



TANGO SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA [TSoM] BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 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, Eduardo Drake, Kathya Dawe and Mary McKeon

Absent:

1. December Agenda Approved
2. Combined Minutes of October and November (Retreats) Approve
3. Treasurer's Report - Shannon will provide full detail in Jan 2022 as it is too soon after Dec 12 milongala for reliable financial data. There were 146 people (students have yet to be included in the count) in attendance with 121 recorded as having paid. The total receipt is approximately \$3,700. There was approximately \$5417.00 in expenses; this will be confirmed by Shannon and Jack. We expect a net loss greater than expected due to various taxes and gratuities. There was difficulty with PayPal; there may be receivables not yet assigned to TSoM.
4. Schedules for Jan, Feb and Mar are in a spreadsheet on TSoM's google drive.

The TSoM appreciation dance might be on Feb 18, 2022; it will be sponsored by Fred G and Michael K.

Several tangueros have asked for an earlier start time for TSoM milongas. There was a discussion about the start time at 7 or 7:30 pm for Jan, Feb or Mar. Fran, Sandy and Kathya will send a survey link regarding start times for TSoM milongas to all on our mailing list.

It was suggested that at each TSoM there be a follower invite tanda.

5. Program for January: Board election discussion by Cino mentioned there may be interest by a student to volunteer, Fran mentioned that Kimberly (member of salsa community) or Elise to be a TSoM volunteer, and Eduardo mentioned male – female imbalance on the TSoM board.

It may be worthwhile to have a training ground for being on the board by inviting folks to participate on TSoM subcommittees.

6. Membership Report – Kathya: In November, 5 people paid – 4 renewals and 1 new member. TSoM has a list of 932 past, current and deceased members. We have 126 active



/ paid members. There will be 28 TSoM members whose membership expires in Jan 2022.

7. Fran made a motion that TSoM offer all attendees who sign up for/renew membership get in free in January; there was discussion about this option. Sandy suggested there be a committee to discuss membership benefits.
8. TSoM practica presented by Jack provided he essential points for the planning of a regular, weekly TSOM practica are:
 1. A committee of no more than 4 people from the board and from the tango community, with one person out of the four having had direct practica planning experience
 2. A day and time when the practica will be held (including the length of the practica). I spoke to Michael Kane about this as he is also launching a new practica and coordinating the 2 is important so we don't end up with timing conflicts. Our choices appear to be (approximately) Saturday 11am, Sunday 2pm, Wednesday 6:30pm
 3. A place where the practica will be held; unlike milonga's, the place will always be the same, barring an unusual circumstance that prevents it from happening at that place occasionally. I spoke only to 4 Seasons, so far, and Rebecca is very interested in having it there.
 4. The price for attending the practica. More than anything else, the place will determine what to charge for the practica.
 5. Type of music to be played and who will be responsible for the music.
 6. A set of volunteer instructors who will be onsite during the practica. The instructor does not need to be a professional tango teacher; that person can be anyone from our tango community who would, for one or more practicas, be willing to provide guidance on steps, posture, musicality, technique, etc. 2 possibilities can be entertained: The instructor would start the practica by demonstrating a set of steps that they have found enjoyable and the attendees can then practice those steps during the practica OR the instructor would simply be available for general consultation by the attendees. A professional instructor will also be considered as an option from time to time.
 7. Finally, a start date for the first practica.

Sandy and Jack are forming a committee to discuss a TSoM practica.

9. Fran asked the December committee members to send her summary notes to keep for next year.

Agenda items not discussed:

10. What is the next step following the retreat? One goal per month? Committees?
11. Time and scheduling of our monthly meetings. Should we reconsider when?
12. Sheer magazine advertising - Scott
13. Covid Waiver - Can our waiver become part of the membership renewal process or for new memberships?