Cincinnati Contra Board Meeting Minutes June 6, 2022 at 8 pm

Meeting began at 8:05

Present: : Deb Barrett, John McCain, Rebecca Pace, Tricia Gorman, Bonnie Carpenter, Cori Yaeger, Steve Edwards, Valerie Allendorf, Mary Rekers, and Bret Augsburger. Ashley Greathouse joined the meeting as candidate for co-facilitator to replace Eileen Bens. Charles Wallner joined 25 minutes late. Absent: Rebecca Pace.

### **Dance Attendance**

Report on Attendance: 41 dancers came on May 23.

#### Cashier

We need a cashier for 6/27 – Deb will ask from stage on 6/13.

### **Report on Talent**

Bonnie reported that we have 7 bands and 6 callers in the rotation currently. Second half of 2022 is scheduled for bands and callers. 2 of the 6 callers will use gender-free language, 4 plan to call gendered (but one of them could do gender-free). One musician indicated that he won't wear a mask. Bonnie has contacted him and he has agreed to wear a mask while playing.

## **Treasury Reports**

The board unanimously accepted the Treasury Reports from 5/23 - 5/31, and from 5/10.

Rebecca will stay on as Assistant Treasurer. It's not an actual elected office, so she will discontinue voting after the June 27 election. But she'll attend meetings whenever she can, and help Frank.

## **Air Conditioning for the Summer Dances**

Discussion of Air conditioning: It was unanimously agreed that we'd use the AC when it's hot at beginning of dances, plus air cleaners. If it gets too hot for AC to handle, windows can be opened. We will place two big fans in front, 2 box fans in back, 1 box fan on stage. Air cleaners will preferably be turned off when AC is turned off.

## **Member Meeting**

There will be an emergency member meeting on 6/27 for interim treasurer and interim cofacilitator. This will only be voting for those two interim offices. Voting will begin on June 13.

Cori and Charles will handle the ballots and membership list check-off for June 13 and 27. Members will be given a ballot when they enter to dance and be asked to vote and put ballot in ballot box.

Ashley will draft the notice for fb, webpage, and member list – telling folks that any further candidates will have to come forward no later than 6/11 – letting Deb or any board member know of their intention to run for one of these interim offices.

We hope to have ballots counted by the end of the break on June 27 so an announcement of the results can be made then.

### **New Caller Training**

New-Caller Training has been postponed indefinitely (per Frank's increased commitments outside of contra.) Earlier Darlene had suggested to John McCain that she could do a new caller class. Bonnie will check with Darlene and let us know. Bonnie is also to ask if Darlene could teach calling both gendered and gender-free.

### Win-Win Caller Language

A Win-Win Caller Language committee had been proposed. Frank is no longer able to head this. Do we want to continue this approach, or shall we choose gendered or gender-free calling? Mary suggested we temporarily go with what the callers want as we have so few callers at this point. Charles pointed out that we are membership organization so we need to listen to members. Charles also pointed out that there is basically no way to be a win-win solution. Deb pointed out that if we could find a way to refer to dancers by "position" there may be a way to get to win-win. The reality of our current situation is that we need to allow the callers to do what they choose, so that folks can dance!

#### Caller's Choice

Ashley suggested that we let the membership know that we are dealing with the reality of callers who need to have the choice of gendered or gender-free. Deb will handle this.

Going forward, dances will be caller's choice. Vote: 8/10 yes.

Ask Darlene to train both gendered and gender-free. Vote: 10 yes.

## **Annual Membership Meeting**

A date for annual meeting was discussed. There is a preference for holding this early in the month of October, but discussion is tabled to the next board meeting.

## **Volunteer Policy**

The board agreed to delay discussion of the draft policy (presented by Mary and Tricia with input from Charles) until we have a cleaned up version that would be closer to the finished product.

#### **Vax Card Photo Retention**

There was a question of whether to keep proof of vaccination – copies of cards sent by email or text. It was agreed **unanimously** that Cori delete "copies" of vax cards from email and text messages.

# **Social Secretary:**

It is OK for the social secretary to have a copy of Voting Members contact info? Bonnie is social secretary. Deb or Cori will provide a copy to her.

Next meeting: 7/18/22 at 8 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.