

The Krewe of St. Andrews Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

4-Jan-2023

I. Call to order

The monthly meeting of the Krewe of St. Andrews Board of Directors was called to order on January 4, 2023, at 05:30 PM by President-Elect Judy Biddle at the Krewe of St. Andrews Event Center, Panama City, FL.

II. Attendance

Attendance is recorded as follows: Secretary David Blasi, Treasurer Emeritus Don Cox, Treasurer Leslie Fuqua, and Board members Jerry Kelly and Pam Wiggins. President Moe Parker and former President Jay Rea attended via phone. Board member Lee Head could not attend. Also present were Rick Cowan, Paul Ortiz, Lorena Kelly, and Joey Capo from Legistix.

III. Approval of prior meeting minutes

Minutes from the December 14, 2022 Board of Directors meeting were sent via email to all board members by Secretary David Blasi. Pam Wiggins made a motion to accept the minutes without reading them. Judy Biddle seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

IV. Request for Float Expenses from Rick Cowan

Krewe of St. Andrews member Rick Cowan attended the meeting to request additional funds for the Bourbon Street float maintenance. See document “20230104 Krewe of St Andrews Rick Cowan Request for Float Money.pdf” submitted by Rick for details. Jerry Kelly made a motion to award Rick \$1400 in addition to the \$500 allocated to each float each year. Pam Wiggins seconded the motion and the motion passed without opposition.

V. Joey Capo from Legistix gave an update on the progress of the Mardi Gras Festival

Joey said he and Chris Pfahl had a meeting today with some of the restaurant owners in St. Andrews to smooth some of the ruffled feathers from last year. He is trying to get them to pony up some money for some music. Joey said the meeting went pretty well and Hunts is trying to be more of a partner than in the past. Nothing will be done until some money appears.

The parade looks great with possibly the most entries ever and the biggest parade ever! Chris wants the float captain meeting to be scheduled. Moe Parker offered to arrange this. Judy Biddle requested that any correspondence between the float captains also go to the board so we can stay in the loop.

Joey is working on the permits needed for the parade and festival.

Two bars will be set up. One will be at the VIP area and the other in the kid's area. (While the kids play in the bounce house, the parents drink.)

The vendor's list has about 15 now but Joey says he knows that at least 60 or 70 will come in.

Judy Biddle recommended that in the next newsletter it is emphasized that the parade will be large and to order beads accordingly. Judy said the krewe underestimated the size of the Christmas parade.

Jerry Kelly mentioned that there were not very many beer choices. Joey countered that if the krewe were to offer more beer choices, the krewe would have to eat the rest of each case. As soon as the case is opened, the entire case is purchased. Joey will submit to the board a list of beer options that the board can then choose from. Two beer choices are not enough, 30 is too many.

Enough Port-a-Pottys will be provided.

Pam Wiggins asked Joey if a table could be provided in the kid's area for the Bay County Reading Association. Joey said sure.

Moe Parker stated that several weeks ago he put in the grant request and is having trouble getting grant money for the festival.

Pam Wiggins asked Joey if the meeting with everyone regarding the festival will happen again, saying it was very beneficial last year. Joey stated that it will happen closer to the event.

Jerry Kelly asked about the reverse parade. Joey said he has not heard anything about it. Very little conversation has happened on this event. Moe is frustrated that there has been little response from the city.

VI. Float Dinner

Paul Ortiz asked about the float dinner. It will occur on Wednesday, February 8th. Pam Wiggins and Paul will reach out to float captains to organize the evening.

VII. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Emeritus Don Cox presented the financial report and stated that it was basically the year-end report. He said he has a request to Claudia Anderson to get him the inventory on shirts and pins and also to Cammie Washabaugh for the inventory on liquor and beer. He needs this information to close out the year for tax purposes.

Some of the alcohol products from the bar were over-supplied and are being sold at cost to krewe members.

