

**TCCSTA Fall Business Meeting
Minutes**

Nancy McVean called the meeting to order at 9:35am on September 12, 2009.

Present:

Eric Skiles, Lone Star College-Kingwood
Sherry Ryan White, Lone Star College-Tomball
Kirk Davidson, Howard College
John Corley, Houston Community College - Southwest
Clay Grizzle, Panola College
Nancy McVean, Weatherford College
Wade Hescht, Lone Star College-North Harris
Colly Patton, Lone Star College-Kingwood
Brad Nies, Blinn College
Joy Richmond, Trinity Valley Community College

Eric moves to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Sherri – We're slightly down. Everything is more expensive. Bill Doll hasn't cashed his check. Current balance is \$1728.69. Kirk moves, Brad seconds to accept report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Value of X: Sherri gave out new invoices and explained the categories. Remember that there is an "Early Fee" and a "Regular Fee." The value of X is 100 currently. Everyone agreed to leave X at 100. Eric moves, Kirk seconds. It passes unanimously.

Playfest: Colly sang "she give me money – when I'm in need... yeah she's a trifiln'... friend indeed.... Yeah, she's a goldigga... way over time... who digs on me.... I ain't saying she's a gold digga... but she ain't messing with no broke broke..." Everyone scolded Colly. Last year's Playfest was fabulous. Nancy is awesome. No problems.

State Forensics Meet: Fall was lked. The tournament had to be cancelled because San Jacinto College was under water and the rest of the participating schools were recovering. Spring State Meet was awesome. It hosted by M'Liss Hindman (Tyler Junior College) at the Tarrant County Community College Northeast Campus (where Lisa Benedetti is the coach).

Liason between TETA and TCCSTA – Sherri – Go to TETA. Brad and Sherri say to go, it's going to be fabulous. It will be at the Dallas Hyatt Reunion Tower the first week of Spring semester. Brad is CAPS chair – talk to him if you want more info about joining. Sherri is Vice President, so she knows a lot too.

KC-ACTF: It was discussed last night. Join if you can. Brad is this year's advocate – he's going win it. Eric will be going too. TVCC will be there. A discussion of new ACTF rules ensued, with some confusion. Everyone should go to the KC-ACTF website to find out accurate info.

NEW BUSINESS:

Speech Proposal (Amendment #1): Wade introduced the motion to eliminate the Forensics tournaments. Colly and Wade explained the rationale of the change Friday night. Sherri wants to continue a friendly relationship and encourage each other to attend the other side's events. She encouraged TCCFA (the new Texas Community College Forensics Association) to consider TCCSTA a sister organization (with no financial ties). We should continue to keep Forensics tournaments away from Playfest on the calendar. Wade indicated that we will keep the TCCFA State tournament the same weekend that the TCCSTA State Speech Meet has always been. Wade made Sherri cry. Discussion of alternatives ensued. The bottom line is that many of the Forensics people want to have a separate organization. Wade explained that M'Liss is very sad to see this happen, but that she agrees that this has been coming a long time. Kirk seconded the motion. Nine votes aye. One vote nay (Sherri).

Playfest (2009-2010): From last Playfest: location was voted upon (Blinn College). Brad has a list of respondents and will move forward on them. Anyone who wants to send other respondent ideas can send them to Brad. Nancy mentioned some non-educator possibilities for respondents. If there is a need, she can help come up with more names. Date was decided upon (Feb. 24-27) at last Playfest. Joy (TVCC) will run Honor Crew. Kali will email Joy to tell her what to expect. Brad will check the inventory for awards and will be in touch with Sherri about ordering more if needed.

Outreach: A "hit list" was generated. Eric proposed that we get a complete list of theatre programs in Texas so that a reminder email can be sent out. TETA may have a college directory, or UIL may have one. Eric says he'll take care of it. Kali will help. Clay will jump in. Brad and Joy will also be on the Outreach committee. Joy wants to make an Excel spreadsheet and that scares many of us, but we encourage it. Brad will prepare warm fuzzy letters. Joy will prepare a mailing list. The new Secretary will send out the letters.

Founder's Award: Sherri says "quit batting it around." It should be implemented immediately. The question of whether this is a student award or a faculty award was raised. The general idea was that it should go to a faculty member. Brad suggests that we give it to Ray Carr this year. Clay says that we should give it to people who have significantly contributed to theatre. The award winner could very well be someone who is retired. Sherri suggested John Wright. Eric wants it to be the Founder's Circle. Nancy asked about Liz. Brad mentioned Dr. Bobbie Dietrich. Several people mentioned Joe Kaough. Sherri said that for the first year, we could give more than one. Eric wants criteria to be established. Wade said that there should be a list at every Playfest in the program. Sherri proposed a committee be formed. Colly pointed out a concern about a lack of forward motion. Sherri wants to know how many people would be in the Founder's Circle this year. Brad had a concern that, if we give a large list we'd run out of people. Colly proposed that an initial "Founder's Circle" of a bunch of folks (a dozen or so) be created – living or posthumous. Then, in the next year, criteria could be created for future people to be inducted. The Founders Circle would be presented at Playfest. Eric wants this mentioned/presented at the TETA awards dinner. Colly moved that the "Founders Circle" be presented at this year's Playfest. A committee of Sherri Ryan White and Brad Nies (co chairs) was established. Ray Carr, Ray Williams, Bobbi Dietrich, Joe Kaough, Nancy Keaton, Jerry Long, Bill Morton and others will be considered. In the

future, this organization will vote annually if they want to induct anyone else into the circle. The committee will decide upon the parameters for future inductees. Eric seconded. It unanimously passed.

Website: It's fabulous. Send Eric pictures. It will now need amending because of the speech change.

Sherri says, "Hey Brad, remember last time we were at your house and someone took pictures of everything." Several immature members giggled.

Constitution Revision: Colly will incorporate the new amendments into the Constitution. It will posted on the website soon.

Archivist: Brad will get the trunk unloaded soon. It's like a big black trunk. And there's junk in the trunk.

Invoice for Membership: was passed out. Sherri will correct the invoice to delete forensics. The invoice will be posted to the website and emailed to everybody.

Nancy asked the photographer if he could get us all at the table. Several immature members giggled... again.

Amendment #2: Separation of Secretary and Treasurer. Colly moves. Joy seconded. It passed unanimously.

John said, "In five years, the Constitution will be in Crayon on the back of a playbill."

Election of Officers: Treasurer serves two more years. Sherri has served one year of her three year term. Eric pointed out that the organization only writes eight checks per year.

Secretary: Colly respectfully resigns. Nancy nominates Eric. Eric was appointed by acclamation. He will fulfill the remainder of Colly's term for one more year.

President-Elect: Joy Richmond was nominated for President-Elect. Eric moved that she be elected by acclamation. Clay seconded. The motion passed.

Meeting Date for Next Year : Eric proposed an earlier date. After discussion, Joy announced that the meeting will be September 10-11, 2010 at TVCC. There will be Friday Frivolity followed by a Saturday morning meeting. Joy said that she will have fabulous beverages and dinner on Friday night (perhaps at the vineyard) as well as a delightful continental breakfast on Saturday.

Announcements: Take a cupcake.

Meeting was Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Collier Patton