



TANGO SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA [TSoM] BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2022, 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Location: Via Zoom

Present: Cino Adelson, Eduardo Drake, Fran Howley, Kathya Dawe, Sandra Agustin, Shannon Carson, Terri Davis, Jack Levi, Mary McKeon, Rob Peterson **Absent:** Cathy Petersen, Scott Chase Guest: 0

1. Approve July Agenda
2. Approve June Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report for June – Shannon / Rob

July 9, 2022, Saturday milonga party receipts of \$332.00 and costs of \$586.79 (Venue \$325.00, DJ \$150.00, Dance Instructor \$50.00 and Food \$61.79) produced a net loss of \$254.79 for this event. Total attendance: 46 (21 members, five non-members, one student. There were 19 free admittances which included renewing members, food workers, the DJ, a dance instructor, and non-dancing guests).

July 2022 revenue from the weekly practica series was \$455.00 with \$75.00 of dance instruction fees for net income of \$380.00. Year-to-date income from the practica sessions is \$584.00. There were 90 participants at the practicas (68 members and 22 non-members) for an average weekly number of 18 attendees this reporting period. In July 2022, 16 membership payments were received totaling \$396.00: Five via PayPal totaling \$125.00 and 11 count totaling \$271.00 via direct cash payment.

The Dinner-in-White receipts of \$1,000.00 and expenses of \$1,052.48 (Dessert - \$56.20, Dinner - \$525.69, Preparty – \$241.67, Setting - \$228.92) produced a net loss of \$52.48.

The Northrup exhibition was performed at the University of Minnesota for a grant of \$1,200.00. The organization incurred expenses of \$1,050.00 (Instructors \$150.00, Orchestra \$600.00, and floor rental \$300.00) produced net income of \$150.00.

July 2022 fees, in total, were \$166.98. Including PayPal fees, web antivirus fees, checks order, and Dinner-in-White related timing adjustments of \$60.00 and reimbursement of \$40.00.

July 2022 net income:
- \$ 254.79 July 2022 milonga
+\$ 380.00 July 2022 practica sessions
+\$ 396.00 Membership payments (16 total)
- \$ 52.48 Dinner in White



+\$ 150.00 Northrup Exhibition
- \$ 166.98 Administrative fees and adjustments
+\$ 451.75 July 2022 net income
07/26/22 YTD net income is \$1,692.56
7/26/2022 Checking account balance: \$3,974.82

4. Membership Report – Kathya:

Total number of members on 25/July/2022: 135 (meaning all members with expiration date in July/2022 or later. Total Renewals: 14 | Joined: 1 | Total expired from January to July 2022: 17 | Membership expiring in August: 9 (reminders sent In July).

Eduardo suggested that TSoM membership renewal could result in a free milonga.

Membership committee had its first meeting; August 4 will be the next meeting. Committee includes Cino, Kathy, Sandy Uri, Shauna, Peter T and Eduardo. The “right” size of the committee is yet to be determined; this is a year of experimentation.

5. Northrop Auditorium Amplifying Solidarity - July 20: Kathya questioned whether instructors should be paid for presence at events, and that she is uncomfortable with using funds for them in the future at events such as the Northrop Auditorium event. Fran advised it was agreed to pay them in exchange for possible performance or leading instruction, but it became apparent it wasn't possible as time was limited to 1 hour. Fran, Eduardo, and Cathy distributed information. The TSoM banner was put up. Northrop put the event on their calendar and videos on their FB page. Eduardo handed out a resource page. Fran mentioned that TSoM will be invited back.

6. Fall Retreat - Cino: Cino and Sandy will draft an agenda. Survey results indicate the TSoM board would like younger, diverse individuals to serve on the board.

Eduardo would like to ensure TSoM shares its values with the larger community to obtain their thoughts on them. Jack reminded everyone that they were read at the Christmas gala.

7. Milonga Venues - Sunday Tango Dances: Should TSoM help find a new venue for Rogue Tango on Sunday evenings?. It's preferred that it be an eclectic, Bohemian location other than the Eagles. Sandy cautions that there's a need to be clear on the criteria. Eduardo mentioned Mala Juna with Charles - \$25 fee.
8. Aug 13 Milonga: DJ Peter, MC Terri, Gatekeepers Kathya and Mary P, food Jack, PR Sandy/Fran.
9. Website Committee – Fran: She's putting together a committee.

10. Milonga Committee: Janeen R and Kathya D have volunteered to be on the Milonga Committee to find new venues.
11. JULY 9th: Argentine Independence Day TOM'S PLACE: Eduardo expressed concern about the revenue loss at this event. Fran advised this was a special event.
12. Promotions: Scott didn't ask for any money. Eduardo advised promotions are being made on FB.
13. DJ Pay – Fran: Bataclan pays \$90-100 for a full evening. TSoM pays \$150 for a full evening. Terri advised TSoM had a payment schedule in the past. There was discussion by Shannon, Rob, and Sandy about the pricing: “Why is this a problem?” It was decided to not change the pay rate of \$50/hour or \$150/evening.
14. TSoM Milonga Volunteers – Fran: Should volunteers get in free? Gatekeepers never had the opportunity to dance. Discussion was held about the role of MC, Food Person, and gatekeepers. Motion was made to allow gatekeepers to get in free. Motion passed with one abstention – Eduardo.
15. Center for Performing Arts TSoM Practica contract – Jack/Kathya: Jack will contact CFPA regarding renewal of agreement as well as consider moving to a larger space.
16. Board Retention – Fran: Fran asked who will be staying on the board.
17. Pop-ups vs Practicas – Eduardo: 3 Saturdays of Open Street events in the next 3 months. These would conflict with the practica time.
18. Sogn Valley Art Fair-Cannon Falls: Fran will encourage Rochester to participate; Fran and Cino agreed.
19. Website Update with Mission Statement – Sandy: To be completed.
20. Liability Insurance - Shannon: It was unclear if Rob or Shannon will contact the insurance company. Rob has full authority now as a voting member of TSoM board..
21. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am

Next Virtual Meeting August 26, 2022, 8:00 - 9:30 AM