

Minutes – Cincinnati Contra Board Meeting – February 5, 2023 7:30 pm

Members present: Steve Edwards, Valerie Allendorf, Charles Wallner, Deven Corzine, Cori Yaeger, Larry Lankford, Patricia Gorman, Myra Mitchell, Mary Rekers. **Absent:** Bonnie Carpenter. **Guests:** Josh Telecsan, Greg Wenker, Dr. Susan McElroy-Marcus, Sherry Corzine, Candice Telecsan, Barb Telecsan.

Meeting began at 7:35

Introduction

Meeting Minutes from 1/8/23 were approved.

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Bank requested updated contact. John McCain has been the contact and will continue to be so, and his address is the official one for CCD. We need another officer as check signatory for the account. Steve volunteered and he and Larry will get that set up. Larry affirmed that we have PayPal available for dance payments.

Secretary's report

Dance Attendance Numbers Report

01/02 - 27

01/09 - 32

01/16 - 29

01/23 - 22

01/30 - 24

Average attendance from December and January 25

Membership numbers - 69 - At a later date we might discuss membership dues of \$1 and whether that could be changed.

Webpage updates are being made as needed.

Board screen shot for webpage postponed until a later date.

Nothing to report from WFAC.

Scheduling Reports – Tricia reported that one out-of-town caller requested a larger amount to cover some of the costs of travel (\$25-30 rather than \$20). We will discuss at a future meeting.

Old Business

Pigtown Report – Purcell Marion will probably want tarps used every year so Myra will request the down payment reimbursement.

Tricia reported a need for volunteer leads – Janice Alvarado is lead for contacts. She will get with Cori to get a master list. Tricia asked about getting access to CDSS so we can post things.

Dance Attendance

Steve introduced Covid guidelines by suggesting that increasing our dance attendance will slightly increase the risk of Covid at the dances, which we are willing to do. If we are going to fulfill vaccine/booster requirements, we'd need to update our booster info from previously registered dancers. No interest in doing that given the continued low county risk level. If we stop requiring boosters, why are we requiring vaccinations? Deven suggested we drop vax requirement and just indicated "recommended." Would that increase risk? Susan suggested we develop a rationale for any change we make. She said CDC breaks down risk into different categories and there is really no solid information. The foundation of what is most protective is immunization. Also good ventilation, masks and exposure of the individuals (when known) help protect the community. Hamilton County is currently in a low rating. Susan suggested masks be dropped first. Cori suggested vax strongly recommended and masks encouraged but optional – allowing individuals to make their own choice. And reinstate if community levels rise or we have cases of individuals who we know have gotten the virus at the dance.

Josh reported that he and others feel excluded from dances because of personal medical decisions not to get vaccinated. He stressed that he and others who have chosen not to get vaccinated have the right to make decisions about their own risk.

Steve – Our initial concern was not political but about our community being safe and responsible so that we didn't become a super-spreader or overload the health care system - as part of our due diligence.

Valerie reported on Tango community – no masks required since last June. Two people believe they got Covid at their new year's dance. Tango does require vaccine.

Steve asked if we would lose some people because of changing the policy? This was not believed to create a large problem. Should we drop vax requirements first and later drop masking? Consensus was to do both at once.

After discussion, the consensus was to begin the new policy for the first of March. Wording for the announcement including the rationale would be drafted and approved via email in the next week.

Charles emphasized that the board reserves the right to re-impose requirements if risk levels increase.

Consensus Summary – We will drop requirements for vaccinations/boosters and masks (though still recommend them.) beginning in March. Cori will work on-draft wording. Steve asked board members and guests not to announce the changes until we have the wording and starting date.

Starting time – most responses have been positive to starting at 7:30 rather than 8. We will continue to discuss this. Need to check again with WFAC to make sure the building is still available for us to do an earlier start time.

NEXT MEETING? March 5 – Steve and Cori will not be at the meeting. Myra will facilitate and Cori will find someone to take notes for the minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm