

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Cincinnati Contra Dance Board
05-28-20, 11:00 am, via Zoom**

Attendance: Board members - Debra Barrett, John McCain, Frank Buschelman, Larry Lankford, Charles Wallner, Darlene Underwood, Ashley Greathouse.

Storage at the WFAC-

Deb- The WFAC notified us of water damage in the basement of the building. They are moving items around and want us to remove our items from the storage closet [room 104C]. John is willing to move our things out of the storage closet, but John and Deb do not have a place to store the items.

We will eventually need to store our supplies elsewhere because the WFAC is going to install a handicap restroom in that area. If we store at someone's house, it would need to be accessible every dance. Right now we need to store it until we get back to dancing. There are probably at least a half dozen bins. There are specialty things for decorating for waltzes and New Year's Eve, supplies for Saturday dances, a bin for flyers and name buttons. Larry and Darlene have temporary storage space for things that can withstand garage attic temperatures.

CDSS Survey-

Darlene- CDSS would like us to fill out a survey to know how our community is supporting its dancers, are there things CDSS can do for the community. For example, are you able to pay your dues [to CDSS]. They just want to know information. I am on their board and I am passionate about this. They [CDSS] have really stepped up their game during this time. One of the things they want to know is who are we as a community, what is going on with us right now, do we have ideas. They are gathering all of this data and they are actually using it for other communities, how is your fundraising if you are doing anything. They just want to know about the community. I personally don't feel I can fill out the survey due to the fact that I am on the [CDSS] board, I think someone else would have to take that on. Charles and Larry agreed to work on the survey.

The logo- [The WFAC has requested our logo to include in their publications]

Deb- My personal thought, and I know I'm not the only one, has been that the proposal of doing the logo as a paid graphic design gig seems to defeat half of the purpose of doing the logo in the first place, which was to be a community building exercise, or at least a community engagement possibility.

Frank- If I remember correctly, Kurt said he would be willing to lead that committee, but also had a desire to design the logo since that is his line of work.

Deb- My inclination is to tell Julie at the WFAC that we don't have a logo and just put our name instead of a logo. If we have a chance to design a logo later, then we can revisit. After some discussion of pro's and cons, there was a motion:

Motion: Tell the WFAC that we do not have a logo and to just use our name.

Discussion- Maybe the kids at the WFAC could design our logo. Maybe Kurt's students could design it. **Vote: 7 yes, 0 no.**

Several fonts were suggested to be used.

Motion: Ask the WFAC to use Arial font for our name. Vote: 6 yes, 1 no.

Motion: Shall we wait until Kurt is back with us to explore logo issues. Vote: 7 yes, 0 no

Keeping in touch with the membership-

Charles suggests that posting upcoming online music events on Facebook is a way to provide some contact and interest to our dancers.

Frank suggested that face to face communications, maybe with videos posted on Facebook would be a good idea. Maybe we can take turns posting something personalized.

Communications on Facebook-

There was unanimous agreement to have upbeat posts (maybe with video) on Facebook every two to four weeks done by the individual board members.

We need to schedule these posts so they don't all happen on the same day.

Ashley will post a screenshot of this meeting soon.

June 08 Ashley

June 22 Charles

July 06 Frank

July 20 John and Deb

August 03 Darlene

August 17 Larry

We need to meet again in mid June to decide whether to reopen the dance in August.

Whenever we reopen, we will need four to six weeks to get bands, callers, sound, openers, and cleanup lined up.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM

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