

Krewe of St. Andrews, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2018

I. Call to order:

A regular board meeting of the Krewe of St. Andrews, Inc. was called to order on November 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in Panama City, FL by President Ed Benner.

II. Welcome/Attendance/Acknowledgment of Visitors:

In attendance: Ed Benner, Lee Head, Pat Rea, Don Cox, Charlie Coram, and Paul Ortiz, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Guests: Chris Pfahl, Tom Bowdoin, David Blasi, Patty Fowler, Tina Head, Jay Rea, Jim Daigle, and Dianne Daigle.

III. Review of Pending Board Meeting Minutes for Approval:

Minutes of the KOSA Board meeting held October 3, 2018 had been previously distributed by Pat Rea for review, Board approval and posting to the KoSA Website. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Lee Head and seconded by Don Cox. The minutes were approved as submitted. Minutes will be forwarded to Pam George to post in the Members section of the KoSA Website.

IV. Treasurer's Report/Approval:

Don Cox submitted the Treasurer's report which was reviewed by the Board. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Pat Rea and seconded by Charlie Coram. The report was approved without discussion. Don Cox then reported on the status of his efforts on behalf of the Krewe to obtain a SBA loan for rebuilding the Den. No FEMA money is available. SBA personnel do not understand form 990 and think we can't afford a loan because they contend we need a loan of \$534,000. When it was explained that we neither need or wish to borrow that much, they then demanded documentation establishing that we do not need to borrow \$534,000. Lee Head will work with Don on the SBA loan and provide the documentation they need.

Don Cox suggested we set up a GoFundMe page. The Board agreed and Chris Pfahl offered to assist Don Cox in setting this up.

V. Old Business/New Business

(1) A lengthy discussion of the Krewe's objectives in rebuilding the Den and moving forward was held. The first issue addressed was whether to tackle the demolition of the float barn ourselves or hire it done. Ed Benner had obtained a quote for rental of a 43' forklift. Lee Head

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advised that we need a lull and he is certified to operate a lull. Chris Pfahl will see if he can help obtain a donated or cheap lull rental.

(2) Once we get the floats out of the float barn, we will move them and tarp them. Then each float captain will need to assess the damage to determine what needs to be done to restore their float to “safe to ride” status and put together a budget for the repairs. Bill Fowler will become float captain replacing Bruce Avery on the French Connection float. December 8 was discussed as possible work day to get the floats out of the float barn and clean up the debris of the Den.

(3) Bill Fowler has obtained permission to store the floats on the Shrine property in exchange for a “donation” to help them repair their own damage. The donation can be paid in installments. Lee Head reports he may have an optional float storage location available on Florida Avenue by 12/8.

(4) The Drawdown was discussed. It was decided that it has come and gone and should not be rescheduled. It was agreed that everyone who bought a ticket be contacted and asked if they want a refund or would be willing to donate the money they paid to assist with the rebuilding effort.

(5) The Christmas party can still be held on December 8 as planned; the St. Andrews Civic Club has been reserved for a rental of \$175. It was decided that the Krewe would not buy meat; instead, the event will be potluck with everyone bringing a heavy hors d'oeuvre. Since the Den cleanup is scheduled on the same day, it was agreed to start it at 6:00 pm.

(6) Don Cox made a motion to cancel Twelfth Night and Charlie Coram seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

(7) It was reported that Giles Mercer plans to hold the Marriage to the Seas at No Name Lounge on February 8, 2019. No budget was discussed.

(8) Whether to have the Ball on February 2 was discussed; the expense is a major consideration. Lee Head reported we can get a \$25,000 bridge loan. It was agreed to go forward with the Ball.

(9) Chris Pfahl addressed the parade. He has contacted April Miller, the Chief of Police, Mark McQueen, the Mayor, Mike Nichols and DPC to determine if facilities will still be available and if the City is okay with the parade being held. They are all okay with it and support it going forward. Charlie Coram made a motion to proceed with the parade which was seconded by Don Cox. The motion passed by majority vote.

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(10) Chris Pfahl advised the Board that Los Antojitis is willing to host a fundraiser for the Krewe and will provide music. They have held similar functions and raised \$3,000-5,000. We could have a silent auction and auction off items such as rides on a float. Since we aren't having a Twelfth Night party, having this on January 12, 2019 was proposed. The money could fund our Scholarships. Patty Fowler, chair of the Scholarship committee, suggested we delay the next distribution until July and not distribute money in January due to our circumstances. Charlie Coram made a motion to proceed with setting up the fundraiser with Los Antojitos as proposed and to delay scholarship distribution until July; Lee Head seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

(11) Chris Pfahl suggested several fundraising ideas. He proposes using Patreon instead of GoFundMe because people can make monthly payments and there is no end date for contributions. We would set it up with the purpose of "To Help Us Keep Doing What We Do." Chris Pfahl also suggested we approach Chris Jennings and solicit contributions from the funds Jennings has raised money for events that will no longer happen. The Board authorized Chris to contact Chris Jennings and solicit contributions. Chris Pfahl suggested adding \$1 to all alcohol sales at the festival (all sales, both merchants and us) with the \$1 going to our rebuilding fund. The Board approved this suggestion.

(12) Chris Pfahl suggested we invite linemen, first responders and newly elected officials to participate in the parade. The Board approved this.

(13) Pat Rea requested and received Board approval to fill out a form for the City of Panama City detailing the hours Krewe members volunteered for disaster relief after Michael. The hours and value of goods distributed apply to the City's deductible for relief money. Pat Rea also advised that the Membership committee plans to reschedule the Bunko previously set in October. The Board had no objection.

(14) David Blasi offered the use of the Activity Room at Sunrise Beach condos where he lives for future Krewe events.

VI. Next Meeting/Adjournment

Ed Benner advised he will be out of the country on December 5, the date of the next meeting. Charlie Coram made a motion to move the next Board of Directors meeting to December 12, 2018 at 5:30 pm. Pat Rea seconded the motion which passed by majority vote. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on December 12, 2018.

Charlie Coram moved to adjourn the meeting. Don Cox seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Ed Benner.

Minutes submitted by Pat Rea, Secretary.

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ADDENDUM:

On November 16, 2018, Don Cox advised that while our Krewe Bylaws and Membership and Procedures policies reveal no policies that could be considered discriminatory, the SBA requires a formal anti-discrimination resolution be adopted and made a part of the records of the Krewe of St. Andrews. Cox submitted a proposed resolution. The resolution was adopted by majority e-vote and it was signed by President Ed Benner and Secretary Pat Rea on November 17, 2018.

On November 18, 2018, Ed Benner sent a text message to the Board since many people are still not receiving email due to Hurricane Michael. The message forwarded a text from Lori Cowan in which she proposed having a Krewe party to kick off Mardi Gras in lieu of Twelfth Night since many members have voiced disappointment in the cancellation of Twelfth Night. A simple event was proposed and Lori was willing to put it all together. A majority of the Board voted via text to have the proposed party and to keep Charles Segrest in the loop.

On November 19, 2018, Ed Benner sent a text stating that he and Charles Segrest agreed that the best way to handle this was to “uncancel” Twelfth Night and allow the Ambassadors to handle the details. Some portion of the existing Twelfth Night budget would be necessary. By a majority text vote, Twelfth Night was “uncancelled” on November 19, 2018.