

Texas Clown Association
ZOOM Meeting

Board of Directors

Date: September 21, 2020

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Zoom Meeting

Call to order at 6:50 pm

Present:

Judy Cornett

Andy Anderson

LJ Lomenick

Voncille Cox

Patsy McMillan

Pam Blacklock

John Luce

Abigail Robles-Membrez

Susan Butler

Cynthia Rice

Susan Keys

Greg Stanford

Absent:

Guests: Diana McCurtain-Talbert, Cinde Sanders and Linda Cooper

1. Minutes from July 13, 2020 were not read or discussed as they were not sent out to everyone. They will be sent out and any corrections will be sent to Voncille.

2. Treasurers Report:

Deposits:

Dues, Interest & Amazon Smile \$2,410.60

Expenses:

\$ 2,695.07

Bank Charges, Board Expenses

Insurance, Joey Journal Editor

Printing & supplies

Ending Balance 9-25-19 \$38,095.29

Checking Account Balance \$ 6,844.91

Money Market Accounts Balance \$31,250.38

Motion by Patsy McMillan to approve. Seconded by PamBlacklock. Financial report approved.

104 active members and 22 of those are Ambassadors

Convention Reports

Susan Key and Cinde Sanders have been able to reschedule all vendors, etc. who were scheduled to come for the 2020 to now come to the 2021 convention.

Patsy McMillan reported that she called Tonda Campbell at the hotel in Killeen but they have not discussed anything. They will connect again after the first of the year to see what is going on regarding the reservation line. The contract has been redone for 2021.

Cinde Sanders said everything is still in place and everyone she has talked to is on board for changing the date. Everything that was for 2020 is still on schedule for 2021. We do have another possible lecturer, Trixie Bond. She is from Houston and a well-known performer, as was her father, and well respected in the magic community. Details are not confirmed at this time. I would like to get with Greg and promote a performer in the Joey to keep everyone thinking about the convention starting with the headliner. We are also still working on our vendor room. Maybe

the puppet people will be able to attend. Susan Keys suggested doing a countdown on the website.

Greg and Susie Wall are working on the logo for 2021.

We have 55 people registered for the convention and 3 cancellations so far. Promotions should help. If we start now maybe people could start saving for it.

Susan Keys suggested that we have rules of competition translated into Spanish. Diana said we could start with Google translator. Abigail said we should not use this source. Maybe we could have a mentor or translator.

3. **Committee Reports:**

Ambassador-Greg Stanford reported it is too early to do anything. All will be done after the first of the year.

Education-John Luce-He has informed the winner of the scholarship for 2020 and will put in the Joey Journal when applications can be done for 2021. He will put the qualifications and deadline date in the article.

Historian-Susan Keys- Nothing new for this year.

Nominating- Elections 2021-Article to be printed in the Joey Journal with more info. No new info on this now.

Competition- Susan Keys/Susan Butler- Nothing new. We are anxiously waiting for competitors. Pam Blacklock has offered to

judge in 2021 competitions. Promote practice for skits and all in the Joey Journal.

Alley Report Page-John Luce- Has received alley reports from everyone. Merry Makers are meeting and need a report from Darris. Reports are supposed to go directly to John. He does not have the report from the Rosey Nose Alley either.

Membership Activity including non-Renewal Reports- John Luce- Cindy Rice stated no reminders of renewals have been sent out. There was discussion to have 2 years for 1 price on membership dues and have a digital Joey. Current Joey has not been sent out yet. Some members may not have electronic access. Motion to try a digital Joey Journal Patsy McMillan, seconded by Cindy Rice. Approved. Greg will put the notice in the Joey. Anyone without access to a computer, notify your area rep. Susan Keys made motion that anyone who pays dues for 2020 will extend to 2021, two years for one. Seconded by Pam Blacklock. Motion carried. Susan Keys will write it up and Judy Cornett will send to all emails she has. It will be in the next Joey Journal as separate articles.

Sunshine Fund- Andy Anderson \$184.93

Spark Plug-Cindy Rice-We have 4 new members but one has no name on the bottom of the page. Abi and Judy each have one.

Web Page- Greg Stanford- The website is being redone and is about ready to launch. He has a new scanner and is scanning all old Joey Journals. He is using Word Press. He suggested adding video training. Members section will be moved so public can't see

the info. All board members are required to send in 2 articles per year.

