



Teachers' Committee Minutes (final)

Meeting

Saturday 16th January 2020, Zoom

Present

Alan Twigg, Armin Busse, Bradley Hobbs, Bruce Herbold, Dilip Sequeira, Don MacQueen, Fred DeMarse, Kathleen MacAdam, Kathy Allen, Lin Pettengill, Linda Henderson, Lori Howard, Paula Jacobson, Rachel Pusey, Sandra Shultz, Sara Gratiot, Sheena MacQueen, Trina Merriman.

Apologies: Kathy Bertics, Kathy Jorgensen, Tim Wilson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Armin Busse, Chair.

Announcements

Sheena has started a beginner class, 2 attendees and more asking. Doing a Zoom Wed 7-8pm. She's willing to accept new people; teachers who wish to pass on inquiries from beginners should provide them with Sheena's email.

Old Business

Change/accept minutes of previous meeting

Bradley moved to approve; Lin seconded, approved unanimously aside from one abstention.

Armin thanked all those who contributed to branch activities and the individual classes during a difficult year.

Elections

Chair: Armin Busse, elected unanimously

Secretary: Dilip Sequeira, elected unanimously

Monthly Party Programming Continuity: Bruce Herbold, elected unanimously.

Ball Programming Continuity: Paula Jacobson, elected unanimously

New Business

TAC Report

TAC hopes that we will be dancing in July/August for Summer School. Prospective candidates for the Teacher Certification should contact Linda Mae Dennis. Teachers are encouraged to publicize Summer School to their class.

Election for TAC representative: Trina Merriman, elected unanimously.

Board Report

Still working on getting the web site coded.

All in-person events are canceled thru March; no decisions have been made about later monthly parties or how to handle the May AGM. Don had previously suggested to the board that April is when the board will need to engage in serious long-term planning, but may need to reassess based on the progress of the vaccine rollout.

AB-5/AB-2257: there's no obvious solution - for those who are substantially affected, the board has resolved to make it work.

Discussion about restarting:

- what kinds of guidelines should teachers expect from the board? Response was the board is not qualified to make public health decisions, but will insist that any actions are in accord with public health guidance. Some teachers argued in favor of stronger guidelines from the beginning, because "rely on common sense" may not be enough.
- is there liability associated with restarting - should we ask the insurance company? Don will check with the insurance coordinator.
- There was a request to the board to put on the website a condensed version of the public health guidelines on a per-county basis. High schools are putting out information about what sports can be done in each tier.

Bruce's previous suggestion of starting with a 10-dance very social program for monthly parties had previously been adopted by the board, but he now suggests that after a year we should stretch out that ramp to 3-4 months. Anyone with input should contact Bruce.

Other Business

New Announcements

Rich Calendar, one of our longest-attending dancers in the Berkeley area, has passed away.

Date & Location for the next meeting

Next meeting is May 15th 2021, the one after is Sep 18th.

The proposed dates for a year hence are January 15 or 22, 2022.

Adjourn

Proposed Bruce, seconded Bradley. Approved unanimously, 2:55pm

Ever so 'umbly submitted

Dilip Sequeira

Recording Secretary