

Date: April 21, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 10:21 AM by Judy Cornett at Hilton Garden Inn, 1749 Scott Boulevard, Temple, TX 76504.

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

1. Guests were: John Luce, LJ Luce and Jane Wilson.
2. Minutes: The minutes from the September board meeting were sent out by Patsy McMillan via email. Judy Cornett motioned that we accept the minutes as presented, Lana Sue Fridge 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 following report:

Checking Account	12/31/18	\$41,755.16
Deposits :		1,275.71
Dues, Interest & Amazon Smile		
Expenses:		2,500.15
Bank Charges, Board Expenses		
Insurance, Joey Journal Editor		
Printing & Supplies		
Ending Balance	04/20/18	\$40,530.72
Educational Fund Balance	5,057.40	
Checking Account Balance	8,300.23	
Savings Account Balance	26,173.09	
Convention Fund Account	1,000.00	

There were 67 renewals for 2018-19 including ambassadors and lifetime. Cindy did not get much response from contest in JJ. Cards will go out for renewal to be returned to the P O Box so deposits can be done sooner. 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:
  - **2018 Mid Cities Convention Report** – August 1-5, 2018  
Susan Keys wasn't in attendance but sent in the following report: They currently have 37 registered. They will be promoting the convention at the Joint Meeting in May with all four clown groups in their area. Their room block is 225 (actual) but really 193. They currently have 63 room nights reserved and are encouraging all to make those reservations:  
Theme – Puzzles – When all of the pieces come together – YOU are the Greatest Clown on Earth.

Hoping the headliners will be a Ringling Reunion featuring Dick Monday, Tiffany Riley, Leon McBride, Julia Bothun, Kelly Ballagh, Grainger Esch, Kelli Brown, Juio Furlan, Melodee Lenz and Fanny Kerwich. But they are not posting at this time because they are waiting on contracts to be signed.

They will be having tracts with Thursday being face painting & balloons; Friday – magic and puppets; and Saturday – performance and Mini Santa Convention.

They are working on putting together a Mini Santa Convention on Saturday during our Paradeability events in the hope this will bring in more people for a one-day registration and will be utilizing the convention space that we will not be using at that time.

The banquet entertainment will be a circus performance from Fanny Kerwich and the Lone Star Circus.

Due to all the activities they have planned, there will not be hospitality on Friday or Saturday night. It looks like they have been doing a lot of planning and are excited to see the final product.

- **2019 Cowtown Convention Report – October 2019**

Cowtown is doing the convention in 2019 and it will be the first weekend in October. They are looking at the Hilton Hotel at the corner of 183 in Bedford which is giving them a better rate than the Westin. The theme may possibly be BACK IN TIME. They are getting their committee together to start doing all the ground work.

#### 5. Committee Reports:

- Ambassador – Christie McNeil: None at this time
- Education – Scholarship Results – Linda Greene: Wasn't at the meeting but sent in the following report: At the date of the board meeting Linda has received only one application for TCA Scholarship for the 2018 convention. This person did not send in the official application form from the TCA website or a letter of recommendation from a TCA member. Linda sent info to Greg Stanford concerning TCA Scholarship to go in the next Joey. Deadline for application is July 1, 2018.
- Historian – Susan Keys: nothing at this time
- Nominating – Elections 2018 – Andy Anderson: Andy said the slate remains the same as it was in the January minutes:

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	
S Central Area Rep	

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

- Competition – Susan Keys/Susan Butler: nothing at this time, but there are articles in the Joey Journal regarding competition.
- Membership – Alley Report Page – Cindy Rice: nothing at this time
- Sunshine Fund – Andy Anderson: Andy said we still have a total of \$236.96.
- Spark Plug – Cindy Rice: Says that we have 3 new members with only 1 sponsor mentioned.
- Joey Journal – Greg Stanford: The current issue is at the printer now – but has been having a problem with random boldness throughout and is looking into file corruption. The look of the last issue was off color wise and is paying attention to what is happening during printing process. Next issue is convention issue and Greg talked to Cindy Sanders and let her know. Will also let Susan Keys know to get tentative schedules, etc. in the JJ. Always needing articles.
- Website – Greg Stanford: Greg is not doing the website for the 2018 convention – that is in the hands of Susan Keys and Matthew Spraggins. There are some things posted to Facebook – helpful that current convention head is an admin on FB. Will remove Kathy Keaton and add Susan Keys.

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

Happi Tymes – the Lion’s Club in Arlington has a breakfast twice a year where they do face painting, balloons and walkarounds, and then clowns get to eat. For helping the Lion’s Club, their alley gets to use the facility for free. They also did an Egg Hunt in Pantego for Mission Arlington.

Cowtown – City of Hurst Egg Hunt on March 24<sup>th</sup>. First Baptist Hurst had 11 of their members do balloons, face painting and walkarounds for their egg hunt on March 31<sup>st</sup>. This is done in exchange for using the fellowship hall for their meetings. They are having a joint meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> and the theme is “A Clown for all Seasons”. Bombin will be the program. All of the Metroplex alleys attend and it is a very popular event. Cowtown, Happi Tymes and any other entertainers are invited to attend and a good time should be had by all !

