

Minutes of Organizational Meeting of Cincinnati Contra Dance Board
11/4/2019, 7:10 pm, Wyoming Fine Art Center Room 202

Attendance: Debra Barrett, Christine Armstrong, Tricia Gorman, John McCain, Kurt Grannan, Frank Buschelman, Larry Lankford, Mary Rekers, Darlene Underwood, Charles Wallner.

1. Review responsibilities of each office:

2. Choose officers:

Facilitator- Deb Barrett
Co-facilitator- Kurt Grannan
Treasurer- Frank Buschelman
Secretary- Larry Lankford

Two exec-members at large- John McCain and Charles Wallner

Additional board members are Darlene Underwood, Ashley Greathouse, Tricia Gorman, Mary Rekers.

Due to a lack of fast typing skills by the new secretary, it was decided to make temporary audio recordings of the meetings to be transcribed later. This will be announced before meetings. All present agreed to be recorded.

There was discussion about the difference between the Board and the Executive Committee (the Facilitator, Co-facilitator, Treasurer, Secretary, two members at large). Our by-laws do not define a board, but describes six members for the leadership of the group (which we refer to as the Executive Committee). Sometime in the past there was a decision to open up positions for more people to participate in the decision making and running of the dance group. The executive committee plus these additional elected people are what we refer to as the board. It is the executive committee members (the leadership as defined in our by-laws) who deal with sensitive or confidential issues such as personnel problems, complaints from or about dancers, etc.

3. Trespassing notice:

The Wyoming Fine Arts Center trespassing notice was reviewed by the board.

4. Choose possible dates for retreat:

The retreat should be in early 2020. Various dates were proposed. Discussion included that January might be bad due to illnesses that are common right after the end of year holidays. One board member will be gone during February. March 1, 2020 was chosen, pending availability of the trainer. Charles will arrange for the trainer. We should have a meeting of the board before the retreat to decide what topics to cover.

5. Dancer survey was approved via email prior to meeting.

Kurt will ensure a supply of surveys at the dance. Tricia will collect the surveys each dance. Does the person compiling the data need to not be a caller or in a band? Discussion was that the callers and bands will know the results anyway, so

we just choose someone that we deem trustworthy. **MOTION** to have Mary compile the data from the surveys. Seconded. **VOTE:** 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

6. When to start charging \$9 for Saturday dances:

Note: Change in price was approved at the previous membership meeting.

MOTION to start in January 2020, Seconded. **VOTE:** 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention

7. New Years Eve dance:

Tricia reported that we have 3 callers, 3 bands, 3 sound people. There could be additional callers and bands. The 3 callers who have already been lined up will be calling "ladies and gents".

8. Have a listening session for the board to get feedback from the members:

Discussion: Attendance at membership meetings has been sparse, as well as very few non-board members attending board meetings. An idea was suggested to have a box for complaints or suggestions. The new survey form has ample room on the survey for comments and questions. Consensus: The surveys will suffice for this purpose.

9. CDSS meeting weekend:

Since part of the goal of the CDSS team is to get to know the concerns of the local boards and how CDSS might help, it was suggested that our board might want to share one of the meals during this weekend with the CDSS board.

MOTION was made to have Cincinnati Contra Dance Board host a potluck with the CDSS team on Saturday February 8, 2020 at 6PM, just for board members. Seconded. **VOTE:** 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

MOTION was made to invite the board of the English Country Dance group. Seconded. **VOTE:** 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

Charlie volunteered to help Mary set up the hall on Thursday evening, Feb 6, so it's ready for the CDSS Board to meet there Friday at 8:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM. Respectfully submitted by Larry Lankford, with assistance from Christie Armstrong.