

Cincinnati Contra Dance (CCD) Member Meeting 10-12-19

Attending: Christie Armstrong, Deb Barrett, David Brendamour, Frank Buschelman, Sally Christopher, Deborah Colon, Karl Colon, Deven Corzine, Francie Corzine, Lea Crain, Amy Foltz, Trisha Gorman, Tammy Goyke, Sylvia Hadley, Larry Lankford, John McCain, Rebecca Pace, Chuck Reidmiller, Mary Rekers, Robin Roland, Lynne Ross, Jim Vogt, Susan Vogt, Charles Wallner. If you attended and we missed you in our list, please contact Deb or Christie so we can correct our error.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by Deb Barrett. Deb announced the new Board, effective 10/12/2019: Deb Barrett, Frank Buschelman, Trisha Gorman, Kurt Grannon, Ashley Greathouse, Larry Lankford, John McCain, Mary Rekers, Darlene Underwood, Charlie Wallner.

- Deb Recognized the Sound Team; Previous Board Members who are leaving; Crew Bosses; Openers and Treasurers and expressed appreciation to all who volunteer to help our dance community.
- The new Board will have a day-long meeting soon to review Bylaws & work up proposals to re-align Bylaws and practices.
- Member meeting will be scheduled as soon as Board recommendations are ready.
- CCD will host when Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS) Board holds their semi-annual meeting in Cincy in February 2020. Cincinnati English Country Dance (ECD), Cincinnati Shape Note Singing, and Queen City Balladeers will also participate in the event that weekend. Karl Colon announced that he and Darlene are both members of the CDSS Board and encouraged all to let them know if there is anything we want to contribute to or ask of CDSS.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - There are three parts to the report
 - Where we are now: Current status and remainder of 2019 estimated
 - Proposed 2020 budget: Regular programming, Pigtown Fling, Incidentals
 - Break-Even: Attendance Needed with current expenses
 - Frank will compare # dancers counted with \$ taken in each night and provide that to Deven Corzine on Monday.
 - 2016 and 2017 had losses, but not as much as 2018 and 2019.
 - 2019 loss was mostly due to sound equipment purchase.
 - Later in the meeting, Larry commented that the sound equipment expenses should be considered an investment, not a loss.
 - **Charles moved to accept the treasurer's report and Rebecca seconded.**
 - **In favor: All Motion carries**
- If anyone would like to review a copy of the Treasurer's Report, please ask Deb Barrett or Frank Buschelman, who can give any member a copy at the dance.
- Spending Guidelines for upcoming year i.e. Present budget for explanation.
 - Board recommends a policy authorizing the Board to handle expenses up to \$59,533.10 in 2020. (the total expense budget that Frank proposes, plus a 10% cushion.)

- Charlie Wallner recommended a 15% cushion
- Board recommends a policy to authorize the treasurer to write checks solo up to \$705 (This amount is chosen to expedite our monthly rent payment). And to require signature by a 2nd officer for any checks over that amount. (Double-signed checks would primarily occur for PTF.)
 - **David Brendamour moved that we amend this to \$200 instead of 705. Policy amended as follows: New policy to authorize the treasurer to write checks solo up to \$200 and to require signature by a 2nd officer for any checks over that amount. (Double-signed checks primarily occur for PTF.)**
 - **In favor: 14; Opposed: 0. Motion carries.**
- Need members to approve the Board to handle expenses up to the proposed budget amount.
- Chuck Reidmiller has a concern, what if there is a big loss, due to weather or other unforeseen surprise, can the budget be modified later?
 - Charlie Wallner moves that the financial report as stated in the presentation be approved. Larry Lankford 2nded. (more discussion)
- Chuck Reidmiller suggests the possibility of a trigger so that if we deviate from the budget a certain percentage, it goes back to the general membership. Deborah Colon stated that it's handy that the big money event, which is Pigtown Fling (PTF), happens in the early part of the year. Sylvia asked for our projected income figure and said it is dangerous to vote on an outflow without tying it to an inflow.
- Frank recommends increase PTF \$10/ea and Saturday night \$2/ea.
 - **Christie moved to raise PTF \$15/each and give board discretion to raise the ala carte offerings accordingly, effective 2020. Larry seconded.**
 - **In favor: 18; Opposed: 1. Motion carries.**
 - Robin moves to reduce expenses of food for Saturday night dance to \$0. Chuck seconded. 4 in favor. 16 opposed.
 - **Rebecca Pace moved we increase the Saturday night entrance fee by \$2. Charlie seconded.**
 - **In favor: 13; Opposed: 6. Motion carries.**
 - **Jim Vogt moved to allow the board to decide these smaller financial issues.**
 - **In favor: 17; Opposed: 0. Motion carries.**
 - **Christie moved to approve budget as presented. David seconded.**
 - **In favor: 18 Opposed: 0 Motion carries.**
- 2020 Survey draft was presented.
 - **David Brendamour moved that the board obtain additional input on the survey, compose accordingly and that the board finalize the survey to be used. Charlie seconded.**
 - **In favor: 15; Opposed: 1. Motion carries.**
 - Sally Christopher, Mary Rekers, and Christie Armstrong will develop the revised survey.

The remainder of the Agenda was tabled for a future date. Meeting adjourned at 7:35