

Texas Community College Speech and Theatre Association Fall Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 9th, 2021
Virtual Meeting - ZOOM Platform

Officers:

Greg McLarty - Wharton County Junior College - President
Debra Schultz – Houston Community College-NE – Treasurer
Eric C. Skiles – Lone Star College-Kingwood – Secretary & Webmaster
Brad Nies – Blinn College-Brenham – Historian

Attendees:

Karen King – Panola College, Carthage
Heather Morrill - Lee College

Represented by Proxy:

Jamie Hughes - Wharton County Junior College - President-Elect
Kevin Patrick – Blinn College-Brenham
Kalliope Vlahos – Lone Star College-Kingwood

Meeting called to order by McLarty at 10:04 am

I. Approval of Minutes from Spring Play Festival Meeting –

- a. No Minutes from Spring Play Festival Meeting were posted by Secretary
- b. **ACTION ITEM - Skiles will get minutes typed up & sent to Membership for Approval by November 1**

II. Treasurer’s Report –

- a. Status of Current Account – Balance on account is \$1891.76 (see screenshot below)
- b. All three expenditures from this past year cover website costs & online survey software
 - i. 11/20 charge was for GoDaddy website [2 yrs]
 - ii. 3/21 charge was for Survey Monkey gold account annual membership (Awards)
 - iii. 9/21 charge was for internet domains (.com/.net/.org) through GoDaddy [5 yrs]
- c. No funds came into the Organization this past year because 2021 Play Festival did not occur.
- d. No discussion to change “X” at this time – “X” = \$100
- e. All members agreed that once Dues/Membership/Play Festival fees come in, the Organization will be solvent even with upcoming Play Festival expenditures

III. Webmaster’s Report –

- a. Web domain names renewed 9/21 for 2 years (tccsta.com/tccsta.net/tccsta.org) - \$302.55
- b. **ACTION ITEM - All Members please send new show photos for Front Page of Website**

IV. Play Festival 2021 –

- a. There is agreement that the Organization will move ahead with a Face-2-Face Play Festival in 2022
- b. Blinn College-Brenham still has us “on the books” for February 23-26, 2022
- c. A quick survey of those attending this meeting indicate that Blinn-Brenham, Panola, Wharton, and Lee will all be able to bring shows. LSC-K & HCC are under “no student travel” rules - LSC-K will bring a show if that rule changes
- d. Both Skiles & Schultz will be able to attend Festival as officers
- e. King at Panola states that her students would like to bring a 2nd show - the constitution was consulted - it is agreed that Panola will be allowed to bring a 2nd show
- f. Nies suggested suspending the rules about double-casting and fees for both shows due to COVID and the small number of participating colleges. King indicated that they could pay (and need to pay) for both

shows to attend. One will be student-directed. All membership agreed to suspend the double-casting rule (Constitution, page 7, section F, #5) but keep awards rule in place (Constitution, page 7, section F, #4)

- g. Acting Directing Respondents:
 - i. Patrick Pearson - SHSU
 - ii. Cleo House - SFA
- h. Technical Respondents:
 - i. Kristina Hanssen - SHSU
 - ii. Philip Johnson - TAMU-CC
 - iii. Chuck Harris - Austin High
- i. **ACTION ITEM - Skiles will contact first on each list for interest**
- j. With smaller number of shows, respondents who are close, and needing fewer supplies, we should be solvent through this Play Festival
- k. With the small number of colleges attending, it was suggested that we remove either the earliest show or the latest show from the daily schedule. The majority of members agreed to remove the evening (10 pm performance)
- l. **ACTION ITEM - Skiles will work with Nies to establish the upcoming schedule**

V. Theatre Curriculum, Drama Field-of-Study, Pathways

- a. King asked about Pathways and how the Organization can share information/band together to help each college with the ever-changing landscape of Theatre curriculum
- b. Morrill indicated that some new laws will go into effect that could help us - Dual Credit students must make a degree selection after their first semester as Dual Credit student
- c. According to Morrill's information, UT-Arlington takes the most credits from 2-year colleges.
- d. McLarty asked that we all share our CORE/degree plans so we have a better understanding of how unique each college is, and see if there are any trends to be identified
- e. **ACTION ITEM - Skiles will create a folder in TCCSTA Dropbox to be shared with membership**
- f. **ACTION ITEM - Membership, please upload your CORE curriculum and your degree plans/pathways**

VI. Election of President-Elect (serves 9/21-9/22)

- a. Was not addressed at this meeting
- b. Will be addressed at the Spring Business Meeting held in conjunction with 2022 Play Festival

King moved to Adjourn, McLarty 2nd
Meeting Adjourned at 11:18 am

The gavel now passes from McLarty to Hughes

Screenshot of Treasurer's Report:

TCCSTA Treasurer's Report
Fall Business Meeting
October 9, 2021

Beginning Balance		2967.17
Transactions		
GoDaddy	383.50 (November 2020)	
Survey Monkey	409.34 (March 2021)	
GoDaddy	302.55 (October 2021)	
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	1095.59	-1095.59
Final Balance		1891.76