Don booked an entry for the land that was donated by Lee Head. One parcel was \$329,000 and the other parcel was \$35,000 for a total of \$364,000.

Don said Charlie Coram made a \$2500 donation for the insurance on the fire truck float.

Don discussed a few names on the member A/R Aging Report.

Judy Biddle made a motion to accept the treasurers report. Jerry Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

VIII. Old Business

- a) Roof leak will not be addressed until after Mardi Gras. Moe Parker will contact Lee to get a date when krewe volunteers are needed on the roof.
- b) Pam Wiggins noticed that some of the dates and other information regarding Mardi Gras events were wrong. She sent an email to Chris Pfahl to get it corrected.
- c) The quarterly meeting will be on March 24th.
- d) Don Cox stated that the week of January 9th will be devoted to the painting of the Den.

IX. New Business:

- a) We don't seem to have a Den Committee anymore. At one time Charles Segrest was the chairperson. Outdoor lighting and Den painting are already in progress and are being handled. Judy Biddle stated that we need to address the flooring before we have a safety issue.
- b) Moe Parker asked if he could send some drafts of the brochures to Judy Biddle and Jay Rea for proofreading.

Queen Lorena Kelly stated that a brochure upstairs in the Den refers to a Facebook page that has the wrong costs for the Event Center. The cost depends on many factors such as size of party, how many hours are rented, etc.

There was some discussion of putting sponsorship on our brochures. Jerry Kelly suggested that we need a 12th Night sponsor and that \$1500 would be a good amount to charge. This is being tabled for a later date.

X. Questions, and Other business

- a) There was a discussion about walkers for parades. Jerry Kelly stated that Gulf Coast Community College has always worked with us and is excited about our Mardi Gras parade. Pam Wiggins offered that there can never be too many walkers.

Leslie Fuqua asked if we sign off on students' scholarships. She said that she believes we should not do both: sign off on scholarships and pay them to be walkers.

- b) Don Cox distributed the latest and greatest membership application. Please refer to document "20230104 Krewe of St Andrews Membership Application.pdf" for further information. Don said this will be prominent at the 12th Night event. Prospective members are required to state, by priority, their committee preferences. Jerry Kelly made a motion to accept the new membership application. Judy Biddle seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. Pam George will add to the website and it needs to be distributed everywhere it is applicable.
- c) Pam Wiggins asked about the Google Drive. Moe Parker stated that he had sent out email about 6-7 months ago. Email addresses will be title-related, not named. As an example, the email address for David Blasi, the current secretary, is kosasecretary@gmail.com. David Blasi stated that he has been loading documents such as agendas, minutes, treasurer's reports, etc. onto the drive all year in a folder titled "Shared" but is not sure who can get to it. Moe Parker suggested that we have a 20-30 minute get-together to train on using the Google drive.
- d) Jerry Kelly stated that he had 12 ambassador applications and wanted anyone who is currently or wants to be an ambassador fill out an application. He requested authority from the board to re-up the current ambassadors and then read a list some current ambassadors: Rick Cowan, Lori Cowan, Jerry Kelly, Lorena Kelly, Pam Wiggins, Nick Hartwell, Mary Jones, George Anderson, Claudia Anderson, Dan Fuqua, Leslie Fuqua. Jerry then asked the board if serving on the current court qualifies a member to be an ambassador. Board members said yes so Jerry added Tim Jones to the list.

Leslie Fuqua made a motion to approve. Judy Biddle seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Judy Biddle suggested that we post the ambassador application on our Facebook page along with the requirements to be an ambassador. Pam Wiggins said she would do that.

Jerry Kelly stated that he will be asking the board to approve the allocation of funds to cover ambassador expenses.

XI. Adjournment

Judy Biddle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pam Wiggins seconded the motion and it passed without opposition. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM on January 4, 2023.

Minutes submitted by: David Blasi, Secretary

Minutes approved by: Board of Directors