

Bi-Annual Board Meeting

May 17, 2001

(at Lucy Crane house)

Members Present:

Lucy Crane - Facilitator

John McCain – Treasurer

Karen Keeton – Co-Facilitator

Jim Vogt – Liason with Father Klug of Annuciation

John Brockman - Membership

Larry Lankford – At-Large

Eileen M. Bens - Secretary

Debbie Barrett

Darlene Underwood

Steve Tossey

Becky Tossey

Ron Hoffman

Barb Gomes

Diane Silver

Orlan Jennings

Sandy Jennings

Bill Pope

Mary Lieneck

Jodi Sena

Joe Lipari

Blossom Kriemer

Chris Widmer

Old Business

I. Previous Meeting (11/2000) Minutes

IV. Sponsor – Committee members approve by vote (phone, e -mail) to approve sponsor

VII. Sound – low feed

Minutes approved.

New Business

II. Annuciation Hall and Father Klug, contact persons are Jim and Susan Vogt

The church plans to build a new building on the existing lot. They expect to start taking bids in Fall 2001. It is expected to be completed in 18months. This may or may not affect the hall we dance in. There may or may not be parking problems. Father Klug seemed to be encouraging us to look for other places to dance.

- Further discussion of the hall led to a brief discussion of the inadequacies of Annuciation, such as the problem with sound and the floor. There are several options:

Look for a new hall to rent

Look into buying our own hall

Look into building our own hall.

- Several present expressed interest in the possibility of eventually owning our own hall.
- Financial sources for this: Mary Lieneck said there may be funds, such as a grant funding available from the Fine Arts Fund for a hall.
- Darlene Underwood suggested asking for patrons to donate money, as we are a non-profit organization.

\*\*\*Final decision - a committee was organized and will investigate all possibilities for a hall

Debbie Barrett – Chair-woman

Lucy Crane

John McCain

Barb Gomes

Steve Tossey

Ron Hoffman

Eileen Bens

III. Volunteers (by Karen Keeton)

\*\*\*\*In an effort to encourage people to volunteer for positions and to acknowledge the effort of those who really do seem to work more and dance less, it was decided to provide free admission for the Crew Boss and Helpers, Treasurer for the night, and the person doing the sound. This would be approximately \$12.00/night.

\*\*\*\*\*In addition, a new volunteer position will be created to help set-up before the dance.

IV Listserve (by Diane Silver)

This was proposed to help keep dancers up to date on various happenings, dances, schedule changes, hall changes, cancellations, and parties. It can be created through a computer business. There may be a yearly charge and it will have to be maintained by someone.

\*\*\*\*\*John Brockman and Diane Silver volunteered to investigate this possibility further.

V. Community

- A. Long discussion regarding the meaning of community, what it means to the Cinti Contra Dancers and what it means individually. Many comments and questions were raised, such as:

- There are people who only come to dance. (Debbie Barrett)
- What else is being asked of them? (Ron Hoffman)
- There are those that don't want any more than to pay their money to dance for the evening.
- Community to what you bring to it. (Diane Silver)
- If members are not feeling connected, have them create more events
- Include new folks in invitations to UNO's or potlucks. (Barb Gomes)
- Some people do feel included, asked to help and to come to this meeting. (Joe Lipari)

- Organization – official events .....Community – unofficial socialization

B. Announcements from the stage can be a way to include people in the community.

Several suggestions:

- Have a single announcer, such as the caller to make all announcements. This would, hopefully, decrease the amount of confusion of all the announcements. In addition, the microphone is set for the caller and others are not as clearly understood. The announcements could all be written down on a piece of paper by whomever needed to make an announcement and could be read at the beginning of the second set.
- Each person make their own announcements. This will show each person who is involved and demonstrate our high level of volunteerism in the group. This suggestion seemed to be more favorable to the members attending the meeting.

C. Schedule

- Have a flyer which lists and describes all the volunteer positions available
- Blow up the schedule and post on the bulletin board in the back, along with the descriptions

VI. Sound

A. Sound for Saturday Nights

- There has recently been a deficit on Saturday Night dances, due to increasing honorariums, increase in travel fees and decrease attendance on Saturday Nights
- Lucy will investigate sources for obtaining a person to do sound for Saturday Night

VII. Reports

A. Crew Boss (Karen Keeton)

- Two new people have volunteered to be crew boss: Eileen Mitchell & Robin ?

B. Treasurer (John McCain)

- Requesting another treasurer for Monday/ Saturday Night Dances

C. Address List (John Brockman)

John requests a discussion on how to remove people from the database. There is no indication of when people no longer want to be included in the mailings and on the ContraDance Phone List. There are now over 900 people in the database. There ensued a discussion on how and when to reliably remove names from the list. Suggestions include:

- Send out a postcard to those people to see if they still want to stay on the list. The disadvantage to this plan is that, historically, few people respond to this type of request.
- The post office will, for a small fee, return those flyers which are undeliverable, due to wrong address or moved.

\*\*\*\* The members voted to have the next set of mailings be marked for return by the post office.

D. Annunciation hall is unavailable for the Saturday Night Dance on December 8. (It is a holy day for the church.) It is currently not booked for a band yet.

\*\*\*\*\*It was decided to have an open band and caller for the night, if we can find a place to dance.

\*\*\*\*\*Bill Pope will look for a hall.

E. Refreshments (Larry Lankford)

Larry will be unable to provide refreshments for the June Dance and is seeking volunteers for that night. He will make an announcement at the Monday night dance for a volunteer.

VIII. Sponsoring a Dance – John McCain

John McCain requests to sponsor the October Dance as it is his 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday

\*\*\*\*Members unanimously agreed to let John McCain sponsor the October 2001 dance.

IX. Potluck Dinner and evening entertainment

Larry and Sylvia are sponsoring a Potluck dinner and entertainment on June 30. See flyers for details. All are welcome

Meeting Adjourned by consensus.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for the end of the Summer.

Submitted by Eileen Bens, Secretary