

**Minutes – Cincinnati Contra Board Meeting – December 3, 2023 7:00 pm
draft**

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

Meeting began at 7:02

Introduction

Meeting Minutes from 11/05/23 - Due to a problem opening the draft minutes we will do them next month.

Treasurer's Reports from November were approved. Larry has upgraded the format for easier use.

Secretary's report Cori is absent tonight.

The numbers of dancers were down in November.

WFAC report – Charles/Myra/Steve Steve reported the communication from WFAC about needing \$60,000 or they may close. He called Ramona who said the building would still be available for dancing regardless of WFAC program. There was discussion about proactively looking for new venue, donations from the board, increasing weekly payments, or encouraging individual donations. It was agreed to wait and see how the WFAC appeal goes and discuss at next board meeting.

Bonnie shared that Flying Cloud is in utter rebellion & (Steve H) will not move the chairs per the new WFAC protocol. She will give Steve E his contact info.

Steve shared that Ramona has not made a decision about chairs but agrees that changes could be made. To encourage a revision and support FC, Phil is authorized to neatly stack chairs along the wall. They must be away from the radiators and doors.

Social Secretary Report

Card has been sent to Cori.

Scheduling Report

Bonnie has next 6 months scheduled. Eight active callers. Some callers are taking a break. We have 10 active bands. One band on break. Larry shared that Corn

Cobs may not be back. Deven will format the schedule. Schedule for opening & closing is not all together for the next 6 months. Deven is putting that together. Two second Saturdays scheduled. Hot Coffee told Bonnie that an email served as their contract.

Old Business

Pigtown update – Valerie

Michael Ronstadt (via Mary Rekers) will act as back up for sound in case of emergency need & will also give us an estimate for 2025 to do the sound.

Workshops in Progress – 8 or 9 – some want/need live music.

Flyer edits submitted to Kurt & Brenda.

Cori has investigated printing and bulk mail costs through Ketmoy Printing (recommended by Kurt). Prices range from \$600 - \$1400 depending on the number we mail and the extras we choose to have printed.

Other options would not cost much less (with us doing the folding, taping, labeling and zip-sorting). Labor intensive for us with little cost benefit.

Promotions:

Flyer- Email & Facebook Promotions will include the flyer which will contain links to registration on the Website. Cori reported having an email list of 1500 (NOTE, later estimate changed to 800 after Cori worked with 6 different excel files and deleted duplicates). Board approved the bulk mailing.

Focus will be Early Bird Registration & recruiting Volunteers for the event. Charles suggested that the Flyer (if expenses approved) be mailed by mid-December if possible.

A la Carte pricing has been suggested & may be offered just before or possibly after the January 22nd date depending on amount of registrations already received.

The committee wants to know if the board will determine a “Go-No Go” point to cancel and issue refunds if there are not enough registrations. Steve offered to put together some possible numbers and timing for the next meeting.

Next Pigtown Organizing Committee Meeting 12-10-23

Waltz night

Patricia asked Steve if we want to continue to have waltz nights. The board approved sponsoring additional 5th Saturday Waltz Nights. Patricia will be the organizer.

Saturday Dances approved for January 13 and March 2, 2024.

Calling language posted going forward?

The discussion supported continuing to post the language callers would be using on Mondays and Saturdays. It will remain caller’s choice and we want to maintain some balance of gendered and non-gendered. Our callers are satisfied the current system. Pigtown language and posting was discussed. It was mentioned that Lexington and Dayton dances are posting. The Pigtown committee will follow up with Nils and Darlene and will post their decisions.

New Business all tabled to future meeting

Opening and closing issues

Membership for 2024 – requirements and dues

Amendment to disciplinary policy

Website, FB, emails

Saturday dances - if resume, 2nd Saturday or move?

Communications

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

Next meeting: January 7, 2024, 7:00 pm Zoom