

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017

Time: 3:30 pm started at 3:39 pm

Place: La Torretta Lake Resort and Spa
Venice Ballroom
Montgomery, TX.

Meeting:

1. Call to order and introduction of Board Members – Judy

Done – Judy gave a small talk about Hurricane Harvey giving accolades to all the first responders and everyone who came in to assist.

2. Approve minutes of 9/22/2016 meeting (copies) – Patsy

Kathy Keaton made a motion to approve and Claudette Webb seconded - all approved

3. Treasurer's report and presentation of 2018 budget –Cindy
Cindy Rice passed out treasurer's report starting with the 2017 budget (get report from Cindy) Christie McNeil motioned and Martha Warren seconded – all approved.

4. Thanks to host alley (TCA Convention Committee) Judy and Mary

Judy thanked CCA for all their efforts in putting convention together and even pulled in good looking fireman to rescue.

Charmin & Touche gave out long list of reminders of mums to vote on; also have the prom king and queen to vote on at the prom. Talked about the golden ticket that will be a drawing for a registration for COAI 2018. By attending this convention your name will go into the drawing. Great stuff in silent auction and raffle room. Buy your tickets and put in the boxes. They have a special drawing tonight after the show for a one on one with Julie Varhold & Regina Wollrabe (they will be yellow tickets). Talked about the classification for freshman, sophomore, junior and senior to get new clowns to approach you and ask questions. Asked everyone wearing a mum to meet at the school bus for the photographer to take pictures of each alley individually. They did then did the high school cheer "we are the clown fish etc....."

5. Announcements

a. Vendor Announcements – Christie McNeill

Christie asked what we thought about Julie and Regina and said we were lucky to get them and to thank Patricia Manuel again. Christie said we had Kitty Kuhr costumer and Becca Andrews noses and makeup and were unable to come because of Irma. Christie called Patricia and asked her if she could be our hero and as you can see she is here. Had her come to the stage and gave her a big container of lifesavers and a t shirt from Cheerful saying that she is “our hurricane hero” which she promptly put on.

Tricia made an announcement giving to cheerful 2 \$350 scholarships for the hurricane and then cheerful can decide how to use them.

b. Drawing for Admiral Award

Charmin had Peep pull name out of bucket for putting picture in the program (yearbook) and got a \$25 gift card to spend in the vendor room.

Another award for the most advertising sales and it went to Jennifer Plum Cute Howard. Had to miss because of illness in family.

Old Business:

1. Competition announcements – Susan K/Susan B
None at this time

2. Scholarship Announcement -- Linda Greene

This year Linda had 3 applicants and one did not qualify but out of the other two that did qualify it went to Savannah Canales who is 14 years old. Linda says she has the heart of a clown and is busy with her community, alley and church.

3. Buddy/Mentor Program -- Linda Greene

Linda said she had 5 newcomers to the mentor meeting with 6 mentors – after Joe Luce sent out letters of encouragement.

4. Any other old business

None at this time

New Business:

1. First of May Convention ribbons – all Area Directors

Phyllis Koenig, Faith Stone, Gordon Deltenre (not here), Pat Chuber, Julie Varholdt ,
Regina Wollrabe – Cheerful Clown Alley

Shannon Greene – Rosy Nose Alley

Elizabeth Lavergne – from Hattiesburg Mississippi after traveling for 2 days.

Peep, Patticake & Shirley Hamilton pinned the first timers from their area. Peep adopted Elizabeth as an official Texas representative.

2. By-Law Change

Peep explained the proposed by-law change hoping to get more members to step up and serve. Opened the floor for discussion. Andy explained the length of time it entails to do their duties. Earl Warren asked if 1 year is long enough for the Board to do their position.

Bob “Chester” Phillips moved to to take a vote on the terms and Jane Wilson seconded – all approved unanimously. We voted to accept the new by-law change. 6 against and 61 yes. The membership voted to accept the by-law change. This will take affect at the 2018 election.

3. Presentation of 2018 Convention Committee – Susan Keys and Cinde Sanders

a. Location

Westin Hotel in Irving, TX

She had 4 of her alley members bring up puzzle pieces and then try to get it connected. “When all the pieces come together you are the greatest clown.”

b. Dates for Convention

August 1 through 5th

Will have a ringling reunion with approximately 10 former ringling clowns coming to teach. There will be a lot of puzzles involved. The form will be in the hospitality room on Saturday to register. Right next to DFW airport. \$99 a night

4. 2018 Elections – Nominating Chair

Andy discussed next year’s election and said if interested in running, please let him know. Job descriptions are on the website and they will be putting articles in the JJ.

5. Other goings-on

a. Joey to the World First Baptist Church, Hurst, Texas

February 2-3, 2018

Andy has registration papers at his booth in vendor room.

6. Any other new business?

Mentioned Terry Stokes and her crew spent approx. 10 hours putting the bus together and thanked them for that.

Structure of conventions – we do lot of competitions and classes and are not having the count of people participating as in the past. Not having enough people to make up categories. Could have no competitions and all classes, an all star revue where you can compete in whatever category you choose; or leave it as the same.

Donna Manna suggested having the classes and the skits as entertainments and cut out the competition. Zoey mentioned that just have the critique and the fun. Ditzzy mentioned vendor show. Peggy Barton suggested People Choice awards without formal judging. Someone asked to have classes longer than 1 hour. Aurora said competition is educational with making people feel good about what they do without the medals. Diana also said that people quit competing because of comments they received and think they should be educationally to get the feedback to help the competitors and judges grow. Earl says to get with our group to put something together and that will be a pathway to the educational side. Tricia Gregory said she has been to twist & shout where everyone in the group judges instead of select few. Flutterby said as a newby that she would like to have classes repeated so she can attend more. WT says with an open mike night or parade where everyone is judged by everyone instead of select number of judges. You want to know what people in audience want. Buckle thanked everyone for putting this together and it is difficult to please everyone.

Do a survey of the whole organization of if they want to compete or not. Present different competitions each year.

Charmin announced people choice at tonight's performance so pay attention to names and numbers of groups.

James Gill motioned to adjourned and Diana McCurtain Talbert seconded all in favor = yes.

Adjourned at 5:14pm