
Texas Clown Association, Inc.
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Board of Directors Meeting

Date: January 8, 2022

Time: 10:50 AM

Place: Marriott Houston City Place Springwoods Village Spring, TX

Meeting was called to order by Patricia McMillan, President at 10:50 AM.

PRESENT

Patricia McMillan, Deborah Davis, Linda Cooper, Judy Cornett, Shannon Greene, Roberta Hawes, Cinde Sanders, Diana McCurtain-Talbert

GUESTS

Mauri Norris, Susan Butler, Voncille Cox (historian)

VOTING VIA PROXY - Pam Blacklock

First order of business:

1. Hotel tour (Judy Cornett)
2. Read and discuss

Board of Directors convention meeting 8/4/2021. Diana McCurtain-Talbert made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Debbie Davis. Motion Motion approved.

3. Treasurer's Report (Debbie Davis)

Operating account starting balance \$4,883.98.

Joey Journal -50.00

PO Box. -146.00

Operating account ending balance \$4687.98

Convention account balance \$5,313.50

Education account starting balance. \$5061.25

Interest. .05

Education account ending balance \$5,061.30

Money Market starting balance. \$26,193.03

Interest. .23

Money Market ending balance. \$26,193.26

Motion made by Roberta Hawes to accept report. Seconded by Diana McCurtain-Talbert.
Motion carried.

4. 2021 Convention Report (Judy Cornett)

Judy reported to the board that originally 72 people had registered for the convention, but only 55 attended. This was due in part to Covid-19 awareness as well as "life-issues". The board discussed an option to refund part of the registration fee to these members. After discussion Patsy McMillian made a motion to refund a portion (\$72.50/person) of the registration fee to members unable to attend the 2021 convention. The motion was seconded by Cinde Sanders. Motion carried.

The final profit/loss report will be provided at the next board meeting.

5. 2022 Convention report (Linda Cooper)

Linda informed the board that a contract was being worked by Roberta Hawes to secure Karen Hoyer as the lead entertainer for the convention. Other local lecturers are being secured for the convention as well. We will be working with Greg to update the TCA website as contracts are signed. Linda handed out registration forms to the TCA Board and suggested they reserve

their rooms while staying at the hotel. So far the committee has had no luck in securing vendors. All agreed the hotel was a great find by Judy and Patsy.

6. 2022 Competition Discussion (Susan Butler)

The board discussed changing up competitions a little. It is time consuming and labor intensive to conduct competitions for each clown type. It was suggested that make-up and costuming would be compete in one category for all clown types but judged as individual clown type.

Other competition categories will be Single and Group Parade-ability, Single and Multiple Balloons. Single and Group Skits. Cheek and full face Face-painting and Performance. We will have and “all around clown” award.

7. Potential lecturers wanting to trade virtual lecture for link on TCA Website (or one of the convention site).

Discussion to allow virtual lecturers to add a link on the TCA Convention pages of the website for lecturers to link to their page as a barter was discussed.

A motion was made by Judy Cornett to allow virtual lecturers to add a link to the TCA Convention pages once a contract was secured and to be deleted at the end of the convention. Seconded by Roberta Hawes. Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports:

- Ambassador: Cinde Sanders n/a
- Education: No committee established at this time
- Historian: Voncille Hardy
 - 1984 was the first year Voncille could locate to start from in the boxes of pictures and memorabilia she was given. Looking for help to identify people, places and dates. She requested a budget from the board to secure supplies (Books, paper etc) to preserve the history of TCA. Patsy McMillan made a motion that Voncille could provide receipts and be reimbursed for expenses for the historian project. Seconded by Judy Cornett. Motion carried.
- Nominating: Elections 2022-Judy Cornett n/a
- Alley Report page: Cinde Sanders n/a

- Membership Activity including Non-renewal Reports: Debbie Davis (membership numbers for the past 3 years 161-134-117)
- Sunshine Fund: Judy Cornett \$184.93 balance
- Area Reports: Judy reminded all Board members are responsible for a minimum of 2 articles per year-deadlines are on or before the first of December, February, April and October.
 - North Central: Greg Stanford - I spoke with William Beaty of Happi Tyme and Nance Arent of Cow Town (with a little Martha Warren thrown in :)) The big thing happening with CowTown and Happi Tyme is their looking at combining alleys with Mid-Cities into one alley. For the next 6 months, they plan to meet together as a trial to see how things go. They will evaluate after that to see if they combine or stay separate alleys. Like all of us, they just don't have a lot of members attending.

Peggy Barton, who was the Happi Tymes president stepped down in September. I talked with Peggy for a little while and she is doing well. She referred me to talk with Nancy about the alley. Nancy said they are planning and have had some balloon jams but aren't doing a lot.

William is the president of Happi Tymes and has some ideas to bring new members in, like a mentoring program and some side workshops.

The Clown Arounds are down to three alley members and have been for several years. They are still involved with the local parks and recreation department. Tammy Daulton and Greg Stanford did balloons for Halloween and Greg did balloons for the Christmas in the park event. These are free events for the city.

*NOTE FROM GREG: I'm assuming we, The Clown Arounds, should be moved to the inactive list since we don't have the required 5 TCA members, so you may or may not want to include our activities. There are really only 2 of us actively clowning, and that's few and far between these days with us both working full time, often on weekends.

- Northeast: Shannon Greene The state of Mid Cities is up in the air as to the reorganization/combining of alleys. Memory Makers going through changes. Rosey Nose held elections and have some new members.

- Panhandle/West: Suzy Wall - Suzy Wall has done several events according to FB. Susan Butler worked Starbrite Village, a Christmas event, in Odessa Claudette Webb, Linda Green and Voncille Cox worked Odessa County Club face-painting for their Christmas Party. They also worked Stanton Harvest Festival with Claudette and Linda face-painting and Voncille doing balloons. News of the Corpus Clowns starting to reorganize.
- South/Central - Diana McCurtain-Talbert n/a
- South/East - Robert Hawes - n/a

10. Old Business n/a

11. New Business

- Cinde Sanders to present to combine alleys to host the 2023 TCA Convention. More to come on this.
- Andy Espinoza to translate competition rules into Spanish for a fee of \$150.

12. Other going ons: n/a

13. Next meeting will be held in Chandler, TX more to come on this.

14. Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting at 1:52 by Diana McCurtain-Talbert. Seconded by Roberta Hawes. Meeting adjourned

Linda Cooper, Secretary