

Krewe of Andres de Pez  
Meeting Agenda for  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

General Assembly due to Sign Petition  
Location: Krewe Barn 719 South N Street Pensacola Florida

**1. Call to Order** - The meeting will be called to order at 6:05 pm

**Introduction:** President Bill Torrence- This is an official meeting; we have over 30 members present for a quorum. There will be a general membership meeting in November, we do these special meetings from time to time when situations arrive when we need them. There is a group of kreweman that are putting together something for years 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Before we go JC will read a section of the by-laws that pertain to this meeting.

6:06 pm JC Alboniga- Article 6 Section 2: Special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors as needed. Special meetings must be called by the Board upon the receipt of a petition signed by 20 members in good standing. A simple majority of the membership present (50% + 1) at any special meeting is necessary to approve any action placed before the membership, provided a minimum of 30 Krewe members in good standing are present. Only those items of business set forth in the notice of the special meeting shall be discussed or acted upon at such meeting.

**2. 6:08 pm -President Elect Report (Terry Abbott & Eddie Murray)**

- a) 20-year Ball and events presentation: See power point presentation.
- Terry Abbott with introductions, Eddie Murray advised that there will still be budgets in place for next year's events for example roll call. What we are asking from you guys is tonight is to approve money on top of that, so we are completely transparent that it's a surplus. Terry stated we have our standard budget and we are just asking for a little more. Terry continued with presentation, Venue Change: Eddie stated that we are out growing the museum of commerce; this could be a kick-off to continue doing it at the DeLuna Winery. Terry- special note, previous members of the krewe minimum 3 years will be invited to the 20<sup>th</sup> as a paying member of the event with a guest, which allows the krewe to re-coop some of the expenses. Eddie- stated the McGuire's run event will not have members throwing beads. Rick Simpson asked if we will be at the same water station. Todd Weston responded yes. Ed Spears asked Terry Abbott if we will have insurance for that event, Terry stated yes. Todd Weston chimed in on the bowling event that the krewe will have 4 teams paid for by sponsor; any additional teams must be paid for by those individuals. Chris McIntosh asked how the teams are picked; Todd Weston stated we have not gotten that far. Dave Larsen asked if spectators are allowed Todd Weston stated spectators are welcome and can purchase a wrist band to drink. Board Retreat 2020, parade and Eddie Murray stated that the meeting will be done either before or after. Dave Larsen asked if the float will go, Terry Abbott answered it's a walking parade, no floats. Masquerade Ball, Todd Weston stated krewe members and guest are free. Budget Review- Aaron Edwards asked if the monies for the 2020 board retreat is extra or budgeted, Eddie Murray explained it's budgeted with a small surplus.**6:18 pm Justin Spence motioned to approve the budget just presented.** Dave Larsen asked if the budget for the ball is including all monies for the band. Eddie stated yes. Jonathan Warren asked is the ball \$17,000 Eddie stated yes. Brad Wartman asked, are you asking members to approve a budget which includes a band you already paid half of their fees? He reiterated and said, the board has already approved but are you asking the members to approve this after the fact? Eddie stated we sent them half the money and it falls for next year's budget. Terry Abbott stated he believes it is refundable. Terry stated he understands the frustration how it was handled, our Mardis Gras area has become very popular, so getting marquee bands is very difficult. We can go get your average bachelorette party band or wedding crap band any day of the week, but we are getting a headliner which is very difficult. Eddie stated we needed to book them a year in advance. Bag of Donuts band only had that available date.

Brad stated that it is fine but instead of presenting it as we need an approval, it should have been stated as we did this already. You're not asking the members approval you just decided. Someone else stated it's refundable, and then someone else stated it is now. Ryan Thomas confirmed the band is not refundable. Dave Larsen asked how much ball was last years, Eddie stated \$14,000, Dave commented are we asking for \$22,000 including the band. Todd Weston stated yes. Ed Spears asked if any of this will increase dues, Eddie stated no. Ed Spears asked how we are paying for this, (many conversations happening could not get clear answer) Happy Hour Budget- Eddie stated that we are taking the \$1900 out of the \$2500 happy hour budget to cover costs. We still need money to cover October, November and December this year. Bill Torrence stated we have enough money in the bank, without touching reserves, and if we stay to year over spend and add this 2020 ball proposal, we will have plenty of money to cover it all. We have \$40,000 surplus not including \$25,000 in reserve. Jonathan Warren asked do we have \$40 to \$50,000 at the end of this fiscal year, Bill said \$55-\$60,000 which includes \$25,000 in reserves. Greg Micklos asked are we adding members to this year's base to help cover, Bill stated we carry 220 -235 and we are comfortable there. We don't have a concern with membership going to 245, but 250 is the absolute max. Ryan Thomas discussed Halloween party, the krewe members would come to this, but in recent years guys don't come. Let's spend the money to entice more to come.

**6:28 pm Discussion end Harry Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, Bill Torrence ask all in favor, only 3 opposed, Budget Approved.** Ed Spears stated he will volunteer to pay for the new sails in the budget. Ryan Thomas asked if we can open the ball up to everybody, all said no. Eddie Murray stated that there will be a committee formed to help implement all that has been approved in the proposal.

