

Minutes – Cincinnati Contra Board Meeting –September 3, 2023 7:00 pm

Present: Steve Edwards, Cori Yaeger, Myra Mitchell, Larry Lankford, Bonnie Carpenter (late), Valerie Allendorf, Deven Corzine, Charles Wallner (left meeting at 7:35 – ill), Tricia Gorman.

Meeting began at: 7:05 pm

Introduction

Meeting Minutes from 8/6/23 approved.

Treasurer's Report – delayed

Secretary's report -

August numbers have averaged 40-45.

WFAC report – Charles/Myra. AC was broken and is now fixed.

Social Secretary Report – Chris Widmer's celebration of life September 23 2pm -

Bonnie will send out link. Ryan is out of hospital, OK and doing fine. Asked Bonnie to send a card to Charles.

Scheduling Report – all going well.

Old Business

Pigtown – Myra presented a budget for pigtown. Pointed to maximum on expenditures. Tricia pointed out additional expenses that aren't included.

Valerie commented on Mercer venue and pointed out that we'll need a walk-through to determine some details about workshops, numbers of dancers etc.

Cori made a motion to accept the budget (\$21,450.00) as presented, with committee making decisions about details. **The Pigtown 2024 budget was approved by consensus.**

Kudos to the start-up committee Bonnie, Valerie, Charles, and Myra. Steve added Tricia who has been working on it for a year.

The start up committee (Valerie, Myra, Charles and Bonnie) will determine the details including contracts.

Sound, callers, bands, venue, will be determined by committee.

Committee will determine roles and responsibilities.

Venue doesn't expect a deposit of payment until the event is over.

Charles left meeting at 7:35.

Steve indicated we need a "lead" point of contact. Cori suggested **Valerie and the she agreed to fill that role.**

Waltz night – September 30 – budget, sound, band, publicity – **Cori will send out emails to our email list.** Tricia suggested in the future we name it the Pam Stoll Waltz Night in honor of the woman who started it.

Saturday Dance – October 14 – Bonnie announced that Nick will be here as caller. Trilium as band. **Myra will check with John for sound. Valerie will post on Facebook and can do the flyer to get to Cori to send to the bigger email list.** November and December are not available. January and March are available. Nick asked if we want gendered or not gendered. It's up to the artist. Avoid squares.

Future Saturday dances? Larry understood we'd do one and then evaluate the economic feasibility.

Fliers and Publicity – update? (delay until current pressing issues are resolved?) no report

Annual meeting – October 10, 2023 – ZOOM – Cori reported that notices have been sent out to voting members 60 days prior and put on website and FB

Cori asked for help with set-up for annual meeting. Larry agreed to help. Tricia can't attend the meeting and asked if we can give her a paper vote or proxy via private message. However, that vote would not be anonymous.

Board candidates – Phillip is mostly sure. Audrey has not committed. Cori expressed concern about Josh – given his refusal to support board policy about non-gendered calling and his is adamantly opposed to vaccination and masks. **Deven will contact Josh.**

2nd notice will go out 30 days prior with draft agenda – **Cori will take care of this**

New board candidates – see above

Bonnie reported on meeting about speakers with the WFAC staff. One speaker under warrantee will be sent back for repair. Josh is going to try to fix the speaker that is no under warrantee.

Executive Session: 8:19 – 8:35 pm

Results of Executive Session: The board concluded that further attempts to schedule a hearing would not be pursued and that the suspension of a dancer with credible complaints would continue.

New Business

Potluck before Monday dances (Robin) – once a month if Robin is responsible for it all! Have to be cleaned up and done by 7:15.

Meeting ended 8:48.

If time next time:

Open mike nights (suggested by Liz B – with current BZ issue, suggest we table this)

Teaching Tips – is there a way to incorporate some teaching into our dances?

Hall of Fame

Next meeting: October 1, 2023, 7:00 pm
