

## Minutes – Cincinnati Contra Board Meeting – November 5, 2023 7:00 pm

Present: Valerie Allendorf, Charles Wallner, Myra Mitchell, Josh Telescan, Philip Ogston, Audrey Eyman, Steve Edwards, Larry Lankford, Cori Yaeger, Deven Corzine (late – 7:35), Bonnie Carpenter

Visiting: Brenda Grannan

Meeting began at 7:07

Started meeting by introducing ourselves.

### Introduction

Welcome to new board members – Josh, Audrey, and Philip.

**Conflict of interest forms** - Cori will have them to sign at dances or send signed by email

**Meeting Minutes** from 10/1/23 approved

**Treasurer's Reports** from September and October approved

**Secretary's report** – nothing significant to report

**WFAC report** – Charles/Myra – fall festival Nov 4 – weren't involved because we didn't have any space to do any dancing – only possibility would be on carpet on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

**Social Secretary Report** - Bonnie reported that she was rear-ended – sending herself cards.

In deference to Brenda, we moved to the **website discussion** so she could leave early.

Audrey presented proposal for a new website planning committee - current website is in html which requires a huge effort and knowledge to make any changes. Hoping to create a new website on a newer easier platform (no coding required – just click and drag). Audrey requested permission for forming a committee to investigate options. Can keep our current URL. Brenda has experience with website design – she likes/uses WICKS (?). Subcommittee would present options to the board with costs etc... Board approves subcommittee formation. Audrey voiced appreciation to Deven for what he's been doing. Josh, Audrey, Valerie, Brenda will serve on the subcommittee.

**Scheduling Report** – Bonnie sent out availability requests to bands and callers. Ryan and Liz unavailable until possibly July. Three active callers and 3 active bands. Bonnie voiced concern over not getting more responses. Audrey suggested contacting other regional dances for additional contacts. (Josh asked about Frankenbergs who have refused to play for us again)

### Old Business

**Pigtown update** – Valerie –

Completed flyer info sent to Kurt (flyers) and Brenda (t-shirts). Have reserved HUUC, - IF we need it for extra space. (need to cancel 30 days prior).

Lea gave Valerie access to google drive with info from way back. Lea said the drive belongs to Josh – and the info can only be laboriously downloaded. Valerie asked Josh if we could get more people access to the google drive documents.

T-shirts – DIY printing. Aaron Kent gave us info on shirts and prices and pre-ordering (\$25).

Leads: Larry and Cori Registration, Kurt flyers, Brenda t-shirts.

Online registration is open and on website. FB and email registration has been open.

Bulk mailing issues – they will waive our initial application of \$310 but must pay \$310 for a year. Other costs – printing, labels, stickers etc. Need to decide whether to pursue this. Current snail mail list is about 1500.

PTF organizing committee members will not act as leads, but will oversee things.

Josh indicated that he owns the google drive documents.

Charles indicated that we need a central repository for our documents – actually required by the government as we are non-profit.

Steve pointed out that CDSS needs to ?????

**Waltz night** – gain of \$14.51 -

schedule another one? – maybe (tabled discussion).

**Saturday Dance** – October 14 – gain of \$69.52

Possible band and caller wanting to come through and host a dance on March 2 – need to explore costs etc. Reserve WFAC – Myra. Contact band and caller.

Are Columbus dances going to conflict with our usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays?

Valerie suggested possibility of pre-registration. Steve suggested we just take a hit on the Saturday dances for awhile. Josh suggested we lock in 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays.

Myra has reserved 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in January – not available for February. Cori suggested Saturday dances maybe 8-10:30 until we build up the dancers to possibly go to 11 later

Fliers and Publicity - general and for Pigtown – pigtown flyers in process

Annual meeting recap – only business conducted was election of board members and executive positions. Year to date treasurer's report approved at annual meeting, October 10, 2023.

Sound Speakers report – ask Myra to check on whether WFAC is going to get speakers repaired. Josh has been helping check on speakers for Monday night dances.

Calling language posted going forward? - postponed

## **New Business**

Opening and closing issues – the question of whether we need to deal with all the chairs for each dance (take down at beginning and stack back up at end) is awaiting responses from WFAC.

Membership for 2024 – requirements and dues – keep membership notebook on stage and ask folks to clip their \$1 to registration

Idea to have a yearly fee to attend all CCD events – or monthly. Will discuss further at a future meeting.

Larry reported that of the 16 folks who have registered for PTF, we've gotten \$175 in donations.

Audrey wants to know more about how money is distributed to bands/callers.

Noted that some dances charge \$5 for recorded music and \$15 for live bands.

Need subcommittee to explore \$ options. A rate and membership subcommittee will look into this – Myra, Deven, Charles, Steve, Cori.

Amendment to disciplinary policy – tabled.

Website, FB, emails – update at next meeting.

Saturday dances - if resume, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday or move? – did we make a decision on this?

Communications – discussion tabled

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

Next meeting: December 3, 7:00 pm zoom

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