

**Territory Tellers Board Meeting  
July 9, 2016  
Territory Museum, Guthrie**

**Call to order:** 1:30 pm

**Members present:** Cynthia Calloway, Anita Baker, Paulette Geeslin, Tony Hardman, Andrea Post, Sheron Rodgers, Stephanie Scott, Kathryn Thurman, Teresa Vail and Tina Saner.

**Regrets:** Shaun Perkins

President Calloway asked Tina Saner to take note in absence of a filled secretary position on the board.

**Parliamentarian Report:** Tutorial session on procedures was presented by Kathryn Thurman. The importance of each board member to be familiar with the bylaws and their duties was stressed. President Calloway had sent an electronic copy of bylaws to board members along with today's agenda. Bylaws are also housed on the website for access by any member. It was stressed that we need to know where we have been before we can decide where we want to go and that we need to keep our target audience in mind when developing future programs. A brief discussion and clarification of bylaw items followed.

**Approval of Minutes** from last board meeting: *Motion by Saner to table approval until next meeting as no copies were available for members to review at meeting; second by Rodgers; passed.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Paulette Geeslin passed out two packets of information. One packet contained the overall Territory Teller's current financial status (activity from Jun1 - June 30, 2016, 2016-2017 TT budget and a request for Payment/reimbursement for Expenses.

Beginning balance:	\$3,688.45
Total deposits:	+2,359.48
PayPal balance:	+210.40
Total expenses:	-3,113.92
<u>Outstanding checks:</u>	<u>-458.00</u>
Ending balance:	\$2,686.41

*Motion to accept the TT budget report by Hardman; second by Rodgers; passed.*

The second packet consisted of a detailed report of the 2016 Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival budget. There was some discussion and clarification on both packets.

	Actual	Budget
Revenue total:	\$6,437.00	8,200.00
Expense total:	\$7,872.40	8,200.00

***Motion to accept the Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival closeout figures by Vail; second by Baker; passed.***

**Festival Closeout Report:** Anita Baker presented a written report and provided an oral synopsis of its contents. Kudos go out to President Calloway for her many trips to Guthrie to build ties and support by the community. Baker requested individual reports from session leaders; those she received were included in her written report (a copy has been scanned and will be included in the email of the minutes to board members).

Overall we need better communication and exposure for future festivals. Participation by the community and TT members was lower than what was expected and planned for in 2016.

Recommendations for the future include:

- Better advertising, use of PSAs and social media
- A cozier site
- Making daytime events free
- Adjusting timing of some of the events
- Utilizing a better sound system
- Conducting the General Membership Meeting separately from a meal

***Motion to accept the Festival Outcome Report and Recommendations by Post; second by Hardman; passed.***

**Ratification of Appointed Positions:** President Calloway requested that the board ratify the following appointed positions: State Liaison Director and Webmaster: Shaun Perkins; Parliamentarian: Kathryn Thurman; Territory Tatter Editor: Tina Saner. ***Motion to ratify the appointment of positions by Hardman; second by Baker; passed.***

President Calloway presented the name of Lorelee Cooley to fill the NSN Representative position on the board. ***Motion by Hardman to invite Lorelee Cooley to the board as NSN Representative; second by Rodgers.*** Discussion followed regarding the position. The NSN Representative as outlined in the bylaws is only to be filled by someone who is a member in good standing with NSN. Its purpose is to help keep the board updated with current information regarding NSN. While it has been historically offered to the Oklahoma NSN State Liaison, it is a separate and distinct position. ***Motion brought to a vote; passed.***

**Nominations for Open Board Positions:** ***Motion by Baker to set aside the rules and accept Paulette Geeslin as Treasurer under the emergency exception clause; second by Hardman; passed.***

President Calloway brought forth the name of Stephanie Scott of Ada as an interested member to fill the Secretary opening. ***Motion by Hardman to accept Scott as Secretary; second by Rodgers; passed.***

Kudos were offered to both Paulette and Stephanie for their willingness to serve the membership.

President Calloway stated that Ron Brooks from OSU has expressed some interest in one of the vacant director positions. She also has names of two local Guthrie tellers. She will contact them and report back at the next board meeting.

**Old Business :**

**Nomination on future of SOOSF; *Motion by Hardman to table decision to the next regularly scheduled board meeting; second by Vail; passed.***

***Motion by Saner to continue our membership with the Oklahoma City Arts Council for the next year; second by Hardman; passed.***

**President Calloway appointed entire board to sit on the Festival Steering Committee.**  
Discussion was to set a meeting in advance to the next regularly scheduled board meeting so that a decision on it's fate can be made at that time.

**New Business:**

Suggestion by Tony Hardman to not schedule a concert after the next board meeting. We did not have enough time to adequately cover the entire agenda today and have a concert at 3 pm as scheduled.

Hardman asks that the board entertain the idea of proposing a bylaws change to make the treasurer position an appointed position rather than an elected one. Proposal to be added to the next agenda.

Sharon Rodgers has been asked to work with the State Parks Department for our Winter retreat. The majority of the board members present liked the idea having the retreat in January. Sharon will report back at the next meeting the availability of a park with an on-site restaurant.

**Grants:** President Calloway stated that Valerie Kimble has offered to assist in grant writing if it can be done in the next several months. Tony Hardman also offered to assist with grants if needed as he has grant writing experience.

**October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting:** President Calloway will contact Connie and Barbara Fisher to see if we can have the meeting in Sand Springs.

***Motion to adjourn by Rodgers; seconded by Geeslin.*** Adjourned at 4:35 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Tina Saner*