



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

Thursday, August 26, 2021, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Location: Via Zoom

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

1. Update on Covid Situation. TSoM needs to be alerted to changes in CDC recommendations, numbers of breakthrough cases and booster shots. Might need to examine vaccine cards again if booster shots become deemed essential. There was discussion regarding acceptance of negative covid-19 tests in lieu of full vaccinations.
2. August 2021 Agenda accepted with addition of Retreat Survey by Cino
3. July 2021 Board Meeting Minutes approved.
4. Treasurer's Report:
  - In August, 4 new membership payments were received via PayPal, totaling \$100.00, with related transaction fees of \$4.96. 5 membership payments at Aug Milonga totaling \$125. Total attendance: 55 paid (43 members and 12 non-members) and one free pass.
  - Expenses: Direct and Indirect | Balances
    - TSoM used \$225.00 of the \$500.00 credit it has with Triune to hold the milonga at Triune. Using that number (\$225.00) for the relocation expense. TSoM's net loss of the August 14, 2021 event was \$224.49 (+\$.51-\$225.00).
    - 8/26/2021 YTD net loss is \$1,007.31
    - 8/26/21 Checking account balance: \$2,212.68
    - 8/26/21 Savings account balance: \$11,044.95
5. Membership report by Kathya: TSoM has 149 members. Total of 36 memberships paid since April (5 new; 31 renewals). Discussion on Gatekeeper position and possibility of reverting to hiring someone to be Gatekeeper. Eduardo suggested that we consider self-serve automation to collect payments at our events. He also mentioned the idea of an honor system for payments. **ACTION:** Kathya was asked to create a letter for all TSoM members who will be up for renewal between now and next March. This will urge them to renew now rather than waiting for renewal letters.
6. August 14th Event Summary:

The event was held at the Triune Masonic Temple in St Paul; the theme was "Tango in the Park" with live music by Rogue Tango Quintet. The Gatekeepers didn't have forms that will be helpful in the future.
7. September 11th event planning committee is Sandy, Terri, Fran, Cathy; event will be at Pavilion 1, Riverfront Regional Park, 5100 E River Rd, Minneapolis, MN 55421-1007. It was decided to pay Jennifer \$150 for 3 hours of DJing.



8. **October 9<sup>th</sup> event committee:** Terri, Shannon, Eduardo, Fran; **November 13<sup>th</sup> committee:** Mary Pearl, Cathy, Kathya, Fran
9. State Fair: Eduardo encouraged board members to support Lois, who is organizing the tango dancing on Sept 6, by coming out and dancing.
10. December 11<sup>th</sup> planning committee: Sandy, Jack, Mary Pearl, Eduardo and Cino. Eduardo summarized the facility offerings, the food, and the parking. There was discussion about the cost and the possible loss of money because of Covid. It will be important to provide secure, convenient parking for that night. **ACTION:** Sandy will connect with her contact at a nearby bank to ask for permission to use the bank parking lot. There is the Rainbow Parking lot that is free and Calhoun Square Parking. **MOTION:** Fran moved that the Board authorize the subcommittee to spend up to \$3000 for the TSoM Holiday Milonga (party). Voting result: Yes - 8 | No - 1
11. Eduardo might organize a tango demo at one of the Minneapolis Open Streets. TSoM will not be involved in this point.
12. Fran suggested that TSoM schedule venues and DJs for Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb and March right away. There was concern that we would lose flexibility, lose creativity or have to change due to covid/delta. **ACTION:** Fran will start the process of scheduling venues and DJs. Venues: Four Seasons/Triune | DJs: Lois, Paul, Jennifer
13. Revival of Tango Moments Newsletter: Deferred
14. Outcome of Retreat Survey: Cino asked board members to state if they are willing to attend two ½ day meetings and if so, which of her suggested days (Oct 14, 21, 28). Decision was made to meet from 5 - 9 pm on Oct 14 and Oct 28 (in place of normal Board meeting). Cino, Sandy and Eduardo will develop the discussion topics and facilitate.

**NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING:** September 23, 2021, 5:30 to 7:00 PM via Zoom.