

**Texas Clown Association**

**Board Meeting**

Date: January 18, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 10:21am. by Judy Cornett at the Courtyard by Marriott, 1721 E Central Texas Expressway, Killeen, TX 76541.

**Present:**

Judy Cornett	Voncille Cox	Andy Anderson	Pam Blacklock
John Luce	Patsy McMillan	Susan Butler	Diana McCurtain-Talbert

**Absent:** Cynthia Rice      Greg Stanford      Susan Keys      Abi Robles-Membrez

- 1. Guests:** Suzy Wall, Rhea Anderson, Aurora Krause and Jackie Garner
- 2. Minutes:** The minutes from 09-25-19 board meeting were sent out by Voncille Cox via email. Susan Butler made motion that we accept the minutes as written and seconded by Andy Anderson, and all approved unanimously. These will be sent to Greg Stanford to be posted on the website.
- 3. Treasurer’s Report:** Judy Cornett read note from Cynthia Rice for the following report:

Deposits:		
Dues, Interest & Amazon Smile		\$ 3,185.01
Expenses:		\$ 6,798.50
Bank Charges, Board Expenses		
Insurance, Joey Journal Editor		
Printing & Supplies		
Ending Balance	09-25-19	\$ 38,239.77
Checking Account Balance		\$ 6,492.85
Money Market Account Balance		\$ 31,246.92
Convention Fund Account		\$ 1,000.00

John Luce made motion to approve treasurer’s report and seconded by Susan Butler– all approved.

## **Committee Reports:**

- 4. Ambassador Award:** Greg Stanford. No report.
- 5. Scholarship: John Luce** No one has applied at this time. Dates have been changed to April 15, 2020 to submit application. The winner will be announced on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 6. Education:** John Luce.
- 7. Historian:** No report.
- 8. Competition announcements:** Susan Butler and Susan Keys are working on this. They are trying to have judges set before the convention. Susan Butler encouraged all to compete.
- 9. Membership Activity** including non-renewal reports: Cindy Rice No report.
- 10. Sparkplug:** Cindy Rice No report.
- 11. Convention Report:** Andy Anderson reported there was nothing new for the 2019 convention.
- 12. Annual Alley Report:** John Luce reported that TCA Annual Alley reports are due on July 1<sup>st</sup> showing active board members and copy of roster.
- 13. Sunshine Fund** – Andy Anderson: Balance: \$ 184.93.
- 14. Web Site** – Greg Stanford –the Joey Journal is being printed from an old program so there is no longer bolding. Convention website frame work is updated as information comes in.
- 15. Joey Journal:** Greg Stanford - All board members are reminded they are responsible for a minimum of 2 articles per year excluding Area Reports.

**16. Nominating:** Andy Anderson will be the lead on nominations for 2020 elections.

**17. New Business:** New ideas are needed to address the needs of clowning is this day and age.

**18. Other happenings:** Correct email addresses and phone numbers are needed from members. Corrections received are to be sent to Cindy Rice. Diana McCurtain-Talbert gave information on using the # on Facebook, Instagram and other social media.

**19. Area Director Reports:**

- ❖ North Central – L J Lomenick-Luce gave the report for the following Alleys.
- ❖ **Cowtown-** The election of officers was done. Christmas charities were made a little richer by their volunteers and donations. The Christmas party with all the fun, food and programs brought a smile to everyone.
- ❖ **Happi Thymes** used its holiday season to plan for all the events that are to come this year. Pantego Lions Clube breakfast, Mission Arlington’s Easter event, Fall Fest, Clubhouse for Special Needs and the Live Thankfully Food Drive benefitting the Fort Worth School District are a few. During International Clown Week the Cowtown and **Mid-Cities** alleys are planning to participate in visits to the Richland Hills Fire Department, Richland Hills Police Department and the Community Center. They plan visits to the Haltom City Fire Department and to assist Cowtown with the annual Hubba Hubba food drive benefitting the North East Emergency Distribution Center. Enthusiasm for International Clown Week netted Happi Thymes a proclamation from the Mayor of Arlington which was presented by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court in front of a packed house.
- ❖ The **Clown Arounds-**We are off to a great start this year. Soon plans will be put into action and the town of Wichita Falls will reap the benefit.
- ❖ North East –Susan Keys sent report.

❖ Rosey Nose: New officers were elected for 2020. President: Jane Wilson, Vice President: Shirley Hamilton, Secretary: Dee Kirkpatrick, and Parliamentarian: Kornpop McCullough. Their first meeting is January 20 on basic puppets by David Gish. Their February will be on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> for renewing CPR Certifications.

