

Territory Tellers Board Meeting
Saturday, July 21, 2018
Eastlake Cumberland Presbyterian Church
700 SW 134th Street, Oklahoma City, OK

- I. Call to order: 10:10 am by President Bonnie Smith
Members present: Bonnie Smith, Liz Parker, Tony Hardman, Barbara Jones, Paulette Geeslin, Sheron Rodgers, Tina Saner
Members excused: Rosemary & Richard Czarski, Letty Watts
- II. Review of Agenda: Storage Unit was added to New Business
- III. Approval of minutes: Motion to accept Minutes as presented by Saner; Seconded by Parker; passed.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Geeslin. Balance as of 7-21-2018 \$5,654.23
Motion to accept Report as presented by Saner; Seconded by Jones; passed.
- V. Regular Reports
 - A. Liaison/Web Master: no formal report provided
 - B. Tattler: Saner. The current issue of the Tattler is waiting on several promised submissions. The deadline for the next issue is the first of October so Tellabration™ information can be provided to members.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Review of 2018 Festival: led by Parker. Discussions for changes next year:
Allow more time for visiting - possibly extending the lunch period to allow for this.
How do we get our own members to support and attend in 2019.
Look at June 7-8, 2019 to see if the site is available.
Reception - is it really needed? Few stayed this past year. Consensus was not to have one in 2019.
Have Ghost Tales in a classroom and use a portable microphone system.
General Membership Meeting in a classroom.
Like having meals provided by congregation. Could there also be a light, simple meal on Saturday night? Geeslin will check to see if the congregation would be agreeable.
Have something on the Hospitality table for participants to munch on during the day.
Have a children's session - we have tried this in the past with little audience draw. Look into telling stories at the local library right before SOOSF and hand out festival information.
Advertising - suggestion to advertise in places more storytellers would see. Keep in mind our non-existent budget for advertising.
 - B. Winter Retreat: Rodgers. January 25-27, 2019. In negotiations with Sequoyah State Park for room rates. Need to put in teaser in this issue of the Tattler.
 - C. Liaison/Web Page: Parker. With the growing rate of technology changes it is critical that we keep an internet presence. To that end we need to consider bylaw changes to allow a monetary reimbursement for the position of web master. President appoints Parker to work with Kathryn Thurman and Chester Weems to research concept and propose bylaw change.
- VII. New Business
 - A. Tellabration™: November 17, 2018. President charged board members to consider sites.
 - B. 2019 Festival: June 7-8, 2019 for the tentative date. Keep the current location as the congregation is extremely cooperative with the organization.

C. Membership recruitment: Parker. Maybe focus on the newly retired for new members. Oklahoma Retired Teachers Association and the Farm Bureau were two places brought up. Present appointed Jones to research places to focus outreach and bring in others to assist as needed.

D. Storage Unit: Motion to keep storage unit one more year by Parker; Seconded by Jones; passed.

VIII. Board meetings: Discussion of venues for 2018/19 board meetings

October 20, 2018, President to check with Lorie Carmichael to see if we could go to the Sulphur/Ada area

January 26, 2019, at the Winter Retreat

March 16, 2019, TBA

May 4, 2019, Eastlake Cumberland Presbyterian Church

IX. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 12:20 pm by Parker; Seconded by Rodgers; passed.

Submitted by Tina Saner