



SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH. INC.
Teachers' Committee Meeting Minutes
Saturday, January 20, 2007
at Pat O'Brien's, San Francisco

Call to order 02:07PM

Present: Kathy Allen, Armin Busse, Juliet Davoren, Marianna Harvey, Coletta Hill, Paula Jacobson, Susie Langdon-Kass, Pat O'Brien, Sandee Schultz, Alan Twigg.

Regrets: Fred DeMarse, Alex Harvey, Linda Henderson, Jennifer Kelly, Kathleen McAdam, Trina Merriman, Lin Pettengill, Gary Thomas, Ron Wallace, Tim Wilson.

Old Business:

1. Agenda [All]:

Read and approved.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting [All]:

Minutes of September meeting approved as amended (spelling errors.) Alan, Marianna.

3. Party Program Committees [Committee Members]:

March and April party programs completed by Marianna, Kathy Allen, Bruce Herbold and Patti Cobb.

May and June programs due February 1. Paula, Juliet, Bruce Herbold.

4. Old Records project [Paula]:

Tim has almost completed cataloging the second box of records (out of 6 or 7.)

Volunteers for cataloging would be welcome.

NOTE - Branch owns a record player capable of transferring records to computer files. This machine can handle 33, 45, 78 rpm speeds and has a speed control with no pitch distortion. Call Paula if you would like to use it.

5. Pleasanton Feedback Letter:

Branch committee has a finished letter which has been archived pending future need for use. Thanks to Patti, Larry for their work on this letter.

6. Fall 2006 Teachers' Workshop:

Workshop was a success. The facility Triple Threat dance studio in Livermore has a composition floor with good feel. Attendance was good.

Thanks to Don McQueen for organizing, to teachers for attending, and to Angela Young for teaching.

7. Report on Repertoire List [BruceHbd/Paula/Alan]:

Repertoire list was sent out to the larger Teachers' Committee. Some teachers didn't remember seeing it. Alan will put it on the web page. Lori responded that some dances have not been danced for a long time. Feedback about the list would be appreciated - please send to Alan, Bruce, and Paula.

8. Teacher Candidate Class [BruceHbd/Alan]:

8 candidates are preparing for Unit 5 exam on April 14, 2007. We need angels for the exam. The class meets 2nd and 4th Sundays and needs angels from 2:30 - 5:30 pm. Volunteers should have at least one year experience dancing. Teachers please invite dancers in your classes to be volunteer dancers for classes and the exam.

Next classes are scheduled for Ashkenaz in Berkeley. (This info changed since last meeting and correctly entered here by secretary.) Classes will be at Concord Veterans Hall, Feb 25 and March 25, at Bethany United Methodist Church, SF on March 11. Exam will be at Triple Threat in Livermore.

Examiners will be Christine Mair and Noeline O'Connor from New Zealand (wife of Ian Boyd.) Thanks to Alan and Bruce for the ongoing effort to tutor these prospective teachers.

9. Tutor training for Spring 2008:

Ron is very excited about teaching a tutoring workshop in Spring 2008. More info to follow.

Paula will contact David Normand-Harris to see if Scotland is still offering a "tutor training tour."

Paula will call Ron to discuss details.

Paula will later ask Ron to write a short course description.

New Business:

10. Elections:

Chair - Armin nominated for chair (Juliet, Pat) passed 7-0-1

Secretary - Kathy nominated for secretary (Coletta, Paula) 8-0-0

Monthly Party Programming Continuity Person - Bruce nominated (Kathy, Paula)

TAC representative - Marianna (Juliet, Coletta)

Teachers Committee - Branch Committee liaison

It is suggested that at least one teacher be on the branch committee. Kathy appointed to be liaison. If she is not available for a BC meeting, she should supply a replacement.

11. Party Program committees:

Last year we agreed to have a ball-continuity person. Alan cannot do it this year. Juliet agreed provisionally to do this.

Kim McGarrity Ball, Nov 2007 - deadline March 1 - Paula, Bob McMurtry, Juliet

Jean Patrick Ball, Sept 2007 - deadline Mar 15 - Coletta, Pat, Juliet (Michael Gregg)

Valentine Ball, Feb 2008 - deadline Aug 15 - Juliet, Jennifer, Linda Henderson

Oct and Nov - deadline Aug 1 - Bruce Hbd, Lin Pettengill, Alan

Dec and Jan - deadline Oct 1 - Bruce Hbd, Sandee Schultz, Susie

Mar and April - deadline Dec 1 - Bruce Hbd, Gary, Ron

May and June - deadline Feb 1, 2008 - Bruce Hbd, TBA, TBA

Underline denotes convener.

12. Fall 2007 Teachers' Workshop

Fall 2007 Teachers' Workshop organizer - Coletta to ask Don McQueen to repeat. Volunteer needed.

Other Business:

Distribution of Ball program dance descriptions of non RSCDS dances

Ball continuity person will make sure original dance descriptions are sent to teachers.

Sonoma Teacher-Musician Weekend

Marianna will ask Irene Patterson for info on the notice for this event.

November Monthly Party

November Monthly Party conflicts with Asilomar.

San Mateo class needs a new teacher

Lin Pettengill's class in San Mateo needs a new teacher. Preliminary teacher could teach this class which is held at a recreation center.

Upcoming meetings:

April 29 (date change, was 4/15/07) Meeting at Pettengills'

July 21 (date change, was 07/14/07, conflict with games) Meeting at Kathy Allen's

September 22 - TBD

Moved to adjourn

Meeting adjourned 5:10 pm. (Paula, Marianna)

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Allen, recording secretary.