

Minutes of Teachers' Committee Meeting
September 18, 2004

Held at the home of Paula Jacobson. Prior to the start of business we watched the video of Book 33. Armin called the business meeting to order at 2:30 pm. Present: Susie Kass, Bruce Herbold, Alan Twigg, Coletta Busse, Paula Jacobson, Lin Pettengill, Armin Busse, Juliet Davoren, Bob McMurtry. Regrets: Ellen Aaron, Gary Thomas, Ron Wallace, David Newitt, Cathy Bertics, Alex and Marianna Harvey, Kathleen McAdam, Lori Howard, Bruce Hamilton.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Moved (Bruce/Alan) that the minutes of the June 19 meeting be approved. Passed.
2. Party Program Committees: the October/November programs are complete, as is the Valentine's Ball program. Reminder: programs for special events must be forwarded to Bruce Herbold, as coordinator of the monthly party programs, so that needless dance repetition is avoided and to the Branch webmaster, currently Greg Reznick..
3. Teacher resources: Juliet Davoren reported that the son of the late Howard Leach, past Santa Cruz teacher, had recently donated to her a large quantity of tapes, records, books and some equipment. Juliet is unable to use all of these items and asked for advice on how best to distribute them. There followed a long discussion on how we should archive and/or allocate such resources. Finally, we came up with a plan for handling Howard's bequest which fulfills the immediate need: 1. Juliet will contact Sara Gratiot, Claudette Sigg and Virginia Bissell regarding some of the historical materials and books 2. tapes of original records need not be preserved as part of an archive and could be given away for use by other teachers 3. the records will be sorted and uncommon records will be pulled out and archived for transferring onto CDs at some later date to be decided. Bruce Herbold offered to store the records after they are sorted, whilst awaiting transfer onto new media. Juliet, Alan and Paula will sort through the records one day in October. Out of this discussion, it became apparent that there is a need for an archive of unique materials. Paula will bring this up for discussion at the next Branch Committee meeting.
4. Teachers Web Page – no progress on this. The candidates info has fallen off the web site and needs to be put back on. Bruce Herbold will send the information to Armin to be included with the Teachers web page..
5. E-Reflector: Bruce Hamilton has talked to Don Pettengill about the set up and administration of an e-reflector and it looks promising. It is easy to set up but would need at least one additional administrator familiar with UNIX. Everyone agreed that it would be a very useful tool for the Teachers Committee and would like to move forward on it. Alan may be able to act as administrator. He will investigate.
6. Fall 2004 Teachers Workshop: None of the teachers selected were able to commit to a workshop just before or after the Asilomar weekend. Moved (Bruce H./Paula) that the Fall Teachers Workshop be abandoned. Passed.
7. Related to item 6 above regarding continuing education opportunities for teachers in the Bay Area, Alan brought a brochure about a fee based Scottish Dance Masters Conference for teachers/those intending to be teachers to be held June 15—19 at Sonoma State University. Teachers/Musicians are Ruth Jappy, Geoffrey Selling, John Middleton, Muriel Johnstone and Keith Smith. Early bird registration is January 15.

8. Tutor Training: This event is still under active development. Spring 2006 was discussed as a possible time frame. Ron Wallace has indicated an interest in teaching this course. The Teachers Committee will need to raise a subcommittee to put together scope and budget/costs for this event. Coletta and Dwayne, if he is interested, will meet with Ron to discuss the recommended length of course, format, facilities needed etc.

NEW BUSINESS

The following reports needed no further action and it was decided at the beginning of the meeting to add them to the agenda.

9. Teachers Candidate Class: Bruce reported that there are 16 preliminary candidates and 2-3 full certificate candidates with people still coming forward and expressing interest. The orientation meeting for all interested parties is October 3, 10 am – 12 noon (immediately prior to the Asilomar Ball preview at the same site starting at 1 pm). It was noted that there will be regular presentations to the candidates by a series of visiting experts that could be of interest to current teachers. Teachers, you are more than welcome to attend these sessions as observers, but please save all your questions and observations until after the session has ended so as to allow the visiting speaker to devote all his/her assigned time to the candidates needs and questions. The schedule of presentations will be on the web site.
10. TAC AGM: Alan reported on his attendance, as Area Rep, at the recent TAC AGM. His report is attached to these minutes.
11. It is worth noting here that TAC Summer School 2005 will be on Vancouver Island. AGM 7/29-7/31/05; summer school the first week of August.
12. Date and Location for next meetings: January 22, 2005 at the Pettengill's house. Future dates are April 23, 2005 and July 9 2005.

Meeting was adjourned (Coletta/Alan) at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Pettengill