

Contra Meeting Notes

Date: September 11, 2006.

The meeting began at 7:10 and adjourned at 7:55.

Attendees: Jim Vogt, Colette Palmer, Don Woerner, Eileen Bens, Ron Hoffman, Karen E. Keeton, Poppy Evans, John McCain, Susan V. Vogt, Paul P. Fox

Topics

Microphones

Bob bought instrumental microphones, not vocal, so these should provide less feedback.

Annual Elections

The term to serve on the Contra Leadership Committee is one year.

The nominating committee talks to current members and then presents a list of candidates. To serve on the Leadership Committee means to commit to coming to the meetings if possible. There will be 2 or 3 chances to vote at Monday night dances. Jim listed 9 current members. Betsy Furbish and Larry Lankford were suggested as potential members. Jim will ask them if they are interested.

WFAC Improvements

John, Jim and Rich Kern met with Mac McWilliams, the WFAC Director, to discuss potential improvements to the building.

As a result, the **wood floor** will be cleaned, abraded, and coated on 9/12/06. The Leadership Committee volunteered to pay half of the cost, but have not received a total dollar amount yet. The floor should be done in plenty of time for the Monday night dance.

Storage space was also discussed. It would take too much construction to make a space under the stage. Folding chairs are also not an option because the type of chairs that they use now is necessary for receptions and other functions that are held in that space. WFAC requested that the chairs are stacked no more than 4 high. Jim mentioned that we will have to deal with the space issue as needed. We discussed moving some chairs into another room when the Saturday night dances get crowded, and Jim will look into getting some keys so we could do that.

Speakers were also discussed with Mac. He said permanently mounted ones were fine as long as they fit in with the current decor. Jim suggested that it would be a good idea to have a professional evaluate the space and recommend sound solutions. John will try to get a contact from Deb to recommend for this, Ron will contact a former colleague to see if he would be interested.

Pam Stoll is working on a **fabric backdrop** to absorb sound behind the stage, as she has time.

Bathrooms were also a topic. Mac will look into freshening up, and possibly repairing them. The Leadership Committee offered to pay for a portion of it. Don Woerner said if we purchase the parts, he is willing to do the labor at no charge.

Pig Town Fling

Paul Fox said that every one seems on target and comfortable with their committees. There was a vote for the band for 2008, and the decision is to have Brittany Bay as the feature band with The Elftones for Friday. It was suggested that The Elftones should play for the Saturday workshops as well. Paul is pursuing this. He has already mentioned it to both bands and they are checking their calendars. One of the members of Brittany Bay said he wants to make sure the band members are all committed to preparing for it before he gives us an answer. Paul said the next step for him is to negotiate pay. The date for the 2008 PTF is March 28 -30.

Online registration for PTF was discussed. Adrienne Dorais will discuss this with John Brockman. PDF printable forms were suggested by Colette. Getting a Paypal account was discussed – more details will be researched as to what that kind of account entails. Elaine volunteered to work on it with Adrienne, Colette and John to get more details and make some recommendations. We discussed creating a new bank account for this purpose to protect existing funds. Paul will see how Morning Glory did their online payment processing. Karen had serious concerns regarding security, electronic deposits, and reconciliation. Karen does not currently handle the account on line.

New Years Eve Dance

John checked out a couple local community centers with no luck. We anticipate 150 people for the dance. Holmes High is probably available, but sound is a problem there. Space is an issue if we hold it here at WFAC.

Elaine proposed that we plan it for WFAC.

Don said Sharonville has a big Recreation Center. Don will follow up on it. Paul will look into the VFW in Clifton. The Leadership Committee wants to only change venues if necessary.

The current plan is to charge just enough to cover the cost of the hall for this dance. All results of looking into alternate locations will be reported back to Jim Vogt.

Suggestion Box

One: Troubled by impolite talking while the caller is teaching the dance. **Two:** Rule: No dancing with the same person twice in a row.

Colette mentioned that new people are not aware of these customs. Options were discussed to communicate dance etiquette rules. We discussed making a poster, a handout, or having the caller announce our customs at the beginning of the dance. Creating a poster was the most popular option. Poppy will get a poster printed if we provide the text. Debbie will try to get something on dance etiquette from a New York site she has seen before. Anyone with suggestions is to e-mail them to Jim Vogt.