



TANGO SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA [TSOM] BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday October 25th, 2018, 7:00 pm

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

Present: Tom Bischoff, Barbara Haselbeck, Terry Holten, Mark Jefferis, Linda McFadden,
Corinne O'Neil, Sandra Uri

Absent: Natalie Aiello, Scott Chase, Janeen Rae, Jennifer Wang

1. Introductions
2. October 25th Agenda approved
3. September 27th Minutes approved
4. October Milonga Review
 - Corinne O'Neil noted that Jennifer Wang was on vacation, and therefore the Milonga results would be reviewed in a future Board meeting.
 - Terry Holten detailed how Kit Cusick went out of his way to help TSOM at the last minute.
5. November 10th Milonga
 - A. Location: Lundstrum Black Box
 - B. MC: Janeen Rae
 - C. Food: Sandra Uri
 - D. Teacher: Andrea DuCane
 - E. DJ: Rahul Ughade
6. Treasurer's Report
 - Jennifer on vacation, the report will be reviewed in a future Board meeting.
 - Corinne will reach out to Scott Chase regarding checks made out to Virginia Street.
7. 2018 December Christmas Party
 - Terry contacted Bob Barnes and Rouge Tango and received the estimated costs to play two 1-hour sets. Tom Bischoff was also contacted by Andres Gross trio.
 - Board members discussed the pros and cons related to live music at the holiday Milonga, the associated financial costs, and the band options.
 - The Board also discussed the issues with the sound at a prior holiday Milonga venue, and agreed to use both the Desperados and TSOM sound system to improve the sound quality.
 - Motion was made by Corinne to arrange for live music at the holiday Milonga. Terry Holten seconded the motion, and all Board members voted for the motion.

MOTION: Arrange for live music at the holiday Milonga Passed.
ACTION: Terry will contact the Board's preferred band and determine is still available.

8. 2019 Board Membership Committee
 - Fran Howley sent Corinne a text detailing the potential board candidates, including candidates for the Secretary, Treasurer and one Member at Large positions.
 - Barb Haselbeck shared that she would be willing to extend her commitment by one year.
 - Board members discussed other potential Member at Large candidates and agreed to approach these candidates to determine if they would be interested in serving.

9. 2019 Milonga Venue Negotiations Status
 - Terry shared a proposed venue schedule and the current status:
 - Masonic Temple has been verbally reserved for January 12th 2019, she is working on getting a written contract but needs all 2019 dates to complete.
 - Four Seasons has been reserved for the February 9th 2019 Milonga.
 - Janeen Rae finally received feedback from Westminster after multiple attempts, and unfortunately Westminster is not available for the March or April Milongas.
 - Terry has not heard back from the Park Board yet on whether or not the Wirth Pavilion is available for a July or August potluck picnic Milonga.
 - Board members discussed a revised schedule, Terry agreed to publish the updated schedule and email to all Board members for feedback.

ACTION: Corinne will forward Virginia Street Church contact to Terry.
ACTION: Terry will email revised venue schedule to all, and proceed with Venue reservations.

10. TSOM Outreach Committee
 - Terry communicated that Michael Kane has suggested hosting a beginner's Milonga. Board members discussed ways to welcome new dancers in a Beginners Milonga.
 - Corinne reviewed her proposed "General Codes of Conduct", Board members discussed modifications and agreed to print laminated copies to be placed on tables at TSOM milongas.
 - Tom Bischoff proposed a Tango "Taster or Sampler" punch card for new Tango dancers. The card could possibly include a year or two of TSOM Membership and free entry to a variety of Milongas. (Not just TSOM, possibly TSOM, 5400, Davis Rost, Bataclan, Confusion etc.) The cards could be distributed by local teachers to new students. Tom and Barb agreed to form a sub-committee to define and approach local Milonga facilitators.
 - Terry suggested also forming a sub-committee to meet with local teachers and determine how TSOM can support and promote them.

11. U of M Students Free Milonga Motion
 - Corinne O'Neil received an email from Rebecca Abas. Rebecca and Andrea DuCane teach a beginner Tango class at the U of M. As a requirement of the class, the students must attend two milongas. Rebecca asked TSOM to waive the October and November admission fees for these students.
 - Motion was made by Corinne O'Neil to waive the TSOM October and November Milonga fees for the U of M Students attending the beginner Tango class.

MOTION was made between board meetings and passed via email vote.

12. Next Meeting
 - The next Board meeting is Thursday November 15th at the Uptown Lunds & Byerlys Community Room 1450 W Lake St, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Holten, Secretary