

**Texas Clown Association**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Date: April 17,2021

Meeting was called to order at 10:30a.m. by Judy Cornett

Place: Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library

201 N. Ector Drive

Eules, Texas 76309

In attendance were the following:

Judy Cornett	Andy Anderson	Voncille Cox
Patsy McMillan	Pam Blacklock	Susan Keys
Greg Stanford	John Luce	Susan Butler
LJ Lomenick		

The following board members were absent: Cynthia Rice

1. **Guests:** Cinde Sanders
2. **Minutes:** The minutes from September 2020 and January 23, 2021 were reviewed. Motion to approved by Patsy McMillan and seconded by Susan Butler. Approved.
3. **Treasurer’s Report:** Cynthia Rice gave the following report:
  - Deposits:
  - Expenses:

Total Expenses	\$4,578.50
Checking Account Balance	\$6,019.27
Ending Balance	\$37,272.36
Money Market Account Balance	\$ 31,252,19

  - Motion by Pam Blacklock to approve. Seconded by Patsy McMcMillan. Report approved.

**4. Convention Report:**

Cinde Sanders handed out ideas and examples of how our convention could be held. This includes schedules, pricing for talent and convention, and care package for virtual classes could be done. Recommended that competitions not be done. Contract at mall is already signed. We may not be able to change the contract. If able to reduce the convention by one day, we may be able to reduce food/beverage spending. 55 are registered for the convention. Discussed having open mic but not as a competition. We need to decide one way or another and publish this so everyone will know. We could set up a studio and make short videos on how to apply makeup and why, etc.

Susan Butler is still working on having rules of competition/guideline translated into Spanish. Translate online and give to someone to approve. Cinde Sanders will contact Toty to see if he will translate for TCA. The board voted to have a live convention. Patsy McMillan will work with the hotel to get prices and all that is needed.

Mall: Paradedability/open mic at Mall with People's Choice Award. Deadline is April 26 for Joey Journal articles.

- **2019 Cowtown Convention Report –**
  - **Committee Reports:**
  - **Ambassador** –Greg Stanford will put an article in Joey Journal for nominations for ambassador.
  - **Education** –John Luce, no report.
  - **Historian** – Susan Keys: This year will go down in history because of the pandemic. Should be captured in the files.
  - **Nominating** : Andy Anderson- Pam Blacklock said she would run for Sargent-at-Arms. Patsy will run for president if in person but not on-line. Vice-president: Cinder Sanders consented to run. Secretary:  
Treasurer: Area directors: Most are term-limited. Article will be put in the Joey Journal again. Ask all in your Alley if they would be willing to run for an office.

- **Competition-** Susan Keys/Susan Butler: There will be no competitions this year.

5. **Alley Report Page:** John Luce

6. **Membership Activity:** John Luce/Cindy Rice:

7. **Sunshine Fund** – Andy Anderson: Balance: \$ 184.93.

8. **Spark Plug** –Cindy Rice- no report.

9. **Web Page** – Greg Stanford said web site will be completed next month. He has been paying for a secure site, WuFoo and new web site will be secure for online payments. People will need to fill out form and will be sent to PayPal. WuFoo is \$32 a month. We need a security certificate at \$50 on sale now. Andy Anderson made motion to pay for the security certificate now and Susan Butler seconded.

10. **Clown Boot Camp:** Greg Stanford make a video on how to apply makeup, why use grease paint, etc. This was done as a way to reach people on clowning. It will be on the members-only page.

## 11. Area Director Reports

**North Central:** LJ Lomenick\_ Cowtown has not been able to meet since the pandemic started because their meeting place as been unavailable. First Baptist Church is slowly and cautiously re-opening and Cowtown should soon be able to resume regular alley meetings.

**Clown Arounds:** The Clown Arounds have also been affected by the virus and the big freeze but are doing what they can do to keep the art of clowning alive in Wichita Falls.

Good news is that the annual joint meeting is being presented by Mid-Cities clown alley May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Christ Church in Irving. There will be a storyteller for entertainment and the theme will be a pajama party with breakfast for dinner. This is the event where all three alleys get together for a night of fun, food and unity. It will be attended both in person and virtually.

