



Teachers' Committee Minutes (first draft)

Meeting

September 18th January 2021, Zoom

Present

Alan Twigg, Armin Busse, Bradley Hobbs, Dilip Sequeira, Don MacQueen, Juliet Davoren, Kathy Allen, Kathy Jorgensen, Linda Henderson, Lori Howard, Paula Jacobson, Rachel Pusey, Sarah Gratiot, Trina Merriman

Apologies: Fred Demarse, Lin Pettengill, Sandee Shultz, Tim Wilson

Call to Order

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

Announcements

Jean Patrick was canceled.

Asilomar is canceled

Old Business

Change/accept minutes of previous meeting

Bradley proposed to accept as amended; Paula seconded; carried unanimously.

New Business

TAC Report (Trina)

TAC is just chugging along, like everyone else. Everyone wants to get back to dancing, but safely.

- New coordinator of the area reps, Kenwyn Saunders.
- New coordinator for the candidates: Gail Forster
- New newsletter editor: Alison Booz

Board Report (Don)

Things were looking good in late June, but since then not so much.

October Monthly Party is canceled; not sure about November - looking for numbers to go down to the level at the end of June.

Jewel, Jamie and Rachel think we should have something every month no matter what, and the current plan is to put together a purely social event in October; with more notice they'll be able to work with Andy to add some music.

6 classes are meeting right now; others have tried masks and decided they're not feasible, or are waiting for COVID rates to drop sufficiently. R&S will have a list of running classes. Branch Committee position remains to conform with local regulations.

Next Branch Committee meeting: Oct 9th by Zoom.

Asilomar contracts for '22/'23 have been signed, and the expectation is that those will go ahead as normal.

Pleasanton

Games happened and, with limited attendance because of COVID, were sold out.

Stage was a bit more in the sun, so the Marley softened and wrinkled, but the new plywood was welcome.

Good volunteer turnout, not much dancing but enough that we were a part of it.

Juliet asked if there was a request for dancers distributed; Don explained that he was responsible for the stage schedule, and this year it was whoever reached out and offered to do something.

Other Business

New Announcements

How classes are going

MV is due to start in October.

- Livermore: fully vaccinated & masked. Masks are no fun
- Campbell: fully vaccinated & masked. Outside, nobody's willing to dance inside.
- Monterey: fully vaccinated & masked. Biggest thing is not being able to see people smile.

Sarah and Kathy J recommended [Airgami](#) N95 masks.

On Teachers being heard in large halls: Sarah ascribed her lack of any such problems to natural ability. Juliet commented that it's at least as much to do with the background noise (fans) as the size of the room. Kathy A suggested turning the fans off during teaching and then on during dancing. Armin speculated about bluetooth-based outlet controllers to turn fans on and off.

Date & Location for the next meeting

For 2022 the proposed schedule is January 15th, May 14th, September 17th. Please let Armin know of any conflicts. He is considering the possibility for hybrid meetings. Bradley suggests that Zoom makes it easier for teachers to attend, Paula agreed.

Adjourn

Bradley Proposed, Paula Seconded, unanimously adjourned at 2:51pm.

Ever so 'umbly submitted
Dilip Sequeira
Recording Secretary