

Minutes of TCFOOTD Board meeting, Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Present at 7 pm were board members Tom, Vicki, Larry, Ann, Betsy, Haven, and John.

Finances:

- Our current balance is \$2578.86--approximately where we were last year at this time. We made money on the January dances but have been mostly breaking even or losing a bit since then. We made a \$550 insurance payment since the last meeting. We make our hall rental payments by check since that is what the Senior Center prefers at the moment.
- The Senior Center has lowered the age of seniors to 50, so our admission policy and sign will need to reflect that. We will lose a modest amount of money because of the change, but we are not inclined to raise admission fees at this time.

Changes in duties and board membership:

- We welcomed Haven to the board.
- Richard, board member emeritus, has indicated an interest in stepping down as caller-wrangler. Vicki has said that if he indeed wishes to give up the post, she would be willing to pick up the responsibility.
- Tom would like to step down as treasurer in October at the membership meeting though he would like to remain on the board. The board appreciates his service in the post and his attention to detail. No one has volunteered yet to replace him. Tom reviewed the basic duties of the treasurer. We think it would be useful if he would make a list of the responsibilities with due dates for various payments.
- John has warned us that he will be graduating in December and then most likely leaving the area. We are happy for him but sad for us.

Callers:

We discussed the board's responsibility to critique callers. Tom felt that board comments were often inspired more by whether board members liked the caller than by whether the caller made mistakes. Several board members indicated that personality was an important aspect of a caller's success with a crowd. The board was not sure how much of our feedback Richard passed on to the callers. We agreed the board did not need to nitpick over each caller, but the board's feedback about a caller is important for the wrangler to consider when deciding whether or how often to schedule a caller. Also, some board members felt that callers would want feedback if it was constructive. Some tips could be more easily implemented, such as type and level of dances appropriate for our community, while others might be more difficult, such as comments on a caller's demeanor, but still important to know about.

Outreach:

- Vicki investigated the cost of having announcements about our group on public radio. \$85 a month would get us eight 15-second announcements. The station asks for a year's contract, and we are not inclined to spend that much money, but Vicki will see if we could have a three-month contract. Most of our dancers seems to find out through social media, emails, and word of mouth.
- Some of us have worked the phone banks in the past during pledge drive for WFSU to get our group's name mentioned. We think it would be good to do that again.

Guidelines for Dancing Conduct

- Vicki suggested that instead of being specific about what sort of inappropriate dancing behavior to avoid, we might copy Gainesville and instead have the coordinator say something like this: "TCFOOTD is a welcoming dance community where we hope everyone's experience is joyful. If you have any questions or concerns about the dance, please speak to our dance coordinator or any other board member." The person giving announcements then would

ask board members to raise their hands. Something similar could also be on our website or at the bottom of Larry's email blasts. The board liked the suggestion.

Coordinators:

- June 24 - Helen
- July 8 - Haven with Larry
- July 22 - Betsy
- August 5 - Helen
- August 19 - John
- Sept. 9 - Ann
- Sept. 23 - Vicki

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 10th, 7 pm at Ann's house.