4. **Area Director Reports:**

North Central: L J Lomenick- Cowtown Clowns: I have no meetings to report on. We are not sure when our Alley will be able to come together for meetings and fellowship. Our meeting place is not open to any extra functions until they get the ok from State officials that it would be safe. I want to share this Positive Quote but I fee it's appropriate: Your mind is a garden, Your thoughts are the seeds, you can grow flowers or you can grow weeds

Happi Tymes: July 6, 2020, was the first in -person meeting since COVID. Nine were in attendance and four by Zoom. They had a Charades Trivia game and a snowball throwing contest. We didn't get in on the business meeting but was able to see the second half of the activities.

Wichita Falls: No report.

North East- Susan Keys-Due to the COVID pandemic, we don't have much news. Most everyone is staying in self-quarantine and clowning opportunities are limited to online or drive-by experiences.

Rosey Nose: Report submitted by Dee Kirkpatrick, Secretary. We have not been active during the COVID quarantine as most have health issues and are not getting out. The prison ministry has shut down and will probably not restart until 2021. Our February program is on hold until we can safely meet again. Our officers for this year: Jane Wilson, President; Shirley Hamilton, Vice-

president; Dee Kirkpatrick, Secretary; Cindy Rice Treasurer; and David McCullough, Parliamentarian.

Memory Makers: Report submitted by Darris Cross, President. They met in August and worked on skits. They had someone named Grandpa who came in and do skits and they laughed until they hurt. In September they are practicing skit writing and production. Darris wanted everyone to know August was his birthday and no one called him.

Rosey Nose: Dee Kirkpatrick said they are not doing anything in Tyler because most of them have weak immune systems and are not able to meet right now. They are not doing anything.

Mid-Cities: Report submitted by Matthew Spraggins, President. Due to low turnout at our Zoom meeting, we have decided to temporarily meet with Happi Tymes Clown Alley which is meeting in person and via Zoom near us. We love continuing the socializing fun of clowning as a larger group and being able to meet after many months apart is great. Mid-Cities will resume meeting separately only once our meeting location opens up and allows us to do so. We have several alley members who are in both alleys and many members who are in just one. By combining our alleys temporarily we are making new friends and bonding with fellow clowns we would normally not get to see. Our church is not going to allow any meetings until maybe January so that is a good option for us.

Payaso Latinos: not meeting and have not met in over a year. Jima Anderson's husband was killed in a car accident a couple of weeks ago.

Panhandle West- Susan Butler- Oops Alley has not been doing anything as all events have been cancelled. We meet at Linda Greene's and due to her husband having a medical condition we cannot meet there. Hospitals and nursing homes have been closed to us at this time. Linda Greene and Kathy Keaton met with a few ladies from Killeen Shriners and taught them face painting and skits.

South Central- Abigail Robles-Membrez-We are still doing virtual meetings and using caution for the community and members we serve.

South East- Cheerful: Pam Blacklock-The Cheerful Clown Alley has purchased a Zoom account. We use it for the Zoom account. We use it for the Board Meeting and the General Membership meetings. It is also available for our Kitchen Bad and skit practices. During this (September) month, we had a couple of visitors join us for our monthly membership meeting. Those visitors were Nancy (Bubbles) aren't and Martha (Miss Cookie) Warren. Thank you both for dropping by to visit. We would love to have more visitors. Please let us know if you are interested. Our General Membership meetings are the 2nd Thursday of every month and start at 6:30 p.m.

The CCA Board and Membership have decided to waive the November Board elections due to the inability to have in-person meetings. The current members of our board have agreed to continue in their present positions until November 2021. We have a returning member to add to our roster, JoAnn (Candy) Schultz. Our membership is now 79. We have had no gig requests

in a while. We may have one in October 2020 to share with the Puppet Guild.

5. **Old Business-** none

6. **New Business:** Susan Keys received a call from Grapevine Visitors Bureau. They want to host the convention in 2022. She will call them to let them know to contact us in 2022.

Voncille Cox stated we need to remember Jackie Garner as she has had a stroke and is in rehab.

Brennan Spike of Cowtown has a 3 year- old daughter who has leukemia. He has asked if anyone has a coloring page to please send to him as his daughter loves clowns.

7. **Next Meeting(s):** January 23,2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

8. **Adjournment:**

Motion by Susan Keys to adjourn. Seconded by Patsy McMillan.

Approved

Time: 8:40 p.m.

Voncille Cox, Secretary

