Contra Board Meeting Fall 2010 Monday November 8, 2010

In Attendance:

Eileen B, Chuck R., Colette P, Mike P, Joe W, John M, Janet B, Frank B, Ryan S, Christie B, Anna W, Joel V, Jim V., Susan V.

- -5/17/2010 Meeting minutes approved
- 1) Congrats to new board
- 2) WFAC update:
 - -Mary Rekers (our group's liaison with WFAC)gave an update
 - -Men's Bathroom urinal is fixed
 - -Still smells, but no clear action to fix that
 - -Men's Toilet flushing mechanism needs to be fixed
 - -Frank Volunteered to take care of this
 - -Box gutters were taken care of \$10,000 (with some help from our group)
 - -Boilers to building will need to be replaced. This will cost about \$18,500
 - -WFAC will be working for a grant/loan through the Fine Arts group to help with these costs.
 - -Jim will talk to Mary about WFAC funding need...and we will see what/ when will need to be donated
- 3) Treasury Report

\$32,000 in CD

\$7,700 in checking

PTF generated about +\$3,200

Monday: +\$1,750

Sat: -\$2,050 (we lose money on our Saturday night dances)

Profit for this year: +\$78

4) Saturday Night Refreshments

- -Co-chair refreshments (Francie Wolgin and Kelly Thomas volunteered-can cover next 6 months)
- -Go on list for Saturday night scheduling
- -Budget for Saturday night refreshments (Current budget \$50, may adjust in future)
- -Encourage folks to bring in food
- -Donations Can will be placed in middle of food table to help group defray some of these costs.
- 5) Postal Issues/Saturday dancing
 - -Mailings: Still sending out 6 month snail mailings

- Out of Town Dancers: We would like to draw these folks back in to our Saturday dances. This may be a reason to continue mailing out our schedule.
- -Investigate how much cost is going into mailings to assess whether or not to continue them.
- -Facebook Invites for events (Frank and Ryan will work on)

6) Caller's (New and old)

- -Caller's "review board" ...Ryan suggested calling it OINCC (Oversight, Improvement, and Nurture of Cincinnati Callers)
- -Volunteers for this board include: Frank B, Ryan S, Christie B, Paul F, Mike B, and Darlene U)
- -Frank has written up a form with callers' standards/expectations. This form was discussed by the OINCC and will be sent to board for approval
- -OINCC recommends the following policy for adding new callers into the Monday rotation:
 - 1) New Callers should have some sort of workshop training to start
 - 2) New Callers should contact the calling facilitator (currently Frank). Facilitator will let other callers know about new caller and watch for opportunities to let new caller call
 - 3) New callers should ask to call a dance with some of the experienced callers to gain stage experience
 - 4) New callers should seek out open mic opportunities to gain experience
 - 5) If a currently scheduled caller can't make their scheduled time, they should consult with the calling facilitator to see if a new caller would be available to call a program
 - 6) When the new caller is ready to be added to the rotation, we will work with them to find an available Monday to call a full program
 - 7) If full Monday night evening program meets OINCC standards, they will be added to the Monday rotation.

7) Guidelines for New Years eve donations to a charity

- -Susan Vogt and Eileen volunteered to set up guidelines for proposals (see Chatitable giving Guidelines)
- -IRS stipulates that the Money cannot pass through us if it's to be tax deducible
- -One proposal already (TAPS)
- -Strike preference language
- -Accepted guidelines for charitable contributions (like New Year's)
- -We will send out email reminders with deadline-Soliciting for proposals
- -The board will select from the nominations a set of proposals for the larger community to vote on

9) New Years

- -Caller Organization: Frank
- -Band Organization: John Bealle (Frank will contact to see if still interested)
- -Sounds: Email sound guys (Frank)
- -Table Cloth: Susan V
- -Dishes and plasticware

-Potluck

10) Saturday: Fine arts sampler (March) (2nd Saturday)

-Eileen is liaison on this...will talk to the board about setting it up

11) Board Leadership roles:

-Treasure: Frank Buschelmann (taking over from John McCain)

-Secretary: Ryan Smith

-Co-Facilitator: Frank Buschelmann -Co-Facilitator: Colette Palmer

12) Saturday Scheduler:

-Terri Spiegel and Deb Frankenhoff

-Waltz Evening for January...adding two players in the band (Deborah and Karl Colon). Request for additional money approved.