**Happi Tymes:** Happi Tymes Alley has had a great deal of activity of late. They have held alley meetings the last two months with in-person attendance as well as Facebook viewing. The March meeting was a program of safe face painting and April's meeting was a round table puppet show designed to sharpen our skills on improv story telling. Since many clowns in the area are members of Cowtown, Mid-Cities, and Happi Tymes these meetings are well attended and a great deal of fun. There was a balloon jam headed up by Nancy Arent at our local El Chico Mexican food restaurant, which proved instructional for the group and a lot of fun for our kid customers. Two of our clowns set out on Easter morning to egg some neighbor's houses which is to say their desire was to place Easter eggs in their front yards. They ended up coming upon an Easter egg party instead. They seized the opportunity to dispense the remainder of the eggs with a dollop of humor and brought smiles to all the children's faces. According to one of the participants, the moral of the story is this: Everything we do puts a smile on someone's face and proves that we do make a difference.

**Mid-Cities:** Matthew Spraggins-Mid-Cities has begun meeting again in person and are hosting a joint alley meeting for all other alleys in the Dallas- Fort Worth area on May 18<sup>th</sup>. We are expecting a great turn out and lots of fun socializing once again. The plan is to have out Breakfast for Dinner Pajama Event. We will wear pajamas and enjoy bedtime stories by Elizabeth Ellis and provide individually packaged tasty breakfast food. We are still trying our best to keep everyone safe and help them feel comfortable with social distancing. We have a strong core of volunteers

within our board and are looking forward to a great upcoming year growing and developing clowning.

**North East:** Susan Keys-Anyone having bedtime stories rsvp to Cinde Sanders and \$10 per person about attending May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Memory Makers:** Darris Cross- Memory Makers are having meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Our secretary went to the bank and everything was corrected. Terry \_\_\_\_ has been doing puppet performances for us and teaching a little on intuitiveness. We held the election and everyone stayed in the same position. We are still working on our skits. We want to have skits ready so that when we are invited somewhere, we will have something prepared.

**Rosy Nose:** Jane Wilson- We hope to start meeting in person in April on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. Location is Bergfield Park on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Bring a sack supper. Topic is How to Improvise.

**Panhandle West:** Susan Butler-Oops Alley has had a few gigs. Claudette Webb had face painting. Linda Greene did walkarounds. Voncille Cox did balloons at her church.

**South Central:** Diana McCurtain Talbert- Abigail Robles-Membrez has resigned as area director. Jolly Joeys board members carried over from 2020 to 2021. We have not had in-person meetings since the start of the pandemic. Zoom meetings were not well attended early on and dropped off a few months into the pandemic. Our President hoped to start a Book Club which would meet once a month via Zoom. It would have been on clowning, but no one has shown interest in attending. We are hoping the church where we meet will allow in-person meetings to begin sometime in May. Diana McCurtain-Talbert migrated Jolly Joeys website from old host to a new one. Same name new look [www.Jollyjoeys.org](http://www.Jollyjoeys.org)

**South East:** Pam Blacklock-The Cheerful Clown Alley met in person for the second time and on Zoom. This was our monthly General Membership meeting. We had 14 members for the meeting and 2 on Zoom. It was a fun meeting and was nice to “see” everyone. Membership reported that we have 69 people that have renewed with CCA, Jean “Kit Cat” Pritle led the Education/Entertainment with some Show and Tell about the CCA Kitchen Band. She talked about making some different instruments for the members that are a part of the band. One of our members, Aldo “Cheerio” Inglehart plays the kitchen sink. It sounds like a tuba! Kit Cat also talked about needing more practice to be ready when we can get back into the Senior Centers. The CCA Clown School is set to begin in June 2021 every Tuesday evening and all four Saturdays. We have 3 students signed up. There will be a garage sale on one of the Saturdays, possible the second or third. The last Saturday will be graduation.

**12. Old Business:** none

**13. New Business:** none

**14. Next Meeting(s):** June 12, 2021 Eules

**15. Adjournment:** Motion by Andy Anderson to adjourn. Seconded by Pam Blacklock. Approved.

Time: 12:25 p.m.

Voncille Cox, Secretary