

## **Minutes – Cincinnati Contra Board Meeting**

**April 7, 2024 7:00 pm**

**DRAFT**

Present: Valerie Allendorf, Myra Mitchell, Larry Lankford, Audrey Eyman, Steve Edwards, Cori Yaeger, Bonnie Carpenter and Philip Ogston.

Absent: Charles Wallner, Josh Telescan, Deven Corzine.

Meeting began at 7:04

### **Introduction**

Meeting Minutes from 02/04/2024 and 03/03/2024 check for typos Cori approved  
Treasurer's Report - Larry reported that pigtown was financially successful. He'll have a full report next month

Secretary's report – reported that she's checking secretary gmails and responding/forwarding as needed.

WFAC report – Steve has been in contact with new person, Doug, who is concerned about window locks. Steve suggested we might help with repair for the south window that has a significant issue. Audrey asked if we are supposed to latch and close the windows – yes. Audrey asked about whether there is still a lost and found – haven't seen it for a while. Could our liaison check on that?

Social Secretary Report – condolence cards to Larry and Steve upon deaths of their sisters.

Scheduling Report – Deven and Bonnie doing Monday schedule and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday schedules. They'll begin scheduling the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of year starting in May and finalized by June 1. June Saturday dance will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> instead of the 8<sup>th</sup> so as not to conflict with Dance Trance. Bonnie will check to see if band and caller can switch.

Philip is taking over closers for all dances. Myra is taking over scheduling openers from Deven. Philip will post the schedule on the outside of the sound box. Bonnie suggested consolidating all the schedules and posting.

Steve reported that Patricia is managing the waltz night on June 29.

Larry asked what Bonnie has scheduled for Saturday dance payments – past was \$200 per band and \$50 for caller. Bonnie hasn't promised anything to callers and bands. Could consider paying some travel expenses for out-of-town bands.

Continue 8-10:30 on Saturday dances. We'll look at extending to 11pm later.

Philip suggested that we don't want to underpay bands and callers in case they don't want to come back (because of low pay.)

Philip asked if we have any info about what other cities are paying their bands and callers for weekly and monthly dances. Bonnie will check with John McCain.

Kingfisher is playing July 1 – Myra asked if there is a process for paying more since they are a top-notch band. Could we pay them \$200? Steve wants \$100 regular rate since it is a Monday. Agreed that board previously approved tip jars for band and caller. Audrey wondered if we could pay \$100 per band on Mondays instead of \$20/person with max of \$100. Motion made and seconded – approved by consensus. Caller for Kingfisher will be given \$40 – agreed by consensus.

## **Old Business**

Pigtown update – Larry reported that we took in \$34,000 spent \$26,000 (estimated) - profit of \$7-9,000 (estimated). We made money on entrance and t-shirts. Nearly all the dance socks were sold, but no profit as they cost \$5 and we charged \$5.

Audrey said Pigtown was awesome and kudos especially to the organizing committee and 3 other main volunteers. (Valerie, Charles, Myra, Larry, Robin, Cori).

Safety Policy – Board members will be responsible for implementing -tabled approval to next meeting. Steve suggested we need to ask first if Dr or trained CPR person present when emergency happened. Cori will insert that.

## **New Business**

PTF 2025 – Valerie and Myra asking for board approval to start scheduling for next year (secure band, caller) at Mercer. Approve budget of what was spent on 2024 for budget of 2025. Over budget items were stage costs and extra time at the school. Do we want to increase attendees? Committee issue, not board issue at this point. Feedback was very positive about bands, callers, and foods. Suggested maybe next year have a “lead” on facilities – to communicate with the maintenance staff etc. Engine Room is first choice band. (Others = Mean Lids and Kingfisher). First choice caller Gaye Fifer.

Philip suggested that we want local dancers to experience a weekend dance without travel and housing expense – keep admission slots open for local folks. Committee issue.

Committee (Charles, Myra, Valerie) would like to continue with PTF 2025. Larry moved to have initial 2025 PTF budget same as 2024 expenditures. Approved by consensus. (approximately \$26K).

Disciplinary policy first paragraph clarification:

*Suggested wording change:*

This policy and procedure applies to Cincinnati Contra Dancers (known as the organization) to ensure that its purposes stated in Article 3 of the Bylaws, are accomplished. Article 3 of the Bylaws (approved June 28, 2021) states:

*Current wording:*

This policy and procedures are to that the Cincinnati Contra Dancers (known as the organization) to ensure that its purposes stated in Article 3 of the Bylaws, that:

Approved change by consensus. Cori will amend date as well.

Callers etiquette? Steve – Cary Ravitz? – table until next month

Website – Audrey – no update – table until next month

Board members roles and responsibilities – table until next meeting

Fundraising? - tabled

Frequency of Board meetings – quarterly? – we do have enough business to keep monthly meetings going.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34.

Next meeting: May 5, 2024, 7:00 pm zoom -

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