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## Board of Directors Meeting

Date: March 26, 2022

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: First United Methodist Heritage Hall - 507 Broad St. Chandler, Tx.

Meeting was called to order by Patricia McMillan, President at 10:00 AM.

### PRESENT

Patsy McMillan, Linda Cooper, Judy Cornett, Shannon Greene, Roberta Hawes, Cinde Sanders, Debbie Davis, Greg Stanford, Shannon Greene,

### GUESTS

Andy & Rhea Anderson

VOTING VIA PROXY - Pam Blacklock, Diane McCurtain-Talbert

First order of business

1. Read and discuss board minutes from previous meeting.

Board of Directors meeting 1-8-2022. Judy Cornett made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Roberta Hawes. Motion approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (Debbie Davis)

**Operating account starting balance \$4,552.68**

Deposits. 60.00 (dues)

Withdrawals 73.20

**Operating account ending balance \$4,539.48**

**Convention account balance \$5,313.50**

**Education account starting balance. \$5061.34**

Interest. .04

**Education account ending balance \$5,061.38**

**Money Market starting balance. \$26,193.48**

Interest. .20

**Money Market ending balance. \$26,193.68**

Motion made by Greg Stanford to accept report. Seconded by Judy Cornett. Motion carried.

3. 2021 Convention Report (Judy Cornett)

As per the January TCA Board discussion and approval, refunds were made asap to those members that canceled their convention registrations due to COVID or other approved reasons. The bottom line was a profit of \$3,315.00 for the 2021 TCA Convention. Since the convention committee could not find a "Charity of Choice" for the donation, it was decided that TCA would be the recipient. Motion made by Shannon Green, seconded by Roberta Hawes. Motion approved.

5. 2022 Convention report (Linda Cooper)

Contracts are being signed and returned for lecturers. Karen Hoyer "Dot" will be the lead entertainer. Registration and room reservations seem a little slow. Judy has been sending "E-Blasts" to TCA members to keep them informed of scheduling, classes and to provide updates and hopefully excitement about the convention. As information is finalized it will be sent to Greg to post on TCA website. Linda asked area reps to go to their alleys and request a theme basket be donated from each alley for the silent auction. Advertisements from alleys is requested for the program. CCA is working hard to present a valuable convention for TCA members but this is a TCA convention and everyone's help is appreciated.

5. 2022 Competition Discussion - TABLED - no discussion at this time.

6. Approval for TCA advertisement in the 22 convention program

Motion made to approve the purchase of the inside back cover (with font changes) of the 2022 convention program by Linda Cooper, seconded by Judy Cornett. Motion approved.

7. Discussion in the timing of vendor approved links on the TCA website.

Norm Barnhart, as part of his lecture contact has agreed to write 5 articles for the JJ in exchange for his fee. It was approved through email by the board that he could include a link to his professional website at the end of each article as well as having a link to his professional website on TCA website for one year. Greg will monitor the timing of removing his website after one year.

7. Committee Reports:

- Ambassador: Cinde Sanders n/a
- Education: Diane McCurtain-Talbert n/a
- Historian: Voncille Hardy n/a
- Nominating: Elections 2022- Patsy, Cindi, Debbie, Pam, Linda and Roberta have agreed to run for another term.
- Alley Report page: Cinde Sanders will send out a reminder for this.
- Membership Activity including Non-renewal Reports: Debbie Davis - 117 members. Renewal reminders have been sent. Will have update at next meeting.
- Sunshine Fund: Judy Cornett \$184.93 balance
- Website: Greg reported that he has started scanning old JJ (1984) to the website. He is researching some new web posting software options which will be cost effective and eliminate the need for cloud storage.

- Area Reports:

- North Central: Greg Stanford -

### **Cowtown**

This is Nancy Arent/Cowtown Clowns President----Our 3 Alleys had our 3rd joint meeting at the IHop in Arlington on the 14th of March. It was Cowtown's turn to present the program, we has Shawn Patello doing Improv. I did have a little bag for everyone that said "Irish" a Happy St. Patricks Day.. and a St Patricks Day door prize. I wish we I could tell you we had a good attendance, unfortunately it was very low. Not sure if this going to work. We still have 3 more months to see how it goes. Have a great meeting, and let me know if you need any help with anything. Nancy-Bubbles-Arent

### **Happi Tymes**

This is William "Wee-Bo" Beaty the PreZ at Happi Tymes Clown Alley in Arlington, TX! I have to say, this is really shaping up to be a great year to be a clown! Things are really kicking off, and we are all working non-stop! There are so many people that want to learn clowning, so we are doing our best to be a huge net to pull those folks in!

