

Minutes – Cincinnati Contra Board Meeting – January 8, 2023 7:30 pm

Meeting began at 7:35pm

Members present: Steve Edwards, Bonnie Carpenter, Valerie Allendorf, Charles Wallner, Deven Corzine, Patricia Gorman, Cori Yaeger, Myra Mitchell. **Absent:** Larry Lankford, Mary Rekers. Guests: Phil Ogston, Sherry Corzine, Liz Burkhardt.

Meeting Minutes from 12/4/22 approved.

Treasurer’s Report approved. Question about 2 insurances? Charles suggested that boards need both a liability insurance as well as physical damage.

The **budget** for 2023 was discussed briefly including our need to decide a cutoff for losing money if we can’t get dance attendance numbers increased.

Secretary’s report

Email sent to area contra dancers by John B late December to remind folks of weekly dances, urging them to attend.

Dance Attendance Numbers Report

12/5	28
12/19	18
12/26	22
01/02	27

Average attendance from November and December was 24.

Membership numbers – Cori reported that we currently have 67 members.

WFAC report – Charles indicated that current director appears to be “community focused” and looking to have an association of users of the center where mutual support and promotion can help for visibility in the broader community. Monthly meetings have not yet been scheduled, but the plan is to have both Myra and Charles represent CCD.

Social Secretary Report – Cards for Eileen Bens family were sent. The death notice indicated that contributions/memorials can be given to the donors’ charities of choice.

Scheduling Reports – All schedules (bands, callers, openers) are final through June of 2023.

Old Business

Pigtown committee reported that there will be no Pigtown 2023. Planning will begin for 2024. Will need lead volunteers for 2024. Committee will draft info

to be posted to the website, facebook, and sent out to the larger email list which Cori will forward to John to send.

New Business

Webpage

Covid Policy Banner - done

Update pages Deven said he may get Cori authorization for the “hub” that he’s set up. John Brockman and Chuck Reidmiller may still have the ability to edit the webpage. Deven will talk with Cori. (Subsequently, John confirmed that he can no longer make webpage changes.)

Board – remove John and Darlene from webpage list.

Schedule of Board meeting dates plus explanation of who can attend needs to be added to webpage.

Facebook

Update pages – remove Ashley’s pigtown post? Or ask her to change to 2024?

Mask and Vax policy moved to top regularly

Weekly reminders to cinti area folks? Need to discuss whether weekly emails will be too much?

Communications

Board Decisions out to the community? - Steve writes, Deven posts to webpage.

How does a voting member who wishes to attend a board meeting obtain the zoom link? – this needs to be clear on page of the website where board meeting dates are posted.

Increase Monday attendance

Steve asked if listing the caller’s language could increase some members attendance. **Consensus** – just list “callers choice.”

Ideas to increase attendance:

-Bonnie – make a dance/s free – maybe for a month?

-Deven – why not first dance free as it used to be? Currently 2nd dance free.

-Phil and Audrey and Deven ideas: flyers around town (Audrey); buttons to wear to other dances (Phil);

- Bonnie has reserved WFAC for last weekend in March – 3 days
- Steve suggests we cancel that reservation.
- New dancer contra – could be a Monday evening
- Maybe one Monday per month – bring a new dancer
- Charles suggests combined with WFAC as large event – maybe a Saturday or Sunday, but March would be too soon.
- Cori announced that Tammy Goyke is submitting application for an OLLI 3 session contra class.
- Monthly new-contra dancer event – like Sunday afternoon?
- Themed dance – or special band!
- Promote something fun!
- More teaching – hambo, waltz, cross-step waltz – free?
- Community outreach
- Other social media outreach – Liz suggested that CCD needs a social media promoter

Meeting ended 8:50 pm

Next meeting: 2-5-23 7:30 pm