

Date: August 1, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 4:14 PM by Judy Cornett at Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport, 4545 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, TX

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

1. Guests were: Susan Keys, Cinde Sanders and John Luce
2. Minutes: The minutes from April 21st board meeting were sent out by Patsy McMillan via email. Voncille Hardy motioned that we accept the minutes as presented, Susan Butler 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	12/31/17	\$41,755.16
Deposits :		
Dues, Interest & Amazon Smile		3,550.24
Expenses:		
Bank Charges, Board Expenses		4,001.51
Insurance, Joey Journal Editor		
Printing & Supplies		
Ending Balance	07/28/18	\$41,403.89
Educational Fund Balance	5,057.40	
Checking Account Balance	10,071.06	
Savings Account Balance	26,175.05	
Convention Fund Account	1,000.00	

Voncille Hardy motioned to approve treasurer's report and Linda Greene seconded – all approved and Cindy will file for audit.

Cindy then presented the proposed budget for 2019 and stated that it is approximately the same as the past couple of years – stated that she lowered the dues category and bank category, everything else is the same.

There were 51 non-renewals for 2017 including ambassadors and lifetime. This seems to be consistent of 50 non-renewals per year. Patti Gilbert asked if we could get a list of individual alleys to see if we can get the members back and was told that the way the database is set up this is next to impossible.

4. Convention Reports:
 - **2018 Mid Cities Convention Report** – August 1-5, 2018 – Susan Keys and Cinde Sanders

- Finally here - having normal last minute things but all can be resolved by phone call. Candy of the hotel is on top of everything. Asked if anything needed to be addressed.
- Did have judges and competitor meeting this afternoon, thought Diana was doing it but she didn't show. Competition hat – would it be ok for a Ringling clown to sit in on the judging since they are not part of TCA. Make sure they have guidelines to follow. Asking the judges to put in constructive criticism in each box. Ringling clowns were approved to judge if they want to. Have been asked to put up a “connect” board for everyone to leave notes if need to get lost keys, meet with people, roommates, etc. Had 88 pre-registered with a lot of walk-ins. 1 day registrations do not need to be TCA members. Greg will be recording events. Trying to work on wi-fi issues with the hotel.
- **2019 Cowtown Convention Report** – Andy Anderson and Martha Warren
- Andy said the dates for next year is September 25 – 29th at Holiday Inn 3005 Airport Freeway which will be \$109 per room plus they have refrigerator and microwave in it. At this convention they have a \$130 registration fee, \$145 through end of December, \$160 until the end of March, and \$175 until end of June - after July 1st and at the door registration will be \$195. Forms will be at their booth. Angel Ocasio is headliner and theme is “Going back in time”. Will have next board meeting at this venue hopefully. Cowtown is putting on this convention in Bedford.

5. Committee Reports:

- Ambassador – Christie McNeil: None at this time
- Education – Scholarship Results – Linda Greene: had interesting situation and said scholarship winner could not attend and asked if they could find someone else. One applicant did not provide a reference letter and the other applicant was awarded the scholarship. Linda said we need to move the deadline for scholarship to be a little earlier than was this year. Make sure Greg changes in website and Joey Journal as needed.
- Historian – Susan Keys: nothing at this time
- Nominating – Elections 2018 – Andy Anderson: Andy sent the incorrect list to Greg for the Joey Journal but presented a corrected one to the board. After the general election, the area reps will break out and nominate the rep for their area. FYI a rep doesn't necessarily need to live in the area.

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	Pam Blacklock
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: Susan Butler said they are only getting 1 or 2 per category at this time.
- Membership – Alley Report Page – Linda Greene said she had been hounding alleys for information that was cancelled a couple of years ago – oops. Everything else has been turned in and completed.
- Sunshine Fund – Andy Anderson: Andy said we still have a total of \$236.96 and will be spending some on ice cream after the board meeting.
- Spark Plug – Cindy Rice: Says half of them do not come with referrals. Susan Keys will be the winner this year.
- Joey Journal – Greg Stanford: Area Reports again and always needing articles. We would like to have a meaningful Joey Journal instead of just pulling something that has been done in the past. Pictures are great – not something taken from Google. Greg is still having trouble with the printer doing weird random bolding. It is mysterious why this is happening.
- Website – Greg Stanford – said that Cindy Rice has noticed that Paypal and TCA are not matching up when paying registrations. It is only happening to a few – not all. The email address is not matching up correctly. Solution is to remove the email address from the Paypal account and change the password.

TOOK BIO BREAK AT 5:32 PM AND RESUMED MEETING AT 6:01 PM

6. Area Director Reports:

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

Happi Tymes – had a summertime slow down. During National Clown Week they will be doing Clubhouse for Special Needs kids. 4th of July Parade in Arlington they had the “Cookie Mobile” – how many clowns can fit in a car? (We didn’t get a answer)

Cowtown – July did Hubba Hubba which is a food drive at Kroger’s. Items can be purchased or donated and they made over \$400. Hosted a joint meeting in July with all alleys in attendance.

Clown Arounds – Summer is busy for individuals, as well as too hot at 112 to clown outside. Two of their members are attending convention.

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

Mid Cities – were busy working on convention.

Rosy Nose – changed their meeting to the 3rd Monday of the month to try to get more members. Had 4,000 registered for Special Olympics with only 3 clowns. They went to Walmart and asked people to help face paint and had 1 girl assist them. They had a fantastic time. Did a revival catfish fry at Community Baptist Church in Flint. Had

discussion about convention and what they did for members to encourage them to join TCA. Also 7 of their 11 members are attending this year's convention.

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

Oops Alley - 4th of July face painting and balloons, had a going away party for Wilma Cunningham, book signing for Kathy Keaton – they also spent time practicing skit and performance for convention.

❖ South Central – Viviano Pena represents Jolly Joeys – nothing reported at this time.

❖ South East – Patti Gilbert represents Cheerful Clown Alley - we just completed clown school with 4 students and 2 of them are at TCA and competing. Had unusual graduation but had to include some alley members to assist in graduation skits. Had to use the grandkids help with the bells to be with the graduates and the only ones in costume were the graduates. Had a dutch treat lunch for everyone that attended. Cheerful original meeting place was flooded and found a business “Techland” that is an entertainment art supply that was more central to the members. They are also bringing in clown supplies to be purchased. We are in a slump and trying to find a way out – gigs are way down at this time. Oldies are still there.

7. Old Business:

- Shirley Hamilton reported on what Curt Gunz uses for Rosy Nose for their avenue of communication. Whoever wants the information should contact Curt personally. He is using “mail chimp” which could be an avenue for people to update their own information on the website.
- Future Convention Structure Discussion– All board members should be prepared to discuss the future structure of the Convention. Area Directors should poll their alleys and bring forward comments regarding the future convention structure. **Please bring comments in a written report to give to Patsy.** Still thinking of combining categories, going to every other year etc. Will see how this year turns out to make decision. With all the workers needed, it lessens the numbers of competitors.

8. New Business:

9. By-law changes that were proposed. The Board decided to withdraw the proposed change in the by-law to add a Membership Director and instead appoint a person to be Membership Director and give a stipend. This will give us a chance to determine if we get a benefit from this extra person before we make an official by-law change. Motion was made, voted, and accepted. Will announce that the by-law changes will not be presented at this time.

10. Other goings-on:

11. Next meeting(s)

Next meeting will be determined Sunday morning after service. Bring your calendars.

12. 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 8/01/2018