Our membership has been low the past few years, so we decided to join the 3 alleys in our area together on a trial basis: Happi Tymes, Mid Cities, and Cowtown. Membership has been low still due to Covid fears, people leaving the area, being displaced, health issues, etc. BUT!.... Fear Not! If you are new to our area, come visit us! Tell your friends! We meet at IHop on I30...1315 Wet&Wild Way, Arlington, TX at 7pm every Second Monday!

We update our website, about a week before our meetings,

here: <https://www.happitymesclowns.com/nextmeeting>

You can also join us live on our Happi Tymes Facebook page! Come see us virtually, and be sure to say hello ! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/131531883567532>

By all 3 alleys meeting together one night a month it tripled our resources, and has brought top notch talent to our past 3 meetings! Happi Tymes had team building with Tami and Bender from Clowning Around in January. Then, Mid Cities brought us David and Kyle Knight to show us all the things that go on behind the scenes in their productions! Cinde Sanders showed us some really awesome Valentine's Day Magic. Finally, Cowtown brought us Shawn Patrello in March, where we practiced improv! I can't wait to see what's next!!!

Can't wait to see my clown family in August!

See you all soon!  
William “Wee-Bo” Beat

- Northeast: Shannon Greene

### **Merry Makers**

New elections Terry Cunningham, President. Julie Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer. Darius Cross, Vice President. Heather Shaw, Sargent at Arms. Meetings are now at the Triumphant Church in Center, TX on 1st Fridays at 6pm. They have acquired two new members.

### **Rosey Nose**

Meetings are on the 3rd Monday, but have not started back to gigs yet. They did get permission to go into the prisons in the area. Their scheduled CPR class was postponed due to attendance.

- Panhandle/West: Susan Butler n/a
- South/Central - Diana McCurtain-Talbert

**Jolly Joeys** is starting to ramp up in their offerings to the community. We have had a couple of gigs since starting the new year and have a lot on the books as we head into the Spring. April is shaping up to be a busy month as we head into San Antonio’s Fiesta week. We have several parades on the books along with the nursing homes, community walks, where we’ll be doing shows, balloon twisting, glitter tattooing and face painting. The Jolly Joeys is hoping to set ourselves up for easier access to the community. We have just set up a Jolly Joeys phone which our VP/Gig Coordinator holds. This will allow us to have seamless transition from year to year as the VP position changes. And, we have just added a form to the website so that when potential clients reach out, we get some solid information on what they’re looking for with minimal effort. Feel free to check out: [www.jollyjoey.org](http://www.jollyjoey.org). In addition, after 3 years of no newsletter, we have also revived our Alley newsletter. We have put out 3 editions so far, and plan to do this monthly, going forward.

We also are in the process of picking up General Liability insurance for the alley.

And finally, we have adjusted our meeting schedule down from 2x/month to 1x/month. We alternate months between business meeting and educational meeting. And, we also have a monthly JAM.

**The Clown Alley (#15)** of Corpus Christi (currently, inactive) is still trying to come back. They are starting out with identifying locals who are still clowning, and or interested in clowning. And are currently meeting via a Facebook group. As they get that core group going, they will assess, where to go from there.

- South/East - Robert Hawes -

### **Cheerful Clown Alley**

Cheerful convention committee has been busy securing the contracts for the vendors/lecturers for the 2022 TCA Convention. They will also be offering Clown School in May. There are possibly 4 students. The Kitchen band continues to meet monthly working on developing their program for nursing homes/daycares etc. Two members have signed up to go to the COAI convention in April

10. Old Business

11. New Business

- Cinde Sanders reported that the Dallas area Alleys will host the 2023 convention.

12. Other going ons: n/a

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

14. Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting at 12:23 by Roberta Hawes. Seconded by Judy Cornett. Meeting adjourned.

Linda Cooper, Secretary