

Pigtown Fling Meeting Notes

Date: 12-1-08

Attendees:

Jim Good
Pam Carson Stoll
Larry Lankford
John McCain
Frank Buschelman
Mike Palmer (note taker)
Colette Palmer
Debbie Lucas
Eileen Bens
Drew McDonald
Jim Vogt
Susan Vogt
Teri Spiegel

Agenda and meeting notes

2010 Update Bands and Callers- From the previous meetings, it has been decided that the bands are to be categorized as Local (Cincinnati based) Regional (within a three hour drive) and National (outside the three hour driving radius). A list needs to be generated of these three classifications of both bands and callers and submitted to the selection committees with either a CD, a web link of their music attached in an email, and/or a Myspace or Facebook page with samples of their music. Darlene Underwood is the chair for this committee and we are to call her and see how this is coming along.

T-Shirt Design, Badges and Flyers- Poppy Evans is chairperson for these items. We need to get a progress report on this since there is a priority on the Flyers. We have a 12-15-08 deadline for the flyers to be mailed, posted on the Cincy Contra Webpage and for the New Years Eve Dance.

Soundperson- Tony Hernandez has agreed to do the sound. The cost is going to be the same as the engineer in years past -Wes- however we will most likely incur more in travel cost due to his relocation from Rochester NY to CT. We will pay for the increase of travel costs and he is scheduled to be boarded by the Vogt's for the weekend. An assistant is required to help him- Teri Spiegel has a lead on a person named Al Peck that she will contact, otherwise we need to define the skill set of that assistant and work on getting him scheduled. Set up and break down are two of the responsibilities of this person. Also, this person should probably not be expect to dance. Possibly one of the scholarship applicants may be good for this.

NOTE: On the subject of sound- Pam Carson Stoll brought up that a new quilt should be made to help control the sound coming back to the musicians onstage. It was also suggested that office partitions be placed behind the stage as well. After the meeting, Jim Vogt checked with Holmes to see if they had any office partitions available for this and they don't.

Pig Dressing- Valerie Bobosh is scheduled to dress the pig.

Decoration and Lights- Beth McFarland is the committee chair, and although she was not at the meeting, there was a short discussion with her after the meeting. A new vendor for the bamboo was discussed, the size and thickness of the bamboo (since last year the branches were too long and too weak so they broke). Also discussed was switching from standard Christmas Lights to LED lights to increase the intensity of the lights and even the possibility of using glow sticks on the darker side of the gym. Beth is thinking about trying glow sticks out on a Monday night dance as an experiment in the weeks to come.

Pre-registration- Jim Good is the committee chair on this. He has requested the addition of a new check box to the flyer for the person to designate gender when they register.

Workshops- Frank Buschelman did a very nice presentation on the categories of potential workshops requested and evaluated. He broke them into HAVE TO, LIKE TO and WANT TO categories for evaluation.

Under the HAVE TO categories are English Country Dancing, Advanced Contra with Flourishes, Advanced and Basic Waltzs, Swing Dancing and the Dutch Crossing.

Under LIKE TO are: Yoga, Nia, Callers Workshops, and Musician Jams.

Under the WANT TO are new categories, such as Hip Hop, Hip Hop Contra (see Frank's You Tube Clip on his Facebook Page for Reference), Gender Swap Contra, Salsa, Israeli Dancing and Rise Up Singing.

Most of the categories on the HAVE TO have teachers and spaces assigned- there is still more work to do on the LIKE TO categories for teachers. Frank is very involved in the organization of this area and has a great start on this. The Rise Up Singing was not very well attended last year, so that may be taken off the itinerary for 2009.

Treasury- No issues from John McCain.

Committee assignments

Transportation for the band- None is necessary since they are renting and/or driving themselves this year (no flying).

Vendor Coordinator- Still open. Not sure anyone wants to work on organizing vendors.

Scholarships- This is going to be organized by Teri Spiegel this year. She needs some help from prior people who have worked on this so she can figure out what is involved.

Thank you board- Joan Scanlon is in charge of that this year.

Mailing Labels- John Brockman and Teri Spiegel are responsible.

Housing for Dancers- Kim Thompson is in charge of this.

Food and Refreshments- Drew and Yvonne are organizers for this.

Suggestion Box and Saturday Lunches- Eileen Bens

Sunday Brunch and Coffee- Debbie Frankenhof and Debbie Lucas are coordinators for this.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Flyer is the highest priority- the due date is 12-15-08. Michael and Colette will contact Poppy to find status and make necessary adjustments.
- The next PTF meeting is in February with a date to be set in the next few weeks.
- Announcements need to be made weekly at the Monday and Second Saturday Dances starting in January requesting volunteers for the committees.
- The website needs to be updated with the new flyer as soon as it is done. Michael and Colette need to contact Chuck to make those arrangements.