

Facilitator: Debbie Barrett

Note taker: Christie Armstrong

1. Present:
 - a. Board Members: John McCain, Deb Barrett, Frank Buschelman, Patricia Gorman, Darlene Underwood, Chuck Reidmiller, Mary Rekers
 - b. Non-Board Members: Liz Burkhart, Lea Crain, Lynne Ross
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Treasurer's report was read
 - b. It was suggested to put a window timeframe on when dancers can ask for reimbursement for Pigtown Fling. Should we spell out PTF, for those who don't live and breathe Cincinnati Contra?
 - i. An e-mail was sent to Lea asking her to put this into the planning documents
3. Facilitator's Report
 - a. We'll host a CDSS Board-Meeting Weekend Feb 7 - 9.
 - b. Lea's investiture ceremony has been approved.
 - c. Payment plan for sound team apprentices has been approved.
 - d. \$5 was decided as price for Waltz Workshop on September 14.
 - e. We will let the CDSS fundraiser on Nov 10 use our sound system, according to the newly approved policy for lending equipment.
4. Annual Member Meeting – timing, voting method, etc.
 - a. Date: October 12 preceding regular dance with a potluck
 - b. Timing
 - i. Announce that we will start the meeting by finishing elections for the new board.
 1. Allow the first 15 minutes of the meeting for folks to finish voting
 - ii. Motion to start potluck at 5pm, followed by the meeting. Darlene and 2nd by Mary
 1. Yes, 8; Opposed, 0
 - iii. Motion to hold potluck and meeting on third floor in dance hall. Darlene and 2nd by Mary
 1. Yes, 8; Opposed, 0
 - iv. Motion to count ballets during dinner. Darlene and 2nd by Mary
 - v. Proposal to have Investiture for 2020 PTF during Member meeting, approx. 10 minutes
 1. Motion to have it during the dinner portion of meeting. Mary and 2nd by Darlene
 2. Yes, 8; Opposed by 0
 - vi. Voting methodology during meeting
 1. \$1 will be collected as members enter which will pay their membership from October 2019 to the next Annual Member meeting allowing them to vote at member meetings and for the board elections.
 2. Voting for the board: Have members go to Debbie as they enter the room to get a numbered ballot, she checks their names off the list
 3. Voting on other items: As they enter, Debbie will give every voting member a piece of colored paper to hold up during all other votes during the meeting
 - a. Motion to start the membership year at the annual member meeting in October. Mary and 2nd by Darlene
 - b. Yes: 8, Opposed 0
 - vii. New Board members take over at the member meeting

- a. Outgoing Board members will work with new Board members as long as necessary thereafter
 - viii. Announce new board at Annual Member Meeting on October 12
 - ix. Debbie will announce at upcoming dances that we are looking for volunteers to run for the board. They can talk to Debbie or any of the current board.
- 5. Benchmarks to recommend for Process E
 - a. Google Documents Survey draft from Frank and Benchmark draft from Christie were distributed
 - i. We need to develop a team to collect and analyze data from surveys
 - ii. We are not ready to adopt a survey yet. 7 agree. The Survey committee will discuss via e-mail and decide on a survey to propose to the board
 - iii. When the survey is presented to the membership at the members meeting, the board will not recommend benchmarks at this time. What we will recommend is to use the survey we are presenting on October 12 and other data, including attendance. At the end of the period for Process E, we'll collate and present the data to the members. John made a motion of the above, Chuck 2nd, Yes: 7, Opposed 0
- 6. PTF 2020 proposals from Queen Pig
 - a. Proposal Number 1: Dancer Terminology for evening dances
 - i. Motion to make all four of the dances listed in Lea's petition proposal number 1 to be called using Gents and Ladies. Darlene and John 2nd.
 - 1. Yes: 7, Opposed 0
 - 2. Note these are the Friday evening dance, Saturday afternoon Advanced Contra Workshop Session, Saturday evening dance, and Sunday afternoon dance.
- 7. 2021 PTF language terminology. This needs to be determined before we finalize bands and callers. Choose a band and caller and ask them what is your language preference/skill set
- 8. New Year's Eve.
 - a. Since it lost money last year, and last year's organizer is stepping down, we asked whether we want to relinquish the New Year dance. Answer is No.
 - b. Perhaps return to usual plan of having several volunteer bands and callers.
 - c. We need an organizer, Band(s) and caller(s). Make an announcement for 5 weeks to see if we can get an organizer.
 - i. Motion to make an announcement to get an organizer for New Year 2019. Chuck and John M 2nd.
 - ii. 6 yes 0 no.
- 9. Budget for meals during CDSS Meeting Weekend - tabled
- 10. Leadership retreat
 - a. Anonymous donor will pay for lunch and dinner.
 - b. Frank says OSEAN would charge about \$500 to provide training in running a non-profit.
 - c. Darlene suggests that Mary Brosmer would provide the training, probably without charging a fee.
 - d. Look for day when entire new Board can meet. Perhaps in the morning and afternoon of a Saturday dance, so the Retreat culminates in an evening of Contra dancing.
 - e. Motion to bring by-laws up to date, and for members of the new Board to become better leaders, including learning how to properly work with the bylaws, procedures and processes, and do it affordably. Darlene and Chuck 2nd.
 - f. Vote is Yes 6, Opposed 0

The Board members who were present went into Executive Session for several minutes at this point.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Christie Armstrong