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

Mid Cities - January - was their awards banquet; February - was magic and teaching to slow down and perform better; March - Flowers taught them organizing skills; April – Kelly Ballagh taught slap stick for seniors; and, in May will be the joint meeting with Cowtown hosting on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Hurst Baptist Church. Contact Martha Warren if you have questions and there will be an Italian Dinner for \$10 each.

They are also planning a 4<sup>th</sup> of July City of Irving Parade (which is a paid event for the alley) as well as a Children’s Fund Fashion Show on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Rosy Nose - had 6 in attendance at Joey to the World in February. Their Prison Ministry needs prayer to be able to support their needs. It cost \$1,000 each time they go into the prison to minister to the families which includes the following: Food, games, coloring books and colors. Their next trip is June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Telford, New Benton.

Kornpop is starting a hospital ministry at ETMC & Mother Francis for Rosy Nose.

Monday night's meeting will be a caricaturist drawing pictures of everyone at the meeting. They will be voting to change the meeting date to 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month to try to draw more members.

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

Oops Alley had a slow spring. Claudette Sims and Linda Greene worked an Easter event face painting. They also worked for CASA of West Texas. Their February meeting was watching the skit video from 2017 convention. The March meeting was a book signing party for Kathy Keaton's new book. In April Claudette and Kathy attended the AATH Convention in San Diego. Claudette will present the program for our April meeting from that convention. Susan Butler will attend the Laughter Yoga training in Waco on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

They had much discussion at their January meeting regarding competition. Each member was very passionate about competition and feels like their alley works hard and it is a way for them to grow in their clown skills. They did not want to combine categories or eliminate any.

Clowns Under Construction – Suzy Wall said their group feels very strongly about continuing competition as it is.

❖ South Central – Viviano Pena represents Jolly Joeys sent in the following: The San Antonio Jolly Joeys have had a very busy few months. Aside from their monthly meetings, they put on a two-day training featuring Lanky the Clown from Corpus Christi. They also attended a major event, the Gary Sinese Event at Brooke Army Medical Center. The alley also participated in several Easter Egg Hunts, and other community events. They also had three members attend the World Clown Association Convention with Diana McCurtain Talbert receiving a 2<sup>nd</sup> in Group Skit, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Paradeability, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Costume/Make Up Auguste.

❖ South East – Patti Gilbert represents Cheerful Clown Alley: Patti wasn't at meeting but sent in the following report:

The wide spread flood of 2017, flooded our previous meeting location at the Center for the Retarded located in mid-town Houston. We have now relocated to the Trini Mendenhall community center located about 2 miles from I-10 in the Spring Branch area.

If you are visiting Houston on the second Thursday of the month, please come and visit with us at our next Alley meeting. Our meeting is held from 7-9pm—starting with a short

business and followed by our educational/guest speaker. If you know a month in advance, please give Peep, Glitterbug or Patticake a call. We are always looking for guest speakers.

**Trini Mendenhall Community Center**

1414 Wirt Road, Houston, Texas 77055

At our March meeting, Lolibell got everyone up and involved with creating an improv skit practicing skills that could be handy when gigging or for convention. What a fun evening! We are so happy she and husband can make the hour+ drive into Houston. Her clown energy is soooo infectious!

Cheerful Clown Alley #166 is preparing for our annual Clown School. So far we have one student confirmed. If you know a person located near Houston who is interested in clowning, please give them our website path---<http://www.cheerfulclowns.com/>. Or call Tiny (Joe Luce) at 281-808-0065 or Patticake (Patti Gilbert) at 281-804-2747.

Clown School Topics to be addressed include makeup application, costuming, juggling, balloon twisting, face painting, and much more! Most classes will be Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 pm in the Spring Branch area, with a few special Saturday sessions from 9 am to 4 pm. School classes begin June 12 and end August 11.

7. Old Business:

- Membership Director Position – we will be rewording the Vice President, Treasurer and proposed Membership Director in the TCA By-Laws and will be put into JJ to be reviewed so this can be voted on at 2018 convention. The Board had voted at January's meeting to divide the Treasurer/Membership Director into 2 separate positions.
- Shirley Hamilton reported on what Curt Gunz uses for Rosy Nose for their avenue of communication. Shirley finally heard back from Curt and he said he would get back with her and it hasn't happened yet. Hope to have information soon.

8. New Business

- Future Convention Structure Discussion - Nothing has been decided as to the future convention structure. Area Directors should poll their alleys and bring forward comments regarding this topic.
- Presentation of bid for 2018 Awards by Andy Anderson – Andy put forth a proposal of \$328.90 for the competition medals (this amount could be reduced depending on how many medals are used). Lana Sue Fridge motioned to accept the proposal and Shirley Hamilton seconded. All approved.
- Reviewed proposal from hotel in Temple regarding upcoming conventions. The Civic Center will do goody bags and name badges and will have a liaison for conference planning. 210 room block with 80%. 90 miles from Austin airport.

9. Other goings-on:

10. Next meeting(s)

August 1, 2018

Wednesday at TBD in the Cottonwood Room at the convention site at the Westin - Irving, TX

11. Adjournment:

Andy Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting and Cindy Rice seconded. All agreed and meeting was adjourned at 1:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patsy McMillan  
TCA Secretary 4/21/2018