



## TANGO SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA [TSoM] BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 21, 2021 4-6 p.m.

Location: Via Zoom

Present: Fran Howley, Cathy Petersen, Cino Adelson, Eduardo Drake, Jack Levi, Kathya Dawe, Mary McKeon, Terri Davis, Sandra Agustin, Scott Chase, and Shannon Carson

1. January 2021 Agenda approved.
2. December 2020 Minutes approved.
3. Welcome to the TSoM Board - Cino Adelson, Cathy Petersen and Sandy Agustin
4. Treasurer's Report:
  - One membership payment of \$25.00 was received via PayPal in January.

Expenses: Direct and Indirect | Balances

- TSoM had direct expenses for the January 9, 2021, Pajama Zoom Party. \$149.08 for door prizes. This free remote event had a loss of \$149.08. Attendance: 21
- Indirect Expenses for January included \$132.67 for an annual Zoom license which will save about \$60 versus the monthly fee of \$16.18. TSoM's annual P.O. Box bill of \$168.00 was paid. The annual ASCAP license of \$381.50 was paid.

January 21, 2021 YTD net loss is \$807.28. 1/21/2021 Checking Account balance \$1,412.71; Savings Account balance \$12,044.28.

Brief discussion regarding amount of money to have readily available in checking account. Will be revisited in February. Shannon will look into ASCAP's offer of possible discount due to COVID-19.

5. Membership
  - TSoM has 135 members.
  - Membership renewal letters will be sent in April; April is the month we begin collecting dues. Dues may be paid by check, through PayPal or in person when events are held.
6. January Event Summary:
  - Mary McKeon stated there was low attendance of 21; however, it was a tough week for the nation with riots. Jack passed on feedback from Sabine Ibes that people she knows do not like online/Zoom dress-up events.
7. Past Events/Numbers: Eduardo indicated some are still opening TSoM News about the January event. Need better way to communicate and to reach our members. Biggest attendance for our events last year were both with Rogue Tango; one inside and one via Zoom. The next highest level of attendance was an in-person event with Charmin Michelle and her group providing entertainment.



8. Discussion on what we have done, what works and what could be changed?
  - Several items discussed. We will continue monthly events. We could try to replicate phone calls from last April instead of issuing formal survey, continue to support local music, stay focused on TSoM's mission, and offer a more structured schedule of programs on music, movement, and tango history.

Other ideas: translation of tango songs' lyrics, tango panel for Q&A on tango topics, tango fashion, dancer injuries and recovery, look at national or international musicians or teachers to present via Zoom. (i.e., J. Abel, Paris Chansons). A few more ideas: showcase local instructors dancing, ask Mary Jane about possible use of her tango videos from her library.

9. TSoM Bylaws and Election: Fran shared that after TSoM News was published introducing new members and stating who was on the new Board, one person wrote to express concern about the election method. TSoM bylaws state when there are vacancies on the board between annual meetings, "shall be filled by appointment of eligible members by the president, subject to approval by a majority of the members of the Board. And if the president fails to act in time, it is responsibility of the remaining of the board members "to nominate eligible members for the existing vacancies, and to elect them by a majority vote."
10. February Event will be held on February 13. Committee volunteers include Cino, Shannon, Fran, Mary Pearl, and Eduardo.

March Event committee volunteers include Terri, Sandy, Mary Pearl, Jack, and Fran  
Cathy and Kathya indicated they will be available to plan the April event.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will take place on Feb 25, 2021 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM via Zoom.