

Minutes – Cincinnati Contra Board Meeting – October 1, 2023 7:00 pm

Present: Steve Edwards, Valerie Allendorf, Larry Lankford, Deven Corzine, Myra Mitchell, Patricia Gorman, Bonnie Carpenter, Cori Yaeger. Absent: Charles Wallner.

Meeting began at 7:03

Meeting Minutes from 9/3/23 were **approved** by consensus.

Treasurer's Reports YTD, August and (preliminary – without Waltz night) September were **approved** by consensus.

Dance **budget** was presented and shows that we need 60 people at each dance in order to break even. We are breaking even now **because folks are making donations** to CCD.

Secretary's report – Numbers averaged lower in September (about 35). OLLI students are joining us again for a 3-week session – they don't pay. Cori will continue to do announcements at the dances.

WFAC report - only change is that they want all chairs replaced at the end of the evening. We will follow up on that.

Social Secretary Report – Chris Widmer's celebration of life – contra well represented. Ray's friend, Mary – hit by car in Canada – still in hospital up there.

Scheduling Report – everything ok for now.

Old Business

Pigtown update – Valerie – contracts have been issued. Elixir and Trillium have signed. Waiting on two signatures (sound Ed Howe and caller Darlene Underwood). Both expected soon. Next step – open up registration online mid-October (individuals can send check or pay by PayPal). Cori will keep spreadsheet on registration. Larry will be treasurer for PTF and will receive registration checks at his address. Identify committee leads etc. Need ability to update website quickly for PTF. Myra and Valerie have offered to help Deven.

Cori and Steve reiterated that all communications re PTF go through Valerie as the current PTF lead – point of contact, center of the operation.

Patricia reported that some of the leads are already in place for 2024. Valerie and committee will follow up on those.

Bonnie wanted to know how board feels about Lea being on registration for pigtown. Cori and Larry already have registration covered at this time.

Steve asked about the admission price for PTF. Valerie suggested that registration forms include an option to donate extra for scholarships etc. Looking at \$110 for early registration and \$130 after January 1.

Waltz night Patricia reported it was beautiful. 44 paying attendees. About \$59.00 profit. Next waltz night would be March, but can't because of Easter, so feasibly next 5th Saturday would be June, 2024. Larry suggested we don't have to stick to 5th Saturdays,

Saturday Dance – **October 14** – in place. Need openers and closers. Snacks at the break.

Fliers and Publicity – hope to have Philip and Audrey on board for next meeting.

Annual meeting – October 10, 2023 – ZOOM – notices sent out to voting members 60 days prior and 30 days prior. Agenda and zoom link to go out October 8 – issue with secret ballot? Cori and Valerie are checking in to managing a google election as Bret and Frank have done in the past.

New board candidates – Philip and Audrey and Josh. Deven says Lea Crain and Lisa Davenport are interested in being board members maybe.

Larry asserted that a majority of individuals voting must vote for a candidate in order for them to be elected. (for example, if 21 voting members attend the annual meeting, a candidate would need to receive 11 votes in order to win a spot on the board.)

Cori and Valerie will have lists of voting members for the annual meeting. Valerie will check list to let in voting members. Cori will check list to determine which members are attending and to determine quorum.

Annual meeting agenda includes:

- Welcome
- Determination of Quorum
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Board

The annual meeting will be conducted according to the CCD Bylaws.

EXEC SESSION: started at 8:17 pm.

Exec session ended at 8:39 pm

Summary of executive session. The suspension of a dancer remains in place.

Sound Speakers report – one speaker is sent back to manufacturer under warranty. Josh can not get parts for the 2nd speaker so WFAC will determine whether it gets fixed. We have moved the back speakers up and that seems to be working for the current attendance.

Calling language posted going forward? – discussion tabled until next meeting.

New Business

Tabled:

CDSS Youth Survey (ages 18-44)

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

Saturday dances - if resume 2nd Saturday or move?

Communications – emails, facebook, website

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

Hall of Fame

Meeting ended at 8:44 pm

Next meeting November 5 at 7 pm via zoom.
