

## 7/15/13 – Contra Board: Meeting Minutes

### **Attendance:**

Frank, Ryan, Larry, Chuck, Whitney, John McCain, Ashley, Christie, Kitty

### **Agenda:**

**1. Review/Approve Minutes from last meeting—** Everything was resolved from the last meeting.

### **2. Financial Report - Frank B.**

The finances have been stable over the past year. Please see Frank's financial report for more details.

### **3. Floor Update (WFAC) - Chris W.**

Milan has contracted with Cinci Flooring Company to screen and then refinish the WFAC ballroom floor. Estimated total cost: \$2,400.00.

Right now, we have \$763.00 towards the floor (total donations). Other groups (ex: Flying Cloud and the orchestra) might contribute to the floor costs. Frank will reach out to our contacts to propose how much our group will donate. If, for some reason, the other groups do not contribute, everyone agreed to donate more than the previously allotted \$763.00, since the floor is one of our group's primary assets at WFAC.

Preliminary floor repair starts on August 3<sup>rd</sup>—they will do three test patches on the stage. On Tuesday and Wednesday of that week (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>), we're invited to come test out the test patches to determine which type of finish we prefer. The actual floor refinishing will occur the week of August 20<sup>th</sup>. The contractor says that the refinished floor will be safe to dance on by Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

***Idea for the future:*** Chris W. estimates that we might have to refinish the floor every couple/few years, depending on how quickly it wears down. Someone suggested that we put every New Year's Dance donation toward a floor maintenance/refinishing fund for the next time it needs refinishing.

### **4. Update (Holmes) - Chris W.**

#### ***Ideas for better protecting the floor during the next Pigtown:***

- 1) Use rugs.
- 2) Have a shoe check station.
- 3) Sweep floor more frequently, during the breaks.

Chris W. stated that the floor issue at Holmes is still unresolved. Jim Vogt is our primary contact with the insurance company and Holmes. The options that the school is considering: sanding the floor vs. completely replacing the wood. The school is apparently pushing for new wood. The insurance company forwarded Jim an email saying they are negotiating/finalizing the plans. One-sided communication on Holmes' part.

Some designated contra people are calling and gathering info for other potential locations (one person mentioned the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, other schools, etc.) An email will go out to these investigators to set a deadline for when they should update us on their research results (one week from the meeting).

**5. Recommended Donation to “Dancing Well: The Soldier Project” - Christie A.**  
( <http://www.deborahdenefeld.com/dancing-well-the-soldier-project.html> for more information)

Deborah Denefeld has a project called Dancing Well. It is based in Louisville/Ft. Knox community that helps war vets recover from PTSD and successfully readjust back into the community. Deborah wants to expand the project nationwide. Country Dance and Song Society has contributed. Christie would like our group to sponsor this project, as well.

Some cost estimates for possible contributions:

\$125.00 for 1 family for 1 dance session.

\$1250.00 for 1 family to go through a ten week session (more details in info packet/website).

Christie emailed Deborah to request a price breakdown of exactly what each donation covers and why the costs appear a bit high. One reason might be because of the holistic nature of this project—for example, a psychologist is present at the dance events to monitor the vet dancers and talk with them, if need be. Christie will email us 1 week after Deborah responds to the email.

***Possible ways our group could invest in this project:***

1) **Help with their PR/advertising.** Spread the word in the contra community and to the veterans themselves. Need to brainstorm ways to tap into the community.

2) **Financially.**

a) One lump sum donation from the treasury.

b) Have a fund raising event (Frank suggested having a DJ Contra).

c) Do both.

The group proposed a deadline of 1 week to think over/discuss our group's contribution to Dancing Well.

## **6. Waltz Evening update - Christie A.**

Next waltz evening: Friday Nov 15 (alternate date due to the holiday weekend).

Josh Telecsan has been hanging the lights for waltz nights. Chris W. has light-hanging sticks that he will contribute, as a safer substitute for the ladder.

## **7. Volunteers for OINCC (“Oversight, Improvement and Nurture of Cincinnati Callers”) - Ryan S.**

OINCC has been a loosely-organized group for the past few years. Ryan wants to officialize the group. The purpose of OINCC is to critique the Cincinnati caller rotation with positive and balanced feedback. Current members: Frank, Christie, Ryan.

There is a meeting tentatively scheduled for August, to kick off OINCC. Please notify Ryan or Frank, if you would like to be part of this group.

## **8. Pigtown Update - Frank B.**

### ***Pigtown 2014***

Location: TBD

Callers: Rick Mohr and Dugan Murphy

Bands: Euphor for Friday; Perpetual Emotion for Saturday/Sunday

Sound: Jamie (the person who has run sound for Pigtown, for the past 3-4 years).

*\*Contracts will be sent this weekend.\**

### ***Pigtown 2015***

The Ripples currently have the majority of the contra community’s votes. Laura has the nomination list for callers/bands, as well as more detail on the general survey results. There will be an official vote in the very near future to make a final decision on which callers/bands we will have for Pigtown 2015.

## **9. Facility Concerns/Updates:**

### **a) How are people liking the current use of fans at WFAC?**

The general opinion is that the fans have been doing well. Agreed to keep the door line the “hot” line and the far line the “cool” line.

### **b) Other “facility” notes**

Someone brought up that at the last Saturday night dance, the women’s restroom ran out of handsoap. The general consensus was that we should purchase more handsoap (possibly

storing it in the supply box along with flyers) and make sure the bathrooms are well-stocked (for Saturday nights, in particular).

**10) D.J. Contra Update - Ryan S.**

The next DJ Contra night is still in the works. Billy the Contra Kid and Ryan are aiming to have a full night of DJ Contra sometime in January 2014.