



TANGO SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA [TSOM] BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 28, 2019 7-9 p.m.

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

Present: Corinne O'Neil, Scott Chase, Mary Jane Setterberg, Jan Jahn, Renee Heyne, Barbara Haselbeck, Shannon Carson, Tom Bischoff

Absent: Sandra Uri, Mark Jefferis, Fran Howley

Guest: Michael Kane

1. Introductions and welcome new Board Members
2. February 28, 2019 Agenda approved
3. January 24, 2019 Minutes approved
4. Visit from Cork, Ireland Tango Society members

Michael Kane presented further details regarding the visit from tango dancers from Cork, Ireland. The visit will coincide with the Fabian and Lola workshops being held May 3-6, 2019. There are five people coming from Cork so far and they will be coming on May 1 and leaving on May 7. Michael is looking for housing for six people. Terry and Mark and Janeen and Paul and Corinne have agreed to provide housing. Michael needs volunteers to provide transportation and time to show the Irish visitors around the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. He would like to have a welcome party and would like these individuals to have the opportunity to try some of the classes our teachers offer as well. Hazel Trudgel, Chair of the Cork Tango Society and Mary Costello, a board member of the Cork Tango Society will be coming to visit. Michael suggests that TSoM contact these individuals and the other visitors on Facebook or by email to introduce yourself and welcome them. This is an opportunity to exchange ideas on getting new members, instruction, where to have milongas, etc. The Cork group is open to becoming our sister group for exchange of ideas.

Barbara Haselbeck suggested she might be able to hold a milonga at the Park Avenue location.

5. The January 2019 minutes were approved.
4. February Milonga Review
 - February milonga was not as well attended as the January milonga even though it was the Valentine's Day milonga.

- Corinne suggested that we may need to take a month off from having a milonga. TSoM will continue to monitor the attendance to determine if TSoM is breaking even or losing money by holding monthly milongas.
- Scott suggested that skipping the monthly milonga won't resolve the attendance issue. He suggested that TSoM needs the tango teachers' support and that the teachers should be honorary members of TSoM.
- The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

5. March 9, 2019 Milonga

- The March Milonga is going to be held at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 901 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, MN.
- It will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 11:00 p.m. and is a potluck.
- Janeen will handle publicity.
- Tom will make the signs directing participants to the room in the church where the event is being held.
- Theme will be "End of Cabin Fever."
- Janeen, Tom and Fran will be handling the set up and everything else and Shannon volunteered to help with the cleanup.
- Corinne will bring some extra power strips.

6. Treasurer's Report

- The January 2019 milonga was attended by 53 people.
- Ten memberships to TSoM were purchased in January.
- The February 2019 milonga was attended by 41 people.
- Shannon reported that there were some annual expenses paid during the month of January, such as insurance, license for music, Post Office Box fee and web-hosting fee (24 months).
- The membership roster has been transferred from Access to Excel.
- As of the date of the meeting, TSoM has 144 members.

7. Milonga Rotation – Task Chart

- Corinne indicated that volunteers were still needed to fill the six spots on the milonga rotation calendar.
- The chart was circulated, and the spots filled.

MOTION: Corinne made a motion to wave the entrance fee to the TSoM milongas for the MC and supporting MC at every TSoM milonga. Motion was seconded by Scott. Motion passed.

8. TSoM Community Development Committee Report:

- Barbara and Tom presented a sample punch card as discussed at the January 2019 meeting.
- The card will contain the TSoM website address and an information sheet will be attached with the card.
- The information sheet would include the TSoM logo and mission statement.
- A suggestion was made that TSoM call the cards a Tango Passport.
- The cards will contain serial numbers corresponding to the teacher who passed out the card for information tracking purposes.
- Discussion was held regarding ways to obtain feedback from the individuals who used the cards. One way would be to give away a free membership to TSoM with the completion of a questionnaire concerning the punch card system.
- Another suggestion involved holding a drawing and giving away a pass to a workshop. A question was raised whether the drawing should be for every member.
- Also, under consideration was the possibility of having an advanced tango dancer be a practice partner for five weeks as an award.
- Discussion was held regarding whether the free TSoM milonga should be the first milonga on the card rather than the last one to attend.
- Next step is to go to the hosts and teachers to get feedback on whether the hosts and teachers will support/endorse the plan.
- Tom and Barbara will reach out to the milonga hosts and tango teachers.

9. Next Meeting:

- The next Board meeting is Thursday, March 28th at the Uptown Lunds-Byerly's Community Room, 1450 W. Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Jahn, Secretary