

Texas Community College Speech and Theatre Association Spring Business Meeting Minutes Friday, March 2, 2013 Lone Star College-Tomball – Tomball, Texas

Lunch was provided by LSC-T – many thanks to Sherri Ryan for providing a lovely meal.

Guests at Lunch included:

Lee Ann Nutt, Vice-President of Instruction

Jill Riethmayer, Dean

June Becker, VPI Admin (retired)

Meeting called to order by Sam Smith, President @ 12:11 pm

In attendance:

Officers:

Sam Smith – Wharton County Junior College – President

Clay Grizzle – Panola College – President-Elect

Eric C. Skiles – Lone Star College-Kingwood – Secretary & Web-Master

Sherri Ryan White – Lone Star College-Tomball – Treasurer & Play Festival Host

Bradley Nies – Blinn College-Archivist

Attendees:

Gary Cooper, Theatre/Facilities Manager – Lone Star College-Tomball

John Corley – Houston Community College-SW

Kirk Davidson – Howard College

Damon Gengo – Lamar State College-Port Arthur

Greg McLarty – Wharton County Junior College

Nancy McVean – Weatherford Junior College

Not in Attendance, but Represented:

Kevin Patrick – Blinn College

Debra Schultz – Houston Community College-NE

Kalliope Vlahos – Lone Star College-Kingwood

I. Special thanks extended to Sherri & Gary for hosting a SUPER Play Festival in their new space.

II. Minutes from Fall Business meeting were discussed. All agreed that the bi-monthly updates from the Secretary were handy.

- ACTION ITEM - Eric will continue sending out bi-monthly reminders.

III. No Treasurer's Report was ready for presentation. Eric reminded all present that the Secretary and Treasurer's position are 3-year terms and will correct website accordingly. It was noted that LSC-Tomball (Play Festival Host) still needed to pay Membership Dues & Play Festival fees for 2013.

- ACTION ITEM - Sherri will provide a Treasurer's report once Play Festival has concluded.

IV. Brad provided an update about Founders Awards for 2013. Bobbie Dietrich's award will be accepted by family. Jerry Long's award will be announced – neither of Jerry's sons were available to accept the award. John Wright's award will be announced – no one was ever able to establish contact with John.

OLD BUSINESS:

V. Future Dates/Locations for Play Festival. Angelo State is un-able to host Play Festival 2014 due to scheduling conflicts with KC-ACTF. They offered a date during their Spring Break. The general consensus is to keep our date, and not try to hold Play Festival during Spring Break.

Tarleton State was suggested as an alternative. If Tarleton is not available, the Blinn is happy to host again.

- ACTION ITEM - Nancy McVean will contact Tarleton State about hosting Play Festival 2014 on February 26-Mar 1, 2014.
- Lone Star College-Kingwood is still set to host Play Festival 2015 on Feb 25-Feb 28, 2015. Perhaps the dates should be shifted to Mar 4-Mar 7, 2013?

Future venues could include Howard College in Big Spring. Kirk states that his Black Box theatre holds 100 to 120. That should be large enough to seat all participants. There might be a need to bring smaller shows to fit into the space.

Clay would like to see some kind of written evaluation for tenure/job assessment purposes. This was discussed at length. The membership decided to ask the Secretary to provide a written letter to each participating school that listed their awards, a certification of their performance time at the Play Festival, and the bios of the respondents to help legitimize the process.

- ACTION ITEM – Eric will begin work on a letter of participation from the organization.

VI. John Corley will continue to work in updating the Tech Awards Protocols for the Constitution. Committee still stands John, Kali, Kevin, and Greg.

NEW BUSINESS:

VII. Election of VP (Play Festival Host/Liaison) for 2013-2014. Nancy McVean volunteered, since she is close to Tarleton.

- Eric moved to accept by acclamation. Sherri seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. Brad updated the membership on the awards that would be submitted to TETA for the 2014 conference in Dallas. Clay Grizzle would be sent forward as our nominee for College Educator of the Year. Sheleigh Carmichael would be sent forward for the Emeritus Award.

IX. Fall Business meeting will be held at Panola College, Carthage, TX – most guests will stay at the Carthage Holiday Inn Express – dates of the meeting are September 6 & 7, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 1:13 pm.

- Eric moved. Damon seconded. Motion carried. All went back to Play Festival.