### **3. President's Report (Bill Torrence) 6:30 pm**

- a. Vision Committee – Bill Torrence introduced Beej Davis presents the vision committee results. See power point presentation. Todd Weston asked if we have the data on the longevity of the krewe members that voted 60% to wanting to fix the house. Bill Torrence stated no. Jonathan Warren asked if the krewe can see the results, Beej stated not at this moment, Survey Monkey does not have the ability to share results unless you login. Can't give the credentials to the krewe. Unknown asked how many participated in the survey, Beej stated 136.
- b. Bill Torrence -**6:41 pm** At the general membership the vision committee was asked to collect this information and to present it to the board. 40 % wanted a complete re-had on the house, 20% wanted at least the exterior re-done, and about 4% of the remaining 10% were not opposed to doing something to the house, that's 64% in favor. The vision committee presented to the board; the board stated they wanted to see the house. The board came out to the house during one of the board meetings and looked at it and approved a budget. Then we had a budget prepared by a krewman and we started some work, A petition was signed to request information on the proposal by the krewman, the budget created by the board and the vision committees results. What the board was trying to do is confirm the budget prior to this meeting, right now speaking on behalf the board, and after speaking with majority, the board currently does not feel comfortable going forward due to contradictions within estimates. This is the board's recommendation, to continue to put the project on hold. The board feels that something needs to be done, considering all the development in the area. We are on borrowed time before code enforcement pays a visit. **6:45 pm Harry Walker made motion to continue investigation until further notice.** Bill stated to hold the motion until he finished. The vision a decade ago with the new roof was to eventually continue to have a house for place for all the merchandise, large bathroom to accommodate men and woman to private bathroom during events at the barn. Phase 1 was to get the house ready, Phase 2 a year or so later would be adding outside deck, increase the kitchen for grilling. This would allow the krewe to use the property more often than now. The board's recommendation is to hold off and allow a committee to revisit this project. **6:47 pm Harry Stated he retracts current motion and**

**amends it by we table this to general membership meeting, Cory Jones made a motion to at least paint the exterior.** Bill's recommendation is not to discuss the estimates, there is no need due to the project is on hold. Put a committee together to figure that all out. **6:49 pm- JC Alboniga made motion to form a committee, Corey Jones second this motion. Bill stated we have to have a discussion now there is a motion.** Beej stated that the vision committee can vet all the information, but we need to refine the vision moving forward. Questions by unknown started discussing what the new committee topics will be; Bill stated that is for that committee. Aaron Edwards stated that we know something needs to be done with the house; let's allow this committee to work on it. Brad Wartman asked if the house represents anything to the krewe. Ed Spears answered with, we had to present the city with a master plan in order to get permits approved for occupancy. The house is sitting on a second parcel acting independently, just as the barn is on its own parcel doing the same. We received a waiver not be forced to put a bathroom in the barn, because the house is our bathroom. The master plan present to the city is to open the SE wall and build out an "L" shape a second warehouse going toward N street. The storm water pond adheres for that construction. We would have to put a bathroom in the new building, and then we can sell that house. Until such time until we build that bathroom that house has to sit there or our certificate of occupancy becomes null and void. Mark Johnson said that those plan have been drawn, he suggests we identify a long term plan, or air condition this building. The krewe can generate ideas using the vision committee, instead of saying this or that are our only options. We have several options. Then the krewe can vote on what is the best decision for our needs. Jonathan Warren said it's all about utility of the krewe funds, and we have gone through even when he was president, we went back and forth about the house, housing Hip Huggers, and it did not go through. We are in a better situation now with the back and forth and no harm no foul. I hate to see funds wasted. Brad asked Ed, do we pay taxes on two separate buildings, Bill said yes. Brad continued and said, based on the plans we can demolish that house if a bathroom is built in the barn. Ed stated that this square footage building demands a bathroom attached. Dan Shulte, asked If the quotes the board received are from a GC. Or is it something the krewe can do instead. Eddie Murray stated that labor is not in the quote, the krewe members would donate the labor. Dave Larsen explained that his quotes were only parts by calling around the same places everyone gets parts from, and he would pay hi guy to install the permitted items. Bill re-iterated there is no labor. Bill reminded everyone we need a group to study it and come up with a solution. Brad Wartman asked how much have we spent on the house, Bill responded \$7800. Todd Weston asked we have Swampy's guy and another guy give estimates, did we get termite damage assessments from both guys? Bill did not hear his question due to side bar discussions. Bill stated all we have right now in possession is one estimate. Todd asked what the other guy did. Bill re-stated we are not discussion the estimates as stated at the beginning of the meeting, due to the discrepancies of estimates. **7:15 pm JC Alboniga Motion for discussion to end, Brad Wartman second.** JC stated he will send an email to the members advising of the vision committee and allow members to reply if they are interested in getting involved. Todd Weston stated that he wanted to know if both reports had stated findings of termite infestation, If so shouldn't the house be put to rest and move to plan B? Harry Walker stated that is what the vision committee will do. Bill stated all in favor of the vision committee, Justin Spence stated that this motion should state that once the vision committee has developed plans it needs to be presented to the krewe for vote. Bill stated this vision committee does not have a budget to spend money. This vision committee will meet and present by November's general membership meeting 2019. **7:17 pm Bill asked for vote all in favor 1 abstain. Vote for vision committee to research and develop plans to present to the general membership November 2019 general membership.**

c. **Meeting Adjournment: 7:17 pm Harry Walker motion to adjourn meeting Greg Micklos Second**