

Texas Clown Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: November 17, 2018

Time: 10:00 am

Radisson Hotel Fort Worth North-Fossil Creek

2450 Meacham Blvd.

Fort Worth, TX 76106

Room: Baron's Restaurant

Call to order at: 10:47 am

P\_Judy Cornett

P\_\_Voncille Cox

P\_\_Susan Keys

P\_Cynthia Rice

P\_Linda Green

P\_\_Andy Anderson

P\_Pam Blacklock

P\_John Luce

\_P\_Patsy McMillan

\_A\_Susan Butler

P\_Greg Stanford

P\_Shirley Hamilton

\_A\_Lana Sue Fridge

#### 1. Guests:

\_LJ Luce

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#### 2. Read and Discuss:

- Board of Direct meeting minutes from: August, 2018
- Motion: Pam Blacklock
- Seconded: Linda Green. Approved.
- Time: 1050 am

#### 3. Treasurers report

- Amount in checking \$9,241.02. Money market \$ 31,235.99. Total revenue 2018 \$4,567.34. Total expenses 2018 \$5,845.49. Newt Income/Expenses \$1,278.15. Convention profit \$1,549.33. Profit \$271.18.
- Financial Report approval Motion Linda Green. Seconded by Patsy McMillan.
- 2018 Budget
- Non-renewal report

#### 4. Convention Reports:

- 2018 Mid Cities Convention Final Report- Susan Keys and Cinde Sanders. Had fun putting it together and education. \$1549.33 to TCA. 15-20 nights short but were not penalized for that. Irving Convention Bureau gave \$5 total of 93 nights \$880.00. Printed report. Final expense on convention book was unexpected expense as it was more than quoted. Qualatex gave balloons for decorations. Susan Keys reported they received a total of 27 forms completed from the

survey of the convention. The average number of conventions attended was 9.5 and the attendees averaged 14.6 years of clowning. We had people who were first time convention attendees and people who attended 40 conventions in this survey. Ratings were from 1 to 5 with 5 being the best ever. Entertainment, lectures and Leon's fee, mileage, and room were expensed.

- 2019 Convention: Andy Anderson and Martha Warren. Headliner: Angel Ocasio. Hotel change to Radisson, Fort Worth North-Fossil Creek.

## 5. Committee Reports

- Ambassador: too early for report- Patsy McMillan
- Education: Linda Green, July 15 is deadline, send to Greg and change on website.
- Historian-Susan Keys- no report
- Nominating -Elections 2019-Need president next year. Should be someone who is on the board and knows what is going on. Area reps need to see if have anyone who wants to be on the board. Get articles to Greg by Dec 1. Andy will get nomination info to me by email.
- Competition-Susan Keys/Susan Butler-want to change things up. Ideas need to be presented to the board for changes. Discussion on having competition in the future.
- Alley Report Page- Linda Green-No new info since convention.
- Membership Activity- Shirley Hamilton-180 paid for 18-19, 17-18 had 53 who did not sign up. 23 new members this year. Conference sheets showed 10 non-paid members. Membership list handed out.
- Sunshine Fund- Andy Anderson \$208.48 in fund after Ice Cream Social.
- Spark Plug-Cinde Rice: needs to know who refers all new members as it is not being put on the forms or online.
- Joey Journal- Area reports again and need more articles. Didn't have enough articles for Oct-Nov issue of Joey. Will not have one for this time but may have a special issue later. Dec 1 is the deadline for the next issue. Let Greg know if anyone passes away, so it can be put in the Joey Journal. WCA Norm talked about different ways of advertising. If it follows TCA guidelines, we can run an ad and insurance for WCA if they pay. We can run a calendar without a fee.
- Website- Joey Journal- Norm from WCA talked to Greg about different ways of advertising. If it follows TCA guidelines, we can run an ad and insurance for WCA if they pay. We can run a calendar without a fee
- Greg Stanford-Had issue a few weeks ago. Domain name was not connecting correctly until talked with Mark Phillips about the name server. Changes had been made and were not notified. Has been fixed now. Have Clownified Ads on the site and Joey Journal for members to sell or trade items.

## 6. Area Director Reports:

- North Central- Lana Sue Fridge- Clown Arounds, Wichita Falls. In September, they did an open house for the Recreation Department doing balloons. In October, did balloon for the Park and Recreation Department Festival.

