned that we need to look into another avenue of communication for all the members – maybe through Facebook or Icontact ?? Shirley Hamilton will ask Curt “Professor QB” Gunz what he uses for Rosy Nose alley at their next meeting.

9. Other goings-on:

Mooseburger will be in Garland, TX at Shriners Temple next week January 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> - - go to the website for information.

Joey to the World will be in Hurst, TX February 2<sup>nd</sup> through February 4<sup>th</sup>

10. Next meeting(s)

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| April 21, 2018 | tentatively in Granbury, TX (will let you know when location finalized)                     |
| August 1, 2018 | Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the Cottonwood Room at the convention site at the Westin Irving, TX |

11. Adjournment:

Voncille Cox motioned to adjourn the meeting and Lana Sue Fridge seconded. All agreed and meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patsy McMillan  
TCA Secretary 1/6/2018