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SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH, INC.

## Teachers' Committee Meeting, January 22, 2011, minutes

Location: Home of Kathy Allen

Note:

Where any or all of us is expected to do something, the words in parenthesis "[Action Item]", followed by *italics and bold type* is used.

Meeting called to order:

by Armin, at 2:05pm, with thanks to Kathy for hosting.

### 1. Present:

Those present signed in. Kathy Allen, Cathy Bertics, Armin Busse, Laura Cooper, Juliet Davoren, Alex Harvey, Marianna Harvey, Linda Henderson, Bradley Hobbs, Kathleen McAdam, Sandee Schultz, Alan Twhigg

### 2. Regrets:

The following regrets were noted: Fred DeMarse, Gail Erwin, Emily Evans, Bruce Hamilton, Jo Hamilton, Paula Jacobson, Susie Langdon Kass, Jim Passage, Lin Pettengill, Gary Thomas, Ron Wallace, Tim Wilson.

Note arising from previous minutes: Armin did will follow up with Don Pettengill following the last meeting. There was no clear reason for some people not to have received the reminder of the Sept 18, 2010 meeting. However, there were no complaints this time, at least not that we'd heard.

### 3. Agenda review/edit; Special topics for future meetings; Announcements:

[Action Item] **Armin will send two surveys**: one soliciting future special topics for the meetings; the other to vote on such topics. It was commented that the special topics have been appreciated, beneficial, and should definitely continue. Link to first survey: <https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dE5KMmt6X2IYZDR4NVIOT3RCSI96VGc6MQ>

### 4. Minutes of September 18, 2010 meeting:

Accepted as written (Proposed Alan, 2nd Kathleen).

### 5. Report on Party Program Committees:

Monthly Party program committees are completed as scheduled, through to May/June 2011.

### 6. Teachers' Workshop

Armin reported that the Teachers' Workshop will be April 9, 2011, at St Mark's, Palo Alto, approximate time 1pm-5pm. It will be taught by Bruce Hamilton, will focus on how to improve our teaching, will not need live music, and needs a minimum of 10 attendees to meet the budget

submitted to and approved by the Branch Committee. Some details are still in process. [Action Item] **All, please note the April 9th date.** [Action Item] Around end January, **Armin will send out an invitation to the workshop** with the exact price. [Action Item] **Marianna will collect the money** from attendees. Thanks was expressed to Armin, and to Marianna.

7. Election of Officers

Chair: Armin was willing to stand, was nominated (Marianna), seconded (Santee), and elected unopposed.

Secretary: Juliet stated she has not enjoyed the job. There being no other nominees, Juliet was willing to stand provided detailed feedback on the minutes is restricted to the substance of the meeting. Anyone with detailed comment on punctuation, style or niceties of grammar can write the minutes for the next meeting! (And of course, as with other positions, the secretary can always delegate someone else if they will be missing a meeting.) On this basis, Juliet was nominated (Armin), seconded (Kathleen) and elected unopposed.

Monthly Party Programming Continuity Person: Bruce Herbold was willing to stand, was nominated (Juliet), seconded (Marianna) and elected unopposed.

Ball Program Continuity Person: Paula was willing to stand, was nominated (Armin), seconded (Alan), and elected unopposed.

TAC Representative: Paula was willing to stand, was nominated (Armin), seconded (Kathleen) and elected unopposed. However, it is expected that Alan Twigg will be Paula's delegate at the TAC meeting in summer 2011.

There was brief mention of the conflicting benefits of variety versus familiarity in these various roles, and huge appreciation was expressed to all for their willingness to stand.

8. Discussion of future Teachers' Workshops

A variety of future possibilities (combining with Asilomar/Valentine's Ball/Candidate's Course) and impossibilities (combining with exam tour) were aired. We concluded by deciding to repeat the request from the May 2010 minutes to approach suitable individuals. [Action Item, copied from May 2010 minutes] **We should each, unilaterally, approach people we think could offer good teachers' workshops, particularly taking advantage of out-of-town teachers visiting the area for other reasons, and suggesting we'd be able to pay part of their costs. If we find someone interested in offering a workshop, we can bring that information to the Teachers' Committee for discussion.**

9. Selection of Program Committees

Program committees, listed by due date, were selected as shown below. Monthly party committees were quick to fill; Ball committees were slow to fill. [Action Item] **Linda and Santee to immediately email Paula their very limited availability for the KMMB program.** [Action Item] **Anybody else with interest in serving on program committees, please come forward.** Variety is good, and we have people doing double duty, and even have an empty slot. Contact Bruce (for monthly party programs), Paula (for Ball programs), or any of the people doing double duty to express interest.

