

**Cincinnati Contra Board Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes - draft**  
**December 1, 2024 7:00 pm**

Members Present: Josh Telecsan, Michael Hentz, Steve Edwards, Valerie Allendorf, Cori Yaeger, Bonnie Carpenter, Larry Lankford, Audrey Eyman, Myra Mitchell. Guests: Darlene Underwood and Polly Whittaker. Late: Deven Corzine, Charles Wallner, Philip Ogston.  
Absent: Kurt Grannan,

Meeting began at 7:05.

**Introduction**

Meeting Minutes from 11/03/24 approved as presented.

Darlene and Polly attended the meeting to talk about techno. Darlene could be the caller and Polly the DJ. Variety of genres of music. Darlene initially suggested a Monday dance, then later suggested a Saturday dance - with lots of publicity about it.

Polly would try to put together 8 minute dances = 64 counts x 9.

Discussion about when to do a techno dance – depends on Darlene’s and Polly’s schedules. Nothing that works with their schedule for Saturday nights in first 6 months. Darlene said she’d talk to the band working on her Monday calling night and replace with techno. Bonnie, Steve and Cori pointed out that all the bands and callers are set for Mondays for the next 6 months and it would not be appropriate to “bump” a band that only gets to play twice in a 6 month period.

Darlene left the meeting at 7:39, deciding not to work on getting a Monday techno.

Maybe we could try for a Saturday techno with Polly and Kenny.

Charles asked of Larry an acceptable loss on such a dance. \$200. Expenses shouldn’t be any more than a regular dance since Polly said she’d do it for free and Kenny offered to do it free, but Bonnie told him he should get paid.

Treasurer’s Report accepted as presented.

Secretary’s report - minutes have not been updated on website. Cori will send all missing ones to Deven tomorrow to get on to website.

WFAC report – Pay \$125 per dance – no news on contract

Speaker – nothing to report.

Heat – wait to see what is happening about getting it fixed. Canceled for Monday, December 2. Hoping to have the dance on December 9.

Social Secretary Report – Bonnie – several cards sent in the last month.

Scheduling Report - 8 callers and 11 bands on schedule. New callers (Deven, Audrey, Michael, Philip). Darlene, Beth, and Steve will help new callers.

Deven talked about a few bands that wish to come but are wanting more money. Cori concerned that we pay them more than our local bands – suggested we offer to cover some of their travel expenses, but not pay them more than our local bands.

Myra suggested that most of these out of town bands are a “higher tier” and might be worth more.

Audrey suggested we have a pay schedule that doesn’t change our current pay schedule, but adds a travel “stipend” that is set.

Also may add bonus for attendance more than a set amount. Band would have an incentive to promote their playing for us.

Cori pointed out that we do have tip jars that helps with extra money.

Charles will work on checking mileage costs for a circumference range. Steve will also work on possibility for bands.

Deven asked about \$300 for Hot Coffee Break as they have requested. Approved. May 10, 2025 probably.

Josh pointed out that if we do this as a rare occasion, it is probably okay.

## **Old Business**

Website – nothing to report. Audrey and Cori will meet next week (include Myra).

Google Drive progress – Josh and Deven will get things started.

PTF update - people from 20 states registered. Thanks to Myra for getting the registration website up and running. About 68 registered. Started wait list for a la carte. Flyers ready to go. T-shirt colors chosen – pink and blue. Cori will work to get flyers, t-shirts, and buttons ordered.

Steve mentioned that our new folks may not want to try the whole weekend. Can we encourage new folks to come to part of PTF? Valerie said she might do some motivational promotions (raffles) giving parts of PTF for some folks.

## **New Business**

½ day retreat – relates to recruitment, building, who we want to be in the community. Board cooperation and board succession. Audrey wants to work on committee to put this together. Cori will help. Bonnie maybe food? After April.

Carpooling – Charles will put up a sheet and ask folks to sign if they wish to carpool.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39.

Next meeting: January 5, 2025, 7:00 pm zoom