

Cincinnati Contra Dancers

Board Meeting

Jan 20, 2003

Members present:

Jim and Susan Vogt, Mary Judge, Darlene Underwood, Jeff Hildebrandt, Karen Keeton, Ron Hoffman, John McCain, Jodi Sena, Eileen Bens, Larry Lankford, Steve Tossey, Lucy Crane, Jim Good, Pam Stoll, Mary Lieneck, Sandy and Orlan Jennings

The meeting was called to order by Jim Vogt, Facilitator, at 7:25 PM. He began by announcing: ALL meetings are open meetings. The steering committee will facilitate the process of the work that needs to be done for our community.

1. THE PIANO AT ANNUNCIATION: There were many different opinions about the status of this piano. Jim encouraged everyone to be open and allow a frank discussion so that we can work out this issue. By doing this we can move onto the issue about decision making in general. Before discussing this, Jim asked for a list of issues facing our dance community at this time.

2. ISSUES PRESENTED:

- a) piano
- b) transition issues moving to the new location (St. Mark's)
- c) coat racks
- d) mirror in the women's bathroom
- e) parking
- f) opening/closing of St. Mark's
- g) email/communication
- h) exit signs are backwards/ exit marked closed, etc.
- i) feedback on our dances at our new location
- j) decision making process.

Darlene asked that these questions be addressed when we discuss decision making:

1. How are decisions being made?
2. What is the number of current board members?
3. Why did the steering committee decide to enlarge the board?
4. Have these changes in the by-laws been brought to a vote by the community?

4. TREASURY REPORT: John McCain passed out 2 reports:

5. PIANO - John McCain passed out a 4 page historical summary and cover letter from Debbie Barrett concerning how the piano was purchased, decided upon and the agreement between Cincinnati Contra Dance and Annunciation Church. Steve Tossey verified that all of the information in this document was correct. This document is listed as: Report on the dealings with Annunciation Church with regard to use of the parish pavilion by the Cincinnati Contra Dancers - dated Spring 1997.

It was agreed that this supporting document/information would be honored in that " we" donated the money for the piano" and "honor the impression that we were making a donation (of the piano)." Ron Hoffman agreed that with this information, the piano will stay at Annunciation. Lucy seconded that opinion and asked for a general agreement to move on with getting a piano for St. Mark's.

6. DISCUSSION ON GETTING ANOTHER PIANO :

-Pam - current piano at St. Mark's is in bad condition and is a player piano!!; she knows of a Chinese upright that is selling for \$3000.00; the piano at Annunciation was a Kimball.

-Jim - there is a range of prices: \$250.00 to \$25,000.00. He feels we could buy a Kimball for about \$1000.00; a Baldwin for \$2500.00 and has also seen pianos for sale on E-Bay. Unity Church has a piano for sale.

-Ron - do we buy a new one, used one or an electronic? His neighbor is selling a piano for \$900.00

-Darlene - questioned spending \$ on any kind of piano until we know our status at St. Mark's

-Jim - some of our locals bands (including his) have expressed concern about buying an electronic piano. They do not like them!!

-Steve -could we rent a piano? What is our current lease status at St. Mark's?

-Susan - Our current lease guarantees us use of the gym until September 2003. We hope to continue, however, the Diocese has not finished deciding if Corryville Catholic will move to St. Mark's. The current pastor has expressed interest in having us stay here. All of this impacts the church's physical status regarding using the gym and upkeep. She also mentioned that Bob Frankenhoff feels it is easier to do sound with an electronic piano.

After much discussion it was agreed:

1. Ask Bob F. if we can use his electronic piano until April. We will offer a reimbursement of \$50.00 per dance night.
2. We will seek volunteers to move it so he doesn't have to do it all of the time.
3. Speak with Bob regarding insurance on his instrument and what he would like us to do when we use it.
4. Agreed to appoint a piano committee to do: research, cost evaluations and recommendations to us. These members will be: Ron Hoffman; Pam Stoll; and Jim Good.

At 8:15, Jim asked that we have another meeting to discuss the other agenda items since the dance had already begun upstairs. We will meet next Monday, Jan. 27, at 7:00PM to continue discussing the issues listed at the beginning of this meeting.

-Susan agreed to look into getting coatracks.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Judge