Due	For	By
March 1, 2011	Kim McGarrity Memorial Ball	Paula, Linda, Santee
March 15, 2011	Jean Patrick Memorial Dance	Paula, Marianna, Kathy A.

Due	For	By
August 1, 2011	Oct/Nov Monthly Parties	Bruce Herbold, Kathy A., Marianna
August 15, 2011	Valentine's Ball 2012	Paula, Alan, Cathy B.
October 1, 2011	Dec/Jan Monthly Parties	Bruce Herbold, Sandee, Susie
December 1, 2011	March/April Monthly Parties	Bruce Herbold, Juliet, Lin
February 1, 2012	May/June Monthly Parties	Bruce Herbold, Laura, ???

[Action item] **All, please note the dates you are committed to.**

#### 10. Candidate Class

Alan Twigg, Bruce Herbold, and Armin Busse were formally approved as the candidate class tutors. (Proposed, Marianna; seconded, Kathleen; with all in favour.) The Teachers' Committee expressed thanks to them for offering the class promoting new teachers. The exam will be May 14, with Mary Murray and Ron Wallace as the examiners. The candidate class, meeting at the Polish Hall in San Francisco on ~10 Sunday afternoons, is focused on Unit 3, with four candidates plus one out-of-town resit. Candidate class fee is \$100. There will also be candidates sitting Unit 5, but these are a re-sit and an out-of-town candidate, so there is no class for them. [Action item] **Alan will email Kathy the list of dates for insurance coverage.** Alan mentioned the flyer requesting stooges/angels for practices. [Action Item] **Alan will email the Angel flyer to us, to forward to our classes.**

Looking ahead, Alan requested that we [Action Item] **all be on the lookout for small, inexpensive halls, able to hold 2 sets.** Alan further commented that for himself and Bruce Herbold this is their third time in a row of tutoring the class, and that Teachers' Committee lore, if not policy, dictates this is their last turn.

#### 11. Report from Branch Committee

Bradley stated some on the Branch Committee had expressed discomfort with the candidate class budget approval process, but was pleased to report the Branch committee approved paying the hall rental for the candidate class. Thanks was expressed to the Branch for their support of the class.

Bradley also reported that more people are much needed to serve on the Branch Committee. We should [Action Item] **all encourage others to become members of the Branch Committee (or volunteer, ourselves).**

#### 12. Report on TAC

Any updates have been forwarded by email. TAC summer school will be in Quebec, has fabulous musicians, and is expected to fill.

#### 13. Valentine's Ball & Discussion of Dances on Upcoming Programs

Ticket sales at the time of the meeting mean the Valentine's Ball is expected to lose a fair amount of money. Some scholarships are available.

None So Pretty: Bars 23-24: The mood of the meeting was that in this Branch it is common, and generally preferred, for the 2s to dance loops to enter into the reels of four, despite the TAC Notes direction to the contrary.

Seann Truibhas Willichan: Bars 19-20: It was universally agreed the turn is by the right hand.

#### 14. Starter Jigs

It was reported the monthly party programs did look at the new Graded Book, Volume 2.

### **Other business**

#### 14. Magazine and EZine

Kathleen alerted us all to the EZine, which some, but not all, had received the link to from HQ.

<http://www.rscds.org/emails/ezine1.html>

Also the Youth Ezine, which has had a second edition.

[http://www.rscds.org/images/stories/pdfs/Outputs/2011-01-28\\_09-youthezinedec2010.pdf](http://www.rscds.org/images/stories/pdfs/Outputs/2011-01-28_09-youthezinedec2010.pdf)

As the correspondent for the “Happenings on the West Coast” section of the Scottish Country Dancer magazine, Alan requested [Action Item] **any items of news be emailed to him by end of January.**

#### 15. Dates and locations of next meetings

May 21, 2011, [Addendum to minutes - location change]: now Susie Langdon Kass’

September 17, 2011, Kathleen McAdam’s

January 21, 2012. Location tbd.

[Action Item] **Everyone should write these dates into their calendar.**

#### Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm by unanimous consent.

Submitted by  
Juliet Davoren