



TANGO SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA [TSOM] BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2017 - 7:00 pm

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

Present: Natalie Aiello, Gregory Bringman, Scott Chase, Terri Davis, Suzanne Doyle, Barbara Haselbeck, Terry Holten, Paul Lohman, Linda McFadden, Corinne O'Neil, Ray Shudy, Jennifer Wang

Absent:

- Introductions
 - November Agenda approved
 - October Minutes approved
 - November Milonga review
 - 62 Attendees and a loss of \$63.57
 - Scott Chase noted that TSOM Members may need to adjust to a more chaotic dance floor, in order to welcome new members. Paul Lohman agreed to drop a note to all teachers, suggesting that floor craft be discussed with students once a month.
- ACTION:** Paul Lohman will contact all teachers and suggest that floor craft be reviewed with students once a month.
- December 9th Milonga
 - Location: Columbia Manor
 - MC: Paul Lohman (Terri Davis)
 - Food: Linda McFadden (Catered by Cossetta's)
 - DJ: Jennifer Wang & the Bob Barnes Quintet
 - Decorations: Paul Lohman noted that Sandra Uri and Janeen Rae have assumed responsibility for decorations.
 - Start Time: Paul suggested starting the Milonga at 7 pm to attract members who normally do not attend later Milongas.
 - Fees: Paul proposed the following entrance fees: Members \$10, non-members \$22, student members \$8, and student non-members \$12. Board members discussed non-member fees, and it was noted that a new TSOM member could join at the gate for \$25 and attend the Holiday for free. Board agreed to the proposed entrance fees.

- Food: Paul suggested that Linda McFadden contact Cossetta's asap, and make arrangements for the catering, as the board will need to vote on the proposed costs. Suzanne Doyle will forward Linda the 2017 holiday party menu. Terry Holten agreed to purchase any plate or cups etc needed for the Milonga. Barb Haselbeck and Corinne O'Neil agreed to help with Linda the food table during the Milonga.
- Raffle: Paul discussed the 2017 raffle for personalized TSOM shoe bags. Scott Chase approved of the shoe bags, as they were a viable form of marketing, and suggested selling bags for a price, in addition to the raffled bags. Motion was made by Ray Shudy to do three customized shoe bags for the raffle. Terri Davis seconded the motion. Board members voted and the motion did not pass.
- Board members expressed gratitude to the Desperados for continuing to share their sound system, while the TSOM sound system was being repaired.

MOTION: Ray Shudy made a motion to raffle customized shoe bags at the December Milonga. Did not pass.

ACTION: Terri Davis will update the TSOM Calendar with December Milonga information.

ACTION: Terry Holten will update the TSOM Next Milonga page.

ACTION: Linda McFadden will contact Cossetta's and make catering arrangements

- TSOM Sound system
 - Paul Lohman noted that Michael Kane was attempting to put the TSOM sound system back together. Michael suggested that TSOM consider trading in the repaired TSOM sound system for a better system in the future.
- January Milonga
 - Paul Lohman noted that the Board elections would be at the January Milonga, held at Four Seasons.
- Process Documents
 - Treasurer
Suzanne Doyle is still working with Jennifer Wang to complete the Vanguard documentation.
 - 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".

ACTION: Terry Holten will meet with Don Rowe to finalize the website documentation.
- 2018 Milonga Rotation Schedule
 - Suzanne Doyle communicated that the schedule was taking longer than expected, and the January and February Milongas DJ and Teacher had not yet been identified.
 - Suzanne also noted that more DJ's were needed, the Board identified additional potential DJs.
- Board Nominations Committee
 - Fran Howley communicated via email, that the nomination committee (Janeen Rae, Morgan Keil, and Fran) had met and compiled a list of possible candidates, and had been contacting TSOM members for the last few weeks.
 - Paul Lohman noted that candidates had been identified for the President, Vice-President and four at large Board Members.

- Bylaws
 - In the October Board meeting, Corinne O'Neil had suggested changing the bylaws, staggering the President and Vice President terms. Scott Chase thought this would be ill-advised as the Vice President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary would all come up for election at the same time. Board members discussed and agreed to not change the bylaws.

- Venue Contracts for 2018
 - Paul Lohman communicated his strategy for venue selection, and discussed the Virginia Street venue concerns. Paul proposed a 2018 venue schedule, and board members shared suggestions. Paul modified accordingly and will proceed with venue negotiations.
 - Board members also discussed replacing one of the summer Milongas with a Potluck Picnic, at one of the Park Board locations. Paul suggested discussing with the new TSOM Board, and making a reservation as soon as possible, as the Park Board locations fill up quickly.

ACTION: Paul Lohman will negotiate the 2018 venue contracts.

- Treasurer's Report
 - Paul Lohman explained that TSOM currently has a net loss on Milongas, but the loss is primarily related to the prepayment of the December Milonga rent, and the Mill City expenses.
 - Jennifer Wang reviewed TSOM's financial status and told the Board that TSOM is doing well, there are no known financial issues and TSOM is close to breaking even in 2017.
 - Board members discussed the Vanguard account and whether or not that would be a penalty involved if the money was withdrawn and placed in the TSOM bank account
 - Barb Haselbeck discussed purchasing a used moveable dance floor. Board members discussed concerns related to storage, portability, setup, and how the floor would be used. Paul communicated that the broken Sound System was a bigger issue to address at this time. Paul also stated that for any larger purchase, someone would need to create a proposal for the Board.
 - Paul had questions on a couple of Milongas profitability, and Jennifer and Terri Davis clarified the numbers. Paul stated that the financial report looked good, and the Board agreed.

- Membership Update
 - Per Jennifer Wang's documentation, there are currently 128 members.
 - Jennifer reviewed the Membership process, and noted that they were a little bit behind on the process, which could explain the dip in membership.
 - Paul Lohman, Scott Chase and Jennifer discussed a missing membership check, and Paul agreed to contact the member to determine if the check had cleared.

ACTION: Paul Lohman will determine if missing membership check has cleared the bank.

- TSoM Outreach Committee
 - Scott Chase communicated that Miriam Ziven is doing a great job reaching out to ballroom dancers via publications and at the UTango Club. Scott explained that there are two tango entities at the U of M, the first is a social club, and the second is a class. Miriam is working to join the two entities.
 - Board members discussed asking Miriam to join TSOM and teach at one of the Milongas.

- Next meeting: Thursday December 14th at the Central Library (300 Nicollet Mall) Room N-202. Terry Holten noted that she will not be able to attend the December meeting and another Board member will need to be responsible for the meeting notes.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Holten, Secretary

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