

Texas Clown Association
ZOOM Meeting

Board of Directors

Date: January 23, 2021

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Zoom Meeting

Call to order at 10:10 am

Present:

Judy Cornett

Andy Anderson

Voncille Cox

Patsy McMillan

Pam Blacklock

Abigail Robles-Membrez

Cynthia Rice

Susan Keys

Greg Stanford

Absent: John Luce, LJ Lomenick, Susan Butler

Guests: Linda Greene for Susan Butler, Cinde Sanders, and Mauri Norris

1. Minutes from September, 2020 were not read or discussed as they were not sent out to everyone. Financials need to be filled in. They will be sent out and any corrections will be sent to Voncille.

2. Treasurers Report:

Deposits:

Total income for 2020 \$3,286.87

Dues, Interest & Amazon Smile \$2,535.00

Expenses:

Total Expenses \$3,721.09

Checking Account Balance	\$6,694.11
Ending Balance	\$ 37,945.54
Money Market Accounts Balance	\$31,251.43

2020 Final Report Loss of \$434.22
2021 Proposed Budget would end with a gain of \$731.50
Motion by Patsy McMillan to approve. Seconded by Susan Keys.
Financial report approved.

104 active members and 22 of those are Ambassadors

3. Convention Reports

Patsy McMillan reported that we have a new contact person as of January, Deanna Shabazz. 2021 direct bill will be honored. Contract will be honored for 2021. We will have 60 days to cancel before the convention. They are getting many tourists but not social gatherings.

Cinde Sanders said if we have a virtual convention, people can be coached on how to get on Zoom. Performers will get less pay and they want something to do. We could have a shorter convention. We have a few options if we do decide to go this route. Susan Keys stated they might take a smaller fee.

Susan Butler is still working on having rules of competition translated into Spanish.

Patsy McMillan and Judy Cornett stated we will wait on the reservation link to the hotel until it is confirmed that we will have an in person convention or not.

All are asked to send ideas to Cinde Sanders and Judy Cornett. They will present what they think will work at the next meeting.

New Logo: Greg and Susie Wall are working on making changes to the current logo.

Cindy Rice: We have 54 paid registrants for the convention. Judy Cornett asked for a show of hands for all who think we should go forward with the convention at this time. We will delay the decision to have a live convention until our next meeting in April. Greg stated we still need to promote the convention whether we have it or not.

Judy Cornett proposed to remove the early deadline for registering. Before May 31 registration will be \$145 and after that date and at the door will be \$195. Motion made by Voncille Cox to move the deadlines as stated. Patsy McMillan seconded motion.

4. **Committee Reports:**

Ambassador-Greg Stanford reported he has nothing yet.

Education-John Luce-No report

Historian-Susan Keys- Nothing new but everything is in the suitcase.

Nominating- Andy asked that if anyone was going to run again whether it be the same position or a new position please notify him and tell him what position they are interested in.

Competition- Susan Keys/Susan Butler- Nothing new.

5. **Alley Report Page-**John Luce- no report

Membership Activity- John Luce/Cindy Rice: All earlier in report.

Sunshine Fund- Andy Anderson \$184.93

Spark Plug-Cindy Rice-We have 3 new members with three separate sponsors.

Web Page- Greg Stanford is trying to find a new website. He has been paying for it himself but can't continue to do this. He wants to try to get different members to send in articles. Send in jokes or "Kids Say the Darndest Things" article for printing.

6. **Area Director Reports:**

North Central: L J Lomenick-No report

Happi Tymes: No report.

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. Some alleys are meeting in person and some are using zoom.

Rosey Nose: Report submitted by Jane Wilson, President. We are all great and are hoping to resume some sort of meeting by March

even if we only have a few. There is nothing going on in our alley. We want to say hello to everyone.

Memory Makers: Report submitted by Darris Cross, President. It has been crazy here. We were having meetings for a little while but then people were out of town or sick so we didn't have a December meeting which was our Christmas party. We had planned on trading Christmas ornaments or just ornaments. We canceled our December meeting due to me being sick and others out of town. The January meeting was great but didn't last long. We did talk about trying to do at least one event as an alley other than our monthly meeting. Our bank account has finally met the balance so that we don't have to pay bank fees. Our next meeting is February 8th. Since it is close to Valentines day, everyone is going to bring munchies and we are going to watch a movie. We are calling it the Memory Makers Movie Munchie night. The movie will either be about clowning or First of May. We are excited our election went well. Everyone will continue in their current position.

Mid-Cities: Report submitted by Matthew Spraggins, President. We are not meeting as an alley due to COVID and our meeting location. We are currently attending another alley, Happi Tymes, who is still having monthly meeting, both in person and via Facebook Live. We are still discussing our alley as a board to keep up with the happenings of the alley so we are prepared for when we restart. We hope that will be soon once COVID allows us.

Panhandle West- Susan Butler- Oops Alley has not been doing anything much. Voncille Cox has done a couple of events and was well received.

South Central- Abigail Robles-Membrez-Meetings are still on hold as COVID cases surge in our area. The current officers will remain in their roles until we are able to meet again in person to vote on new officers.

South East- Cheerful: Pam Blacklock-The Cheerful Clown Alley has been meeting by way of Zoom in the last several months. We are scattered all over Houston and outside of Houston. It is impossible to meet in person right now. A few of our members in and around the Baytown Area were part of the Baytown (Virtual) Shoebox Parade in November. They had a blast building the CCA shoe box float! It did not win First Place but they had a great time getting together and doing something! It was cute and a lot of fun. Robin Bryan was our Education and Entertainment for November general membership meeting. She gave us tips on how to clown at birthday parties and other events in these times. It was good and informative.

7. **Old Business-** none

8. **New Business:**

Voncille Cox is going to write an article on her dad, John Hardy, to be published in the Joey Journal along with his mailing address. We would like him to receive as many cards as possible as he will be 100 on April 1.

9. **Next Meeting(s):** April 17. 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

10. **Adjournment:**

Motion by Pam Blacklock to adjourn. Seconded by Patsy McMillan.

Approved

Time: 12:24 p.m.

Voncille Cox, Secretary