

Cincinnati Contra Dancers (CCD) Meeting Minutes 7/13/2009

Attendees: John McCain, Eileen Bens, Pam Stoll, Larry Lankford, Debbie Lucas, Chuck Reidmiller, Colette Palmer, Frank Buschelman, Paul Fox, Darlene Underwood, Janet Bertog, James Beauchamp, Ron Hoffman, John Brockman, Terri Spiegel, Mike Palmer, Debbie Barrett, Brenda Worcester, Mary Jo Zeek

Minutes from the 11/24/08 meeting were approved.

Open positions discussed:

John Brockman volunteered for the Membership Coordinator position.

Current positions include:

Facilitator: Eileen Bens

Co-Facilitator: Debbie Lucas

Liaison to the Center: Mary Reidmiller

Web Manager: Chuck Reidmiller

Secretary: Terri Spiegel

Treasurer: John McCain Acting until someone volunteers

Volunteer Coordinator: Open

Membership Coordinator: John Brockman

Old Business:

Bathroom Improvements. One of the toilets doesn't work in the men's room. Terri will talk to Don Woerner to see about fixing it.

Name Buttons for regular dances: Mike and Collette are going to see about getting buttons. Larry will design the buttons using yellow with wording "Help Me I'm new" and give design to Mike.

Noise in the Hall: The group discussed ways to minimize noise in the hall during the walk through. Darleen shared her opinion on the caller's roll and techniques in how to get the dancer's attention. The group felt that callers and dancers alike could benefit by those techniques.

Family Cancer Care Benefit Dance: The time of the dance will change to 2:30 to 6:00. Brenda will check with the Center.

Integrating Younger Dancers into the Dance Community: The attendees discussed options on how to integrate the younger dancers into the community philosophy concept of the Cincinnati Contra Dancers. Ideas discussed included how to encourage all dancers to be sure to do their part by dancing with new or inexperienced dancers and be mindful of the experience level and ability of your partners.

Venders at Saturday Dances: The group decided that it was ok to have vendors at the Saturday dances as long as it was ok with the Center. A massage therapist is interested in using a room upstairs to provide massages during the dance.

Other topics: The group discussed ways to grow our community. Ideas included offering dances to include blind people and recruiting college age people.

Treasurer's Report: John reports that we have been losing money on several Saturday dances. Monday dances alternate between making and losing money. Terri suggested raising prices. The group decided that there was ample cash reserve to cover the losses.

**New Business:
New Year's Eve Dance**

The Center's Piano Situation

Pigtown Meeting: There will be a Pigtown committee meeting on July 27, 2009.

Submitted by: Terri Spiegel, Secretary
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