



SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH, INC.

Teacher Committee Meeting Notes January 18, 2025 Draft

1. Meeting

1a Time/Place

2:00 PM, Zoom

1b Attendees

Armin Busse, Chair
Tom Ward, Secretary
Kathy Allen
Don MacQueen
Juliet Davoren
Linda Henderson
Trina Merriman
Sandra Schultz
Kristi Closser
Geoffrey Wood
Bruce Herbold
Sara Gratiot
Kathy Jorgenson

1c Regrets

Laura Cooper
Paula Jacobson
Alan Twigg,
Fred DeMarse
Tim Wilson
Dwayne McQuilliams
Mary McQuilliams

2. Call to Order

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

3. Review and Adjust Agenda

The chair added the following:

Report on the status of the new Website, in conjunction with report from Branch Chair liaison

4. Old Business

4a. Review and Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting

No modifications were noted to the Draft B document.

Motion, Bruce: That we approve the prior minutes.

Passed: Without objection

4b. Party Program Committee Reports

Valentine's Ball program done

January program done

March-April program done

May-June program almost done

Programs are named: "San Francisco" <eventname> <month> <year>

4c. Party Programming Guidelines

Bruce & Kristi worked on the Guidelines. The guide produced by the Boston Branch was a useful source. The draft document will be distributed to Branch Teachers with a request for comments, and it will be posted on the Teachers' website. For distribution, Bruce can send to rscds-sf-teachers@googlegroups.com. Armin will send a link to the posted document to Tom for distribution.

Trina reports that TAC has been preparing a related video that will be shown soon at a launch party and be available on YouTube.

5. New Business

5a. Liaison with Branch Committee

Don MacQueen and Tom Ward reporting.

The Branch Committee has posted the updated Members' Handbook to the Branch digital library and sent a link to the storage location to all Branch Members.

The Branch Committee has posted a draft Branch Committee Code of Conduct. It will be given a final review by BC members, given final edits, and subjected to a vote for making it final.

The website is going through final testing of members-only access and related functionality. Once we are confident that it is working as intended, links will be sent to Branch Members allowing them to log in and set their individual passwords. At minimum, the following will be available only to Branch Members:

Branch Committee Meeting Minutes

Branch legal and organizational documents

Membership Directory

The Branch Committee has created a set of volunteer recognition pins, which are being distributed to individuals identified as contributing several days' worth of effort to Branch efforts over the course of the year. About 50 people have been identified. Armin wanted to make sure that the hard-working volunteers in the Teachers' Committee are included. They are.

5d *Liaison with Teachers Association of Canada*

Trina Merriman reporting.

TAC has been looking into what can be done to enhance the experience for TAC members and to augment involvement by young people. Ward Fleri is leading that effort. This may include providing online training resources on YouTube. Marjorie McLaughlin is preparing a program on Ball Programming that will be available soon. TAC is also considering holding weekend workshops around the country. Trina is soliciting suggestions for content to be prepared.

The gender neutral issue is still not solidifying around any one approach. The issue seems to be of high importance in the United States, but not elsewhere, and seems to be more important among young members than older members. Delaware Valley and Boston Branches have prepared some materials. Nothing is being mandated.

5c *Election of Committee Leads*

Bruce nominated **Armin** for Chair. Passed without objection.

Geoffrey nominated **Tom** for Secretary. Passed without objection.

Tom nominated **Bruce** for Monthly Party Programming Coordinator, ___ seconded. Passed without objection.

Armin nominated **Geoffrey** for Ball Program Coordinator. Passed without objection.

Geoffrey nominated **Trina** for TAC Liaison. Passed without objection.

5d *Event Programming Teams*

Oct-Nov 2024: Bruce, Kristi, Don

Dec-Jan 2024/5: Bruce, Alan, Armin

Valentine's 2025: Geoffrey, Trina, Kristi

Mar-Apr 2025: Bruce, Kathy J, Juliet

May-Jun 2025: Bruce, Kathy J, Sandra

5e *Future Teachers' Workshops*

Trina will try to put together an informal session to discuss alternative gender-neutral teaching terminology.

6. Additional Items

6a *Pleasanton Games*

Kathy Allen wants to know if anyone wants to be an Adjudicator for the 2025 Games, August 30-31. Armin to check his availability.

6b *Linkage of Teachers' Committee Website to Branch Website*

Don will see to it that a link to the TC Website will be available on the Resources page of the Branch Website. The TC Website's list of available documents needs to be winnowed a bit.

6c *Branch Repertoire*

It was commented that the terminology on the Repertoire Spreadsheet is a bit ambiguous. Bruce will clean it up and re-publish it.

7. Wrap-up

7a *Next Meetings*

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 25, 2025.

Subsequent meetings are scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2025 and Saturday, January 24, 2026.

7b *Call for Adjournment*

Motion, Trina: That the meeting adjourn.

Seconded Bruce:

Passed: Without objection

Meeting was adjourned at 4: 02 PM.