

Krewe of St. Andrews Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

09-01-2021

I. Call to Order

Jay Rea called the KOSA Board of Directors meeting to order at 05:30 pm on 09-01-2021 at the KOSA den/event center.

II. Attendance

Jerry Kelly, secretary, noted attendance as follows: President Jay Rea, Secretary Jerry Kelly, Treasurer Donald Cox, Board members Lee Head and David Blasi, with President Elect Moe Parker and Board member Judy Biddle via Go-To Meeting. Also present were Tina Head and King Ed and Queen Kathy Benner.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Jerry Kelly presented the August 4, 2021, meeting minutes. Motion to accept made, seconded and carried by voice vote. Minutes approved

IV. Committee Reports

- a) Treasurer report was made by Donald Cox noting that we currently have \$139,996.61 total checking and savings and that through August we stand at \$23,892.23 profit. Motion made (Lee Head) to accept report, seconded (David Blasi) and carried by voice vote. Report accepted and is attached to minutes.
- b) Jay reported on the Seafood Festival and that all is going well. The VIP vendors seem very enthusiastic. Paul Ortiz is handling the volunteer schedule and bar operations. Mo Parker is providing his trailer for transport. Wednesday night is load up. Thursday afternoon the barricades are to be set. Friday morning is the set up. Don Cox suggested that float captains solicit volunteers from their riders and that we need someone to contact the new members to help. Lee Head commented that only 2 tickets can be purchased on Event-Brite per session. Lee also inquired about a budget for this event. It was discussed that the vendor spots were sold for \$400 each (5 vendors) which provides the operating funds making it self-sustaining, as is the golf tournament.

- c) Den Maintenance: Don discussed the continuing roof leak issues and reported on a contractor estimate for sealing and coating the roof with a multi-year guarantee. Estimate was approximately \$24,000. We opened the discussion for other repair / replace options. Lee Head mentioned that there are companies that can re-screw the roof sheeting to repair the leaks. After further discussion Lee volunteered to try to find 1 to 3 appropriate contractors and have them give us estimates for the job. No one else wanted to take on this task and Lee was thanked for volunteering.
- d) Jay reported on the Draw Down scheduled for Oct.22, 2021 and being directed by Kurt and Heather Bergman. Plans are to make it more streamlined through computer technology automating the number eliminations and posting results on video monitor. Don Cox brought up that and appropriate electrical connection should be installed for the chandelier facilitating ease of removal and replacement. Lee pointed out that there is a live box convenient that can be used for wiring and switching.
- e) Steak night was discussed and the fact that RSVP instructions had not been included in e-blasts or newsletter. New e-blast will be sent out to clarify. The possible need for increasing steak night price was also discussed as meat prices continue to increase. Also, a den event is scheduled for the next day, therefore the den needs to be cleaned up and re-arranged that night.
- f) 25th anniversary celebration: Discussion lead by Judy Biddle. Judy reports working on the artwork with merchandising committee and with Ink Tracks. The board recognizes that the 25th anniversary committee is representing the Krewe to make our 25th celebration the best it can be. In that spirit the committee will have a say in artwork for pins, shirts, etc. Judy made clear that everyone is welcome on the committee. She has a Queens luncheon scheduled Sept. 24. A committee meeting on Sept. 17. Judy also presented the idea to also represent the charter members. Wants to make boards with Past Queens and Kings and a separate one for charter members. Discussion followed about Charter members who were not past King/Queen. Will consider this option. Judy requests a budget for the 25th anniversary float of \$1500 total for this year. Motion made, seconded and passed by voice vote. The next issue discussed was the ball. Because Kings and Queens typically spend out of their own pockets for decorations, Judy wants an additional \$3000 on top of the normal \$1500 for decorations for the ball. Options were discussed for helping to raise money to help cover this including donations, sponsorships, and fund-raising activities. Motion made by Judy and seconded by Mo to allow the ball decorations budget for the 25th year to be \$4500. Motion passed.

- g) Judy mentioned that for the 25th Anniversary all out of town events should be open for all Krewe members to attend.
- h) Judy reported that she had been approached wanting to know why Lee Head was able to arrange the float repairs without more input or opportunity for someone else to do it. It was made clear in the following discussions that Lee Head's actions were fully approved by the Board. Lee was the only one who volunteered to take this on. Further, Lee is making no money on this transaction. His employees are not involved. He simply arranged for a qualified welder to do the work and to be paid by the Board. Finally, no one is stopping anyone from providing proposals or estimates for work that needs to be done.
- i) Don Cox brought up another point concerning the artwork for the 25th year. He clarified to the board that the initial artwork presented was used to order medallion throw beads, which was surprising to most board members, as it had not been approved.
- j) Reception for the city employees was further discussed. Discussed the urgency of setting a date and details of a presentation. David and Jay will put together a script and will have Jace Smith narrate.

V. New business

- a) The Krewe of Macque has requested space to store 2 floats, 40 feet long. They requested storage for 2 months. The board approved and authorized Jay Rea to communicate with them.
- b) Float axles, tires and wheels have been delivered and work will begin soon.
- c) Apalachicola Festival arrangements were discussed. The status of the "royal" float questioned. With the approval of King Ed and Queen Kathy it was decided we should change to the 25th Anniversary theme now for this festival. Insurance coverage for the floats and towing vehicles was discussed and it was decided that our insurance agent should be consulted to make sure all coverage was appropriate and in place.
- d) Lee Head reported that Krewe Brothers was ready to transfer lots and property, but that title insurance was needed. Motion was made, seconded and passed to pay for title insurance for this transaction.

VI. Adjournment

Jay Rea adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm per motion by Lee and seconded by David.

Minutes submitted by: Jerry Kelly, Secretary

Minutes approved by: Board of Directors 10-06-21