



24TX NENA Monthly TEAMS Board Meeting March 07, 2024, 10:00am

- I. Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Pamela Frisk. A quorum was present.
 - Members present: Pamela Frisk, Toni Dunne, Kelle Hall, JaCorey Glaude, Lisa Aguilar, Ray Pheris, Melanie Gutierrez, Troy Cayton, and Rosemary Contreras
 - Members absent: Shinar Haynes, Mike Aurora, Scott Matthews, Leticia Truex, and Cindy McCraw.
- II. Troy Cayton made a motion to approve the minutes from the in person meeting held in Denton on 2/8/24. Motion was seconded by Lisa Aguilar. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Rosemary Contreras gave the treasurer's report. Account balances as follows:
 - Main checking account \$70,004.23
 - TERT checking account \$7,525.66
 - CD #1736.00 - \$62,623.43
 - CD #1697 - \$20,667.22

CD #1736 is due for renewal this month (March, 2024). Rosemary has done some research and stated the current CD rate is 4.22%. Lisa Aguilar made a motion to approve renewing the CD at that percentage, and it was seconded by Troy Cayton. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. President Pamela Frisk reported on several items:

- She discussed doing something for the PSAP's centers who have been so gravely affected by the fires in the Panhandle region. She stated that Kelle Hall is going to Amarillo on March 23 to conduct Let's Dish! classes and has offered to drop items off on behalf of NENA to each of the centers. One idea was to give them the remaining TX NENA throws that are at Cindy McCraw's residence, with a note for each employee. Kelle Hall stated she would attempt to get those from Cindy this weekend so she could count them to determine if we have enough. There are approximately 50 TC's involved.
- She also discussed the TX NENA policies she recently discovered and stated they are very outdated, and she would like to divvy them out to the board members for revision. Toni Dunne gave a historical overview regarding them. She stated that the policies are how we operate, and our bylaws govern the way we do business.
- Pamela discussed the general meeting, which is scheduled for April 22nd during the state conference in Denton. She will create a slide show to be shown during the meeting. Each board member is expected to present information regarding their committee during the slide show.
- Board members have been assigned an award to give during the awards luncheon at the conference in April. In addition to our main awards, the Silent Heroes will also be announced, and they will receive a certificate and a coin. The cost of the coins will be approximately \$150. Those not in attendance will receive it by mail. Due to the cost being less than \$250, the president has the discretion to spend the money without a motion by the board.

V. Vice President Ray Pheris reported that the bylaw revisions are open for voting. It's also up on the FB page for discussion. The question of voting for candidates was raised – Ray stated that per our bylaws, the ballot must be posted 40 days prior to the meeting. Ray stated we are 47 days away from the meeting, so we have time. Pamela stated she will follow up with Immediate Past President Cindy McCraw to check on the status of our election.

VI. The following committee reports were given:

▪ Standing Committee Reports:

- Pamela stated the Audit Committee members have been selected. They are Robbyn Hart, Mayra Mathis and Karen Zavala
- There was no report regarding Past Presidents Alumni (PPA) Committee as Cindy was not present.
- Toni Dunne reported that the CCAM's are working on targeting vendors for the conference who are not currently registered.
- Lisa Aguilar gave reports about other associations around the state. She reported that TNT is meeting at the conference on April 21st from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and they have some proposed bylaw changes that will be voted on at the meeting. The PETs meeting is April 21st, 1:30 – 4:30 at conference. She had no report from TCOLE or any other committees. Kelle brought up the recent legislation (SB 496) that requires TCOLE, in consultation with TEEX, to conduct a study on how 9-1-1 call takers are trained to identify, classify, and communicate information. TEEX has emailed individuals about participation. Both Pam and Kelle have been included and will be joining this initiative.

- Pamela shared that Chelsi Godwin, who applied for a scholarship requiring membership, was not a current member. In speaking with Chelsi, she told Pamela that she planned to join. Pamela told her we would circle back to her request when she had become a member.
- No update from the communication committee as neither was present.
- Ray Pheris, when reporting on the Membership Committee, stated that there was a discrepancy on our membership roster. One received from NENA has 1,262 members listed. In another one, within a few days, it listed our member at 1,451. Pamela said she would contact Bree Robinson at NENA to determine the correct number.
- There was no report from the Historical Committee.
- There was no report from the Nominating Committee. Pamela stated she will check in with Cindy McCraw to determine its status.
- Kelle Hall briefly discussed the Compassion Committee and reiterated that they will be visited while in the Panhandle and gifted with something from Texas NENA.
- Toni Dunne gave a report on the Legislative Committee. She stated that initially, TX APCO was going to join in with TX NENA to do a joint webinar to educate our membership about what a grassroots effort looks like. We are hoping to engage members for the 2025 9-1-1 goes to Austin, but APCO is not interested in doing that. So, it will be up to TX NENA to build it, and it will be held on our website. Since 2025 is a legislative year, Toni is investigating a location to host. She will report back as she obtains information. Pamela said when people tell her they want to get

involved, she will send them to Toni for help with 9-1-1 Goes to Austin. Troy Cayton, Pamela Frisk, and Kelle Hall also volunteered to help.

- Troy Cayton reported that the TERT Committee has had requests from four (possibly five) agencies for assistance during the upcoming solar eclipse the state is going to experience. He stated that state TERT Coordinator Jason Smith had sent an email out to TERT members asking for people to volunteer to help with coverage. This is strictly voluntary and no reimbursements will be given. Some agencies asked for coverage up to five days.
- The following Special Committees reports were given:
 - Troy Cayton stated that Tracy Eldridge of On Scene First is starting her ENP study group webinar tomorrow. Kelle Hall told him to send the info about it and she will do a mass email to the TX NENA membership with information about it. Pamela reminded us that scholarship recipient Ayanna Hingle is supposed to test on 4/6/2024.
 - Kelle Hall reported on conference planning and stated that it is going slowly but coming along. We are currently at \$165,000 in sponsorships. Tish is ordering sponsorship items this week. Also discussed was the lip sync battle. Tish is working on putting the vision together for us to practice.
 - Lisa Aguilar is the chairperson for the Fall Training Symposium, and she has been obtaining quotes for venues. She got a quote from one in Midland for \$5600, with availability between Sept 28 – Oct 3. Ray Pheris is obtaining a quote from venues in the Bryan/College Station area.

- Melanie Gutierrez reported on the TX NENA Border Coalition. She stated they met with Mexico NENA and they are sending two VIP's to our conference. Pamela reminded her to put together ideas for the meeting, which will be held on April 21st during the conference.

VII. For old business, JaCorey Glaude asked Pamela if she had spoken with TX APCO about sharing the cost to digitize our archived data and photos from years past. She has not but stated she will reach out to them.

VIII. There was no new business.

IX. A motion to adjourn was made by Troy Cayton, and it was seconded by Rosemary Contreras. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.