- Happitymes, Arlington, did three nights of balloons as their big fundraiser in October, Dark in the Park, Arlington. In November, did "Live Thankfully", a food drive for the need and did balloon art and face painting for all who attended.
- Cowtown Clown, Fort Worth. In October did St. Michael's Catholic Church Festival, with probably 3000 in attendance. Received a donation for face painting and balloon art. In November the alley gave \$3090 to the local food bank. In December, we are scheduled to face paint and do balloons at the Texas Resource hospital children's party. We will receive a donation from them.
- North East- Susan Keys-still recovering from convention but having good programs and had someone come in to teach balloons for line work. Trying to get more members get in clown and perform. Had Trunk or Treat. Had 18 there working and received a donation of \$500. Will install new officers in January. Will work for children with cancer and one for cystic fibrosis. Rosy Nose has been busy. Did Rose Parade in balloon costumes advertising for clown alley and prison. Christian Brothers will oil change for free in October for widows, widowers, single moms and parents. Did a pow-wow.
- Panhandle West- Susan Butler- Linda Greene reported that she and Claudette Webb face painted at the Stanton Harvest Festival, Voncille Cox made balloons. Voncille has face painted for the Cowboy Church Harvest Festival and made balloons at the Cowboys and Heels show and at the Thirty-One booth for A Joyful Season and face painted for Hearts Abide; and balloons at First Baptist Fall Festival Claudette and Voncille face painted at the Midland Christian Fall Festival. Susan Butler did a Family Night at a school and a watermelon festival.
- South Central-John Luce- October was a busy month. Did numerous charity gigs. They were invited to participate in the Elf Louie 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration. Cup Cake and Pandorfus did face painting. Bebop, JJ and Bubbles did balloons. About 4000 in attendance. Focusing on teaching at meetings. Appears to be working. Went to Ft Sam gravesite and visited Donna Manna's grave. They are looking forward to a new year after the new board elections. Diane McCurtain, president; Inez Eskivel, vice president; Jeanette Maze "JJ", secretary; Dale Flashberg, treasurer; and Jose "Chencho" Castrano at large. The alley is trying to recruit new blood by focusing on the teaching of skills at all meetings. They have purchased vinyl banners to hang on the front of all their tables in order to generate interest and questions about clowning by the general public. This appears to be working. Plans for alley Christmas party have been made.
- South East- Pam Blacklock- 83 members as of October. Background checks are mandatory if one is planning to do alley gigs. The title of Member-At-Large was changed to Gig Coordinator. CCA held their Annual Clown School again this year. The CCA Clown School has been a yearly event since 1984. There were only two years that it didn't happen due to reasons out of our control. There were four students. Not as many as in the past, but here are four more great clowns out there. The graduation took place on Saturday, July 2, 2018. Approximately 20-22 members of Cheerful attended the TCA 2019 Convention including two of their First of Mays. They participated in skit and performance competition and won awards. In the September board meeting had a round table discussion about CCA Clown School. This was to assess what can be done to get more students and what we may do differently next time. In the September general membership meeting Patsy "Glitterbug" McMullan talked about The TCA convention what is needed to make it more successful. A TCA poll of three question were discussed. Aldo "Cheerio" Iglehart put on a magic show for the members. He made suggestion on how to make magic funny. Cheerful held the Annual Fun Fest on Saturday, September 22. Attendance was low but was fun

for those who could be there. The October general alley meeting started off with discussion of the upcoming board member availability and the need for members to step up and volunteer to become a Board Member. For the entertainment part of the meeting, we had a costume party but could not come as your clown. Many great costumes were created with great imaginations and had a ton of food.

- Th November meeting discussions were about adding a line to our membership renewal forms to add a place for emergency contact name and number and also discussed reminding the membership to renew their memberships. and background checks by January 1, 2019
- In each meeting try to have education and entertainment. Talked about upcoming officer elections and availability. November discussed adding an emergency contact number to renewal form. Reminded membership to renew and have background check, if interested contact Cindy Parker, \$22 to have it done once a year in January. If attend any alley events, must have a background check to protect members. Almost have a full board of directors now. Still need a president. Have to fulfil requirements for all offices. CCA announced they are having a silly sock swap. Have awards banquet coming up in January. Going to in December and our annual awards banquet in January of 2019.

#### 7. Old Business:

- Future Convention Structure Discussion- Andy will report his progress in forming his team and status. Discussion on competition and classes from the convention 2018. Andy will compile and present the comments at the next meeting.

8. New Business - Shirley Hamilton- Alley charter application has been received for new clown alley; Memory Makers Clown of Sulphur Springs. Proposal made by Shirley Hamilton to become an alley providing all officers memberships paid. Motion by Pam Blacklock and seconded by Linda Greene. Motion carried.

#### 9. Other goings-on:

#### 10. Next Meeting(s):

- February 9, 2019, Kerrville, TX. May 4, 2019, Abilene, TX.

#### 11. Adjournment:

Motion: Pamela Blacklock. Seconded: Patsy McMillan. Approved

Time: 3:01 pm