

Texas Clown Association

Board of Directors

Date: June 12, 2021

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Mary Lib Saleh Euless Public Library

201 N. Ector Drive

Euless, Texas 76309

Call to order at 10:26 am

**Present:**

Judy Cornett

Andy Anderson

Voncille Cox

Patsy McMillan

Pam Blacklock

Greg Stanford

Susan Butler

Diana McCurtain-Talbert

Zoom: Susan Keys, John Luce,

**Absent:** Cynthia Rice, L.J. Lomenick

**Guests:** Cinde Sanders,

1. Minutes from April 17, 2021 will be sent out.

**2. Treasurers Report:**

Deposits:	\$391.06
Expenses:	\$982.13
Total Expenses	\$4,578.50
Checking Account Balance	\$6,019.27
Ending Balance	\$37,354.47
Money Market Accounts Balance	\$31,252.19

Patsy McMillan made motion to accept report as given. Budget needs to be updated to reflect the 2 year dues. Diana McCurtain-Talbert seconded. Approved.

Andy Anderson Motion to update 2-year dues. Patsy McMillan Motion by Pam Blacklock to approve. Seconded by Patsy. McMillan. Budget report approved.

### **3. Convention Reports**

Cinde Sanders handed out the 2021 schedule. She is still talking with the mall. They have a new person over the mall. We do have a signed contract and working on getting the paradability at the mall. Open mic will be at the same time same/same area as the ice cream social. Open mic entrants will be limited due to time. Cinde will send out personal emails to encourage people to attend.

Susan Butler and Susan Keys have been discussing rules for open mic. We want people to participate in singles and doubles. Time limits will be given. Open mic maximum time limit 5 minutes per entry. Paradability is still same rules. Only have 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for paradability and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for open mic for both sessions for total of 8 awards. Patsy McMillan made motion to accept rules as given. Seconded by Pam Blacklock.

### **Committee Reports**

**Ambassador**-Greg Stanford has one nominee for ambassador. Website lists all ambassadors. Deadline is July 1.

**Education**-John Luce- Has an article for Joey on deadlines. Deadline for application is July 15. He will call the recipient when decision is made.

**Historian**-Susan Keys- none

**Nominating**- Andy Anderson- Patsy will run for President if in person but not on-line. Vice-President: Cinde Sanders and Joe Lester consented to run. Secretary: Linda Cooper. Treasurer: Pam Blacklock: Sargent at Arms. Area directors: Darris Cross wants to be more active in the convention. Cinde will ask Debbie Davis if she will run for treasurer.

**Competition**- Susan Keys/Susan Butler- see above report.

#### 4. **Annual Alley Report Page**-John Luce-

**Membership Activity**- John Luce/Cindy Rice: no info on renewals at this time. Number of auto renewals is unknown because of 2020.

**Sunshine Fund**- Andy Anderson \$184.93

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

**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 our form and will be sent to PayPal . WuFoo is going to be paid per year. We will be buying a security certificate at \$75 on sale now. Will talk to company about the 3 websites we have and see if we can redirect two to TexasClownAssociation.com.

## 5. Area Director Reports:

**North Central:** L J Lomenick-Cowtown has not been able to meet since the pandemic started because their meeting place has 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 instruction for the group and a lot of fun for the 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-

**North East-** Susan Keys-

**Memory Makers:** Darris Cross –

**Rosy Nose** – Jane Wilson-

**Panhandle West-** Susan Butler-

**South Central-** Diana McCurtain Talbert ;

**South East-** Cheerful: Pam Blacklock-

**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 our form and will be sent to PayPal . WuFoo is \$42 a month. We need a security certificate at \$50 (on sale now). Andy Anderson made motion to pay for the security certificates now and Susan Butler seconded.

6. **Old Business-** none
7. **New Business:** Andy Anderson presented the swinger for 2021 convention.
8. **Next Meeting(s):** August 4, 2021 at convention
9. **Adjournment:** 12:16 p.m. Pam Blacklock made motion to adjourn. Voncille Cox seconded. Motion carried.

Motion by Andy Anderson to adjourn. Seconded by Pam Blacklock.

Approved

Time: 12:17 p.m.

Voncille Cox, Secretary