

# Cincinnati Contradance Community Meeting Minutes May 21, 2007

In attendance: Christie Brock, Eileen Bens, Chuck Reidmiller, Susan Vogt, Karen E. Keeton, John McCain, Debbie Lucas, Joseph Gracie, Colette Palmer, Mike Palmer, Pam Stoll, Larry Lankford.

**Minutes** from the 04-09-07 meeting were read and approved.

**Waltz evenings** will be added to the regular rotation for sound, cleanup, and various chore crew folks. Pay will be the same as for Saturday dances.

**Advanced contradance events** and **family contradance events** were discussed, and one of each will be scheduled this year. This has been done in past years. The family dance would most likely be a Monday night dance during the summer to allow more families to participate. Debbie Lucas volunteered to coordinate the family dance. It was noted that an appropriate caller will need to be scheduled for that night. Debbie Lucas and John McCain volunteered to coordinate the advanced dance.

**Website** - There was discussion about hiring a person or company to do a complete redesign of our website. One advantage would be to allow Pigtown pre-registration via the website. Several people voiced approval of the concept. Adrienne, a programmer of websites said that the price would be in the ballpark of \$1500 to initially set up the website and \$100 to \$200 per month for service and maintenance. To set up web registration for Pigtown would add an additional \$1000 to \$1500, with 3% or so of each registration going to Paypal. It was mentioned that we would have many more "web hits" with a more attractive website. Someone asked what a group our size would do with a thousand or more hits, since we have new people each week and sometimes we are near capacity for the hall. Adrienne offered to put together a proposal with a cut rate for the dance group.

**Caller for Pigtown 2008** - Several names were offered to investigate, and chosen in this order: Nils Fredland, Lisa Greenleaf, Cis Hinkle. [Later, Pam Stoll reported that Nils has accepted]

**Pigtown Friday band** - The Elftones, who were expected to be our Friday night band cannot make it. Other bands proposed were Changeling and a band that played at an Oberlin dance (someone is going to get info about them).

**Saturday Dances** - Refreshments have been lacking lately and last time there was no place for the band to stay. John McCain and Debbie Lucas will work on coordinating refreshments. Jim Vogt will work with Mary on housing for out of town bands.

**Noise in the dance hall** - It is hard to hear the caller for instructions and announcements. It was decided that those present at this meeting would try by example to encourage others to pay attention to the caller and do less talking during instructions.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Lankford, secretary