Memory Makers: They have been very active in the individual areas. They've had some doing Christmas activities, Thanksgiving and even fall festival activities. Most of the clowns in the alley are staying busy. Most of the members paid their dues this last meeting. They have a couple who are thinking about joining. One wants to learn more about clowning and the other more of face painting. They did a large Christmas float on a 20-foot trailer with lots of lights. They also had our Christmas get-together at the December meeting. They were going to join with Rosey Nose as in the past but they had their own Memory Makers Christmas party instead. Elections were held and the same ones were reelected to the same positions, President-Darius Cross, Vice President-Terry Cunningham, Kim Cunningham-Secretary, Norelyda Johnson-Treasurer, Heather Shaw-Sergeant at Arms, and Christina Hodge-Gig coordinator. There are a few of the alley members who are attending GLOW in February. They have been working on paradability, small quick magic that can be carried while out and about. Next month Cherry Hill will be doing a magic presentation with a comical twist.

Mid-Cities Clown Alley: They did not meet in December as most of them had personal gigs and family activities. They kept with the wonderful tradition with the Children's Cancer Fund in December. They attended the Christmas party at Brookhaven Country Club and entertained with face painting, strolling fun, balloon art and air brush tattoos. They had 23 attending. They had sand after party at Dal and Cinde Sanders house. They also have a tradition with the City View location for kids with sickle cell disease. They had 8 helpers for balloons and face painting there. In January they had a Mexican Fiesta and installed their new officers for 2020. They were entertained by Tito the Clown from Monterey.

- ❖ Panhandle West –Susan Butler gave report. Suzy Wall has joined OOPS Alley due to lack of interest in her area. She worked 14 ½ hours from Pathways, Buckner’s, Children’s Miracle Network, school carnival Trunk or treat and BSA Halloween face painting for kids. She is going to Tokyo for the Olympics/ ministry this year. Voncille Cox, Linda Greene and Claudette Webb worked several events together and many on their own. Kathy Keaton has been doing a lot with WCA as the Caring Clown Director.
  
- ❖ South Central –Diana McCurtain-Talbert gave the report: Jolly Joey Alley reported they had a successful board election November 7 and were able to fill all positions. Jeanette “Jay-Jay” Maez was elected President, Inez “Pandorfus” Esquivel is returning as vice-president, Abigail “ Gummy Bear” Robles Membrez was appointed secretary, Dale “Patches” Flashberg is returning as treasurer, Pamela “Fiasco” Molina was elected Member-at-Large and their Past President is Diana “ Buttons” McCurtain-Talbert. They did a couple of events during the holiday season. They did Elf Louise for a local charity that gives present to children who may not receive gifts otherwise. They were able to send 5 teams that included clowns and a Santa to deliver presents. They also did Flight to the North Pole event and had fun making balloons and doing walk arounds with the children. Their Alley recently created a recruitment team to try to figure out ways to recruit new clowns. They are excited to see what they come up with. The alley has also recently made an Instagram and Facebook page. Please give us a follow and a like at Instagram@JoeyClowns and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/JollyJoeyclowns>.
  
- ❖ South East –Cheerful Clown Alley: Pam Blacklock reported the results of their elections as follows: President-Aldo Inglehart, Vice-President-Joe Lester, Secretary- Mary Alice Owen, Treasurer-Linda Cooper, Membership Director-Faith Stone, Gig Coordinator-Jean Pirtle, Member at. Large- Mary Whipple, and Past-President-Pam Blacklock. The Board Meeting for December was cancelled due to inclement weather. At the general membership meeting, they had a relaxing and enjoyable potluck meal.

January 2020 was a short Board Meeting for the new members. Instead of the usual Alley meeting, they had their Annual Awards Banquet, good food and great fellowship. Many awards were given out to several of our members. A "Clowning from the Heart" award went to Faith" Rainbow" Stone. Star Award went to Joe and Linda Lester. We have a Top Ten Award certificate that goes to the volunteers who gig many hours. The CCA had a total of 826.5 hours. We had 68 gigs throughout the year. The final award of the evening is the highest honor that we give. It is the Whispers Award. It was received with humbleness and honor by Pam "Touche" Blacklock.

**20. Next meeting(s)** April 18, 2020. 9:00 a.m. in Tyler. Location to be determined.

**21. Adjournment:**

Patsy McMillan motioned to adjourn the meeting and Diana McCurtain-Talbert seconded. All agreed and meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Voncille Cox, Secretary