

Territory Tellers  
 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes  
 East Lake Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City OK  
 Jun 8, 2018

**Board Members Present:** Rosemary Czarski, Paulette Geeslin, Tony Hardman, Barbara Jones, Liz Parker, Sheron Rodgers, Tina Saner, Bonnie Smith, Kathryn Thurman, David Titus, and Teresa Vail.

**Board Members Absent:** Lorie Carmichael, Richard Czarski, Shaun Perkins, and Letty Watt.

**Members and guests present**Phyllis Carr, Barbara Fisher, Connie Fisher, Jeanette Harjo, Pat Kardaleff, Steve Kardaleff, Nancy Matthews, Fred Peters, Fran Stallings, Scott Saner, Eddie Wilcoxon, and Joan Wilcoxon.

**Welcome and Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4.35 P.M. Bonnie Smith was presiding.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The June 2, 2018 minutes were amended to show Jaye McLaughlin present.

**Motion: To accept the 2 June 2018 TT Annual Meeting Minutes as amended.**

Moved by **David Titus**      Second by **Tina Saner**                      **Passed**

**Treasurer's report:** Paulette Geeslin reported the following.

Activity from May 1 to May 31, 2019

Beginning Balance:		\$5227.68
<u>Deposits</u>		<u>\$1575.00</u>
		\$6802.68
<u>Expenses</u>		
Flyers	\$ 74.11	
Festival Rental of Building	\$300.00	<u>-\$ 374.11</u>
Balance		\$6428.57
Pay Pal Balance		<u>\$ 139.34</u>
Total Balance		\$6567.91

**Approval of 2019-2020 budget**(based on the 2018-19 budget)

**Revenue**

22 family memberships @ \$40.00		\$ 880.00
53 single memberships @ \$25.00		<u>\$1325.00</u>
		\$2205.00

**Expenses**

Storage		\$ 365.00
OKC Arts Council		\$ 35.00
Tejas Membership		\$ 75.00
NSN Membership		\$ 85.00
Newsletter		\$ 745.00

Brochures/Flyers	\$ 300.00
Winter Retreat	\$ 100.00
Promotional Items	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$2205.00

**Motion: To accept the 2018-19 budget numbers for the 2019-20 budget and have the board amend as needed.**

Moved by **Steve Kardaleff**

Seconded by **Tony Hardman**

**Passed**

### **Reports**

**Tattler:** The deadline for the next Tattler is June 30. Members were asked to write articles on the festival and book reviews on materials that have been useful to them.

**Liaison and Web Page:** Shaun has been timely about forwarding requests to the group members. Liz Parker and others are working with the Senior Wellness Centers in Oklahoma City as a result of one inquiry.

**NSN Liaison:** Fran Stallings reported on events happening this summer in storytelling in the region and at NSN. The NSN Conference this year will be in California at the end of July. Chester Weems is the NSN Liaison for Oklahoma. Members are urged to let him know happenings so he can report them to NSN.

### **Old Business**

**Tellabration:** It will be held by most on the Friday night or Saturday before Thanksgiving. If one is planning to host an event let Tina and Shaun know. It is important to contact NSN if hosting an event and give them recognition in all information as they are the owners of the concept.

**2020 Festival:** There was a discussion about the pros and cons in canceling the event. Topics included: There are not a lot of storytellers and the general public coming; having a summer retreat might work or the heat would be detracting; moving it might mean death to the event but might help represent storytelling all over the state; just have evening stories and not have daytime programming or have a 1 day only event; market to other storytelling venues and other artistic endeavors with ads in their programs; Currently conceived as mostly a chance for members to tell with the general public welcome which the website says is the purpose of event but is that the only purpose; while national tellers may be a draw, there is no money to pull in these tellers; sometimes featured tellers bring people with them enlarging the pool of listeners. Members are asked to email the board with suggestions,

**Action: That the board set up a festival committee and forward all input to this committee. This committee would establish and present to the current board criteria and ways and means for the festival. It is important to have people with strong opinions pro and con be invited to serve on this committee.**

**Winter Retreat:** The Sequoyah State Park Lodge retreat was very successful. The Chicken Festival will be January 24-25, 2020 so all effort should be made to avoid that date in 2020.

**Election of Officers:** The slate of proposed officers is Liz Parker as President, Paulette Geeslin as Vice President, Sheron Rodgers as Secretary, Rosemary Czarski as treasurer, Bonnie Smith as immediate past president, board members will be Tony Hardman, Barbara Jones, David Titus, Teresa Vail, Kim Wenzel, and Eddie Wilcoxon.

**Motion: That the slate of officers and elected board members be accepted as presented.**

Moved by **Fred Peters**

Seconded by **Jeannette Harjo**

**Passed**

**Comments**

Mention was made of the need to send thank you cards to guest presenters.

Condolences to Lorie Carmichael in the death of her husband.

An e-mail should be sent out to members to let them know who the board for 2019-2020 are.

**Adjournment**

**Motion: That the meeting be adjourned:**

Moved by **Tony Hardman**

Seconded by **Fred Peters**

**Passed**