



TANGO SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA [TSOM] BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2017 - 7:00 pm

Location: Uptown Lunds-Byerly's Community Room
1450 W. Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408

Present: Natalie Aiello, Gregory Bringman, Terri Davis, Barbara Haselbeck, Terry Holten, Linda McFadden, Corinne O'Neil

Absent: Scott Chase, Suzanne Doyle, Paul Lohman, Ray Shudy, Jennifer Wang

- Introductions
- Approved Agenda
- August Minutes approved
- Review September Milonga – 41 Attendees and a loss of \$91.04
Board members discussed the potential issues related to the Virginia Street location attendance, including lack of parking at 8:30, lack of air conditioning, and the sticky floor. Members discussed not including a tango lesson at this location in order to facilitate a later start, but Terri Davis noted that the tango lesson is a TSOM hallmark. Board members agreed to monitor future Virginia Street Milongas attendance.
- October 14th Milonga
 - Location: Virginia Street Church
 - MC: Suzanne Doyle (Gregory Bringman)
 - Food: Ray Shudy
 - Teacher: Andrea DuCane
 - DJ: Rahul Ughade
- TSOM Sound system
 - Paul Lohman communicated via email that Michael Kane was attempting to repair the TSOM sound system. Paul believes that TSOM can continue to use the Desperados sound system in the meantime.
 - Board members discussed using the surplus to purchase a new sound system, if the old system cannot be repaired. A portable dance floor and storage requirements was also discussed.
- December Milonga
 - Paul Lohman communicated via email that he had spoken to Linda McFadden about food for the event. Paul has also written Bob Barnes, and is waiting to hear back about the music for the event.

- Process Documents
 - Website Administration
 - Terry Holten communicated that she is waiting for Don Rowe to have enough time to meet and complete the Website Administration document. Missing sections would include “How to update the website”, and “Emergency Contact information”.
 - Terry also communicated that Jennifer Wang had provided the TSOM Dreamhost account number and invoice information for the documentation.
 - Terri Davis explained that she does not have any website responsibilities, beyond Calendar Coordinator and backup Email Approver. Terri also requested two userids, TSOM Coordinator, and Non-TSOM Coordinator, so that non-TSOM Calendar events do not have the TSOM name attached.
 - Gregory Bringman reviewed the Dreamhost website, and indicated where the Dreamhost contact information could be found.
- ACTION: Terry Holten will meet with Don Rowe to finalize the website documentation.
- ACTION: Gregory Bringman will contact Don Rowe to discuss adding the TSOM Coordinator, and Non-TSOM Coordinator userids.

- Board Nominations Committee
 - Suzanne Doyle communicated via email that it would be helpful to get a list of all current TSOM Member names. Terry Holten requested a copy from Jennifer Wang, and emailed it to the Board.
 - Suzanne also suggested that the outgoing board members write a brief paragraph or two for the next Tango Moments publication. Potential comments could include:
 - Why they became a board member
 - Highlights of their tenure on the board
 - Good reasons for others to be on the board

Suzanne had already discussed this idea with Gail (Tessa). Gail had communicated via email that the next Tango Moments was the Winter/Holiday issue, so it would be perfect timing for getting TSOM board member comments about serving on the board. Gail stated that the out-going board member feedback would be needed by the end of October.

 - Terry Holten reviewed the “Nomination of Board Members Process”, specifically the September responsibilities.
 - *Board discusses current TSOM members who might be candidates.*
All agreed to review the list of TSOM members and forward potential candidates for Board President, Vice President, Members at large, and Nomination Committee members to Terry Holten. Terry will forward all board feedback to the chairperson.
 - *Board selects the chair of the Nomination Committee.*
Terry communicated that Fran Howley had offered to chair the Board Nominations Committee, Board members enthusiastically agreed to accept Fran’s generous offer. Motion was made by Terri Davis to approve Fran Howley as the Nomination Committee chairperson. Passed
 - *Secretary publishes via TSOM Announce the name and contact information of the chair.*
Terry will contact Fran, and publish the required TSOM Announcement.
 - Terry Holten communicated that the following Board members terms were up at the end of the year: Gregory Bringman, Scott Chase, Terri Davis, Suzanne Doyle, Paul Lohman, and Ray Shudy. Scott Chase had communicated via email, that assuming there were no objections, he would agree to be on the ballot for another term.

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ACTION: Outgoing board members provide a paragraph or two on their TSOM experiences for the next Tango Moments publication.

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ACTION: Terry will contact Fran Howley and communicate via TSoM Announce, that Fran will be the Nomination Committee chairperson.

- Treasurer's Report - Jennifer Wang emailed the treasurer's report to the Board, Teri Davis and Corinne O'Neil reviewed the numbers and noted that all looked good.
- Membership Update - Per Jennifer Wang's documentation, there are currently 141 members.
- TSoM Outreach Committee
 - Barb Haselbeck reviewed the Richfield Open Streets event.
 - Michael Kane brought and setup the Desperados sound system. (Big thank you to Michael for taking the time to do this on such an important day.)
 - Tamara Demarco brought and helped assemble a portable dance floor, and Scott Chase brought the TSOM sandwich board.
 - Barb communicated that 11 or 12 dancers participated, and that 2 or 3 couples were dancing at any time. Barb said that there was a good flow of traffic, including 3 female officers on horseback, and a tall man in a dog costume.
 - Board members thought it would be a great idea if we could get pictures of the police officers, and Tamara dancing with the dog in the next Tango Moments. Barb agreed to put something together.
 - Tamara suggested a couple of ideas for future events:
 - Ask Teachers to announce events in classes.
 - Provide free Milonga passes to event participants, including those who help set things up.
 - Terry Holten asked if the Board had requested feedback from the local tango teachers, as to which events generated new students.

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- Next meeting: Thursday October 26th at the Uptown Lunds & Byerlys (1450 Lake Street) Community Room.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Holten, Secretary

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