



TANGO SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA [TSoM] BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 23, 2021, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Location: Via Zoom

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

1. September 2021 Agenda accepted with addition of Retreat Survey by Cino
2. August 2021 Board Meeting Minutes approved.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - In September, 8 membership payments were received via PayPal, totaling \$200.00, with related transaction fees of \$10.88 plus 6 membership payments at Sep Milonga totaling \$150. Total attendance: 47 paid (40 members and 7 non-members) and 7 passes allowing free entry.
 - Expenses: Direct and Indirect | Balances
 - In September, a \$1,500.00 deposit was paid to secure the December 2021 party venue (Granada Theater) was made. This expenditure will be recorded as an expense in December 2021 and is not included in the September 2021 net income below.
 - 9/23/21 YTD net loss is \$647.06
 - 9/23/21 Checking account balance: \$1072.93
 - 9/23/21 Savings account balance: \$11,044.95
4. Cino led a discussion about the board retreat content and dates; we agreed to meet on October 28th and November 11 from 5 to 9 pm. Cino, Sandy and Eduardo will facilitate discussions. Cino requested input on the agenda; she put the board structure conversation on the October 28th agenda.
5. Fran asked if there is a person involved in the tango community who will be able to recruit potential members for the board. **ACTION:** Submit names to Fran.
6. Sandy advised she has contacted, but not heard from, the individual who has authority to allow parking near our December event location. It is a bank parking lot. **ACTION:** Report result of conversation with Sandy's contact.
7. Membership report by Kathya: TSoM has a total of 162 memberships paid since 2021 (8 new, 6 renewals). A letter was sent to 55 members that expired in 2019, which lead to these renewals.
8. September 11th Event Summary:

It was held at Pavilion 1, Riverfront Regional Park, Minneapolis, MN with total attendance of 47 (40 members and 7 non-members). Jennifer was the DJ. TSoM received \$330 revenue and costs of \$308.87 for net income of \$21.13.

9. **October 9th event committee:** Fall into the Joy of Tango is the theme. Planning committee is Terri, Shannon, Eduardo, Fran
10. **November 13th event committee:** The event will be at the Triune and Lois will be the DJ. Sandy, Cathy, Kathya, Fran are committee members.
11. **December 11th planning committee:** It will be at the Granada Theater, Minneapolis, MN; music will be by Rogue Tango. Sandy, Jack, Mary Pearl, Eduardo and Cino.
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 must change due to covid/delta. **ACTION:** Fran will begin the process of scheduling venues and DJs. Venues: Four Seasons/Triune | DJs: Lois, Paul, Jennifer
13. Revival of Tango Moments Newsletter: Deferred
14. Secretary and President to send a reoccurring meeting invite with the Zoom link included for the 3rd Thursday. There won't be a November board meeting; monthly meeting items will be included in the board retreat discussions.
15. Event sponsorships: There was discussion about whether event sponsorships should occur with vendors such shoe firms or winery rather than instructors and local restaurants that TSoM has supported for our holiday milonga. In summary, we would like to invite sponsorships at a December milonga of those firms who are shoe or other dance items.
16. Fran advised that she has communicated with Fred G from Rochester regarding a partnership with TSoM. Fred would like to provide a weekend of tango in partnership with TSoM. **ACTION:** Kathya said instructors could give a discount to TSoM members.

NEXT IN PERSON MEETING: October 28, 2021 for the board retreat from 5:00 to 9:00 PM at 1391 Edgecumbe Road, St. Paul, MN 55116, 612-508-9941, cinovations@gmail.com

It was agreed to eliminate the November Board Meeting; we will use time during the retreat, phone or texts/emails to respond to contemporaneous items.