

Minutes of Cincinnati Contra Dance (CCD) meeting Monday April 17, 2006

Members present: Jim Vogt, John McCain, Karen Keeton, Larry Lankford, Debbie Lucas, Eileen Bens, Susan Vogt, John Brockman.

Treasurer report: Karen Keeton reports that there is \$39,000 in the treasury, including Certificates of Deposit. Karen Keeton and Larry Lankford will work on a format for the treasurer's report to help clarify some of the items.

Beginner teaching before the dance: It was decided that there should be a standard template for basic teaching of beginners, and that some non-callers could volunteer to help with teaching. Eileen, Susan and possibly Karen and Barb Gomes will do preliminary work on this.

Decisions about money:

- a. Newcomers will get in free for their first Monday night dance.
- b. Anyone under 21 will pay \$1 for Monday night.
- c. We will pay the sound person \$50 for doing sound for Saturday night dances.
- d. We will reinstitute the coupon for free admission to a dance for people who volunteer to help with cleanup.

These decisions were made partly as a result of our discussion of our financial situation (right now we have about \$39,000 in our checking and CD's) and the consensus among those at the meeting that we should be willing to spend the money on things that will benefit the community. We agreed that we should try to keep about \$20,000 as a base, but should look for ways to spend anything above that amount.

There were several possibilities that surfaced:

- a. Make New Year's Eve dance a free dance
- b. Make a contribution to Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS) for scholarships to their programs for dancers, musicians or callers from our community
- c. Have a special free dance at another venue once a year
- d. Offer to pay Wyoming Fine Arts Center for improvements to the building, like getting the stage redone.

If you have comments on any of these ideas, please share them. Likewise if you have other suggestions for how we can use some of our money, share those as well.

Publicity: Consider sponsoring a dance on campus or a demo dance at the school. [which school?]

We need to start thinking about bands and callers for the 2008 Pigtown Fling.

Many thanks to Eileen Bens for taking the minutes, and to Jim Vogt for his summary via e-mail.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Lankford, secretary.