Contra Board Meeting

Meeting started at 8:05 pm

Present: : Deb Barrett, John McCain, Rebecca Pace, Tricia Gorman, Bonnie Carpenter, Cori Yaeger, Steve Edwards, Valerie Allendorf, Mary Rekers, and Bret Augsburger. Frank Buschelmann joined as an individual who has offered to run for the open office of treasurer.

Report on Attendance last 2 Mondays: 31 dancers came on April 25, and 29 dancers on May 9. We need a cashier for the next 3 dances. Who can handle one or more of those weeks? Valerie will act as cashier for the next dance, and Mary for the dance on June 13.

Board members were reminded to give their signed **Conflict of Interest** document to Board Secretary, Cori.

Info Item: Deven Corzine has volunteered to become our Webmaster. He is the only one who has responded to this request.

Info Item: Fringe Festival Contra street dance is all set.

Full Moon Country Dance Orchestra will play and set out a tip jar. Darlene will call Larks and Robins, and use a Venmo link for her tips. I sent the Fringe producer a blurb for their advertising, and Mike Kop chose one of his photos to illustrate the dancing. Mary is working on a flier and a QR code to give out that day (to publicize our local dance).

Treasury Report: The board reviewed the Treasury reports and discussed sustainability numbers. Although it depends on the number of band members, an average number of 40 dancers would get CCD balancing costs and proceeds for each dance. Note: we don't have to break even for dances, but wanted the number that would be needed for long-term sustainability.

Rebecca is stepping down as treasurer, but has agreed that she will stay involved as an assistant treasurer after the election, but she will not be a voting member of the board.

Frank will check to see when the D & O insurance and dues for OANO (Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations) are to be paid.

Protocol: The board discussed current protocols and the need to balance looking out for the health of the community as well as the wishes of the dancers.

A review of our protocol for our bimonthly dances is needed – re: vaccination verification and wearing of N95 or KN95 masks while in the building. Perhaps we would have more dancers if we had a different plan. It was noted that we have many more dancers than members, so a

poll should go out to the dancers, not just members. Cori has contact info for the folks who are not members but who have given us their vaccination information – some of these are email contacts, and some are phone text numbers.

It was suggested that we poll dancers and members about whether they would dance if masks were optional (but still require vaccinations). This survey would be advisory to the board. Val pointed that numbers of covid infections are rising. But we need to know if breakthrough cases result in hospitalization or long-covid complications. We are also hoping to recruit more dancers through our Fringe involvement. As part of the attempt to make air cleaner and more comfortable, there was a discussion about having more filtered air. WFAC has separate HEPA air cleaners for the studios. Mary will check to see if those might be moved into the ballroom and used for our dances, with CCD helping to pay for filter replacement, etc.

Motion: Bret **will** write a survey about the likelihood of dancers dancing if masks are optional. Additionally the survey will explore whether folks have attended dances since we began. **Vote**: 10 yes 0 no

Bret will draft a survey and send out to Board members for modification/approval. Cori will send survey to contacts she has for members and non-members who have attended recent dances or have shown an interest in dancing by sending vaccination verification.

Brittany Bay wants to reunite and play our dance on Halloween Monday (a fifth Monday). They will accept local-Monday rates. However, we learned that one of the band members is unwilling to get his booster.

Motion: have Brittany Bay play for a special extra dance on October 31, 2022 if the member who is not boosted wears a mask while there.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 no 2 abstentions. Bonnie will contact BB and confirm for October 31.

There was an agreement to table the Volunteer Policy and Payment methods to our next meeting.

In response to a question about keeping stocked with masks, Val offered to bring in some KN95s

John will manage keeping us stocked with bottled water.

John suggested we invest in buying a few more fans (at about \$300 each). **Vote**: 9/9 for purchasing **one** more fan.

Cori asked how long we plan to continue registration and keeping records of who is attending the dances and have given us Vax info and signed waiver. We will discuss at our next meeting on **June 6, 2022 at 8 pm**. Meeting ended at 9:10 pm.