



TANGO SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA [TSoM] BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 25, 2019 7-9 p.m.

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

Present: Scott Chase, Mary Jane Setterberg, Jan Jahn, Renee Heyne, Sandra Uri, Fran Howley, Barbara Haselbeck, Tom Bischoff

Absent: Corinne O'Neil, Shannon Carson, Mark Jefferis

1. April 25, 2019 Agenda approved
2. March 28, 2019 Minutes approved
3. April Milonga Review

The April milonga was held at the Eagle's. Sixty-one people attended the milonga. Forty-four were members of TSoM and two were student members. Twelve were non-members. Three were board members who were organizing and working at the milonga and were not required to pay admission. The cost to use the sound system was unclear. TSoM was able to use it without charge at the April milonga. Scott Chase advised that TSoM has its own sound system and if we have the milonga at the Eagle's in the future and are required to pay for the sound system, we can use TSoM's system rather than incur an additional charge.

4. The May milonga is scheduled to be held at the Triune Lodge on May 11. Sandra Uri is the MC. Mary Jane Setterberg will be taking care of the food. Renee Heyne is the supporting MC. Lois Donnay is the DJ.
5. Treasurer's Report
 - TSoM lost money on the April milonga.
 - There were six new memberships purchased in March and April.
 - As of the April 19, 2019, TSoM has 149 members.
6. Holiday Milonga Update
 - A venue has been reserved for the holiday milonga scheduled for December 14. The milonga will be held at the Women's Club.
 - A discussion was held concerning music for the holiday event. With the cost of the Women's Club and the requirements regarding food purchases, TSoM may not want to incur

a charge for a band. Last year three bands contacted TSoM requesting to play at the holiday milonga. Sandra Uri suggested having a battle of the DJs.

- The admission price for the holiday milonga was discussed. The cost depends on the cost for the food and music in addition to the rental of the room.

ACTION: Sandra Uri will contact her friend regarding the Women's Club's requirements for purchase of food.

7. Free passes to TSoM Milongas

- Fran Howley presented boxes of free passes to TSoM milongas to be dispersed to interested people. Scott Chase also had some of the newer cards.
- Scott Chase suggested that a TSoM member hand out these cards just before the scheduled classes of the teachers giving lessons during the week before the TSoM milonga. This would encourage new students to attend the milonga.
- Additional cards were distributed to TSoM board members.
- Fran Howley suggested that TSoM consider ways to distinguish their milongas from others, such as starting earlier and holding the milongas at new venues.

8. TSoM Community Development Committee Report:

Barbara Haselbeck and Tom Bischoff presented their report concerning the status of the passport project. Barbara sent an email to the teachers and to the hosts of milongas requesting their feedback. The email to the hosts was limited to those holding monthly milongas with a \$10 admission charge. Most of the teachers responded positively. Sabine's challenge students complete their challenge in about six weeks. Dave Rost responded positively and had some ideas for printing the cards and their contents. Barbara will send an email to the hosts again. TSoM will be paying 50% of the value of the card and needs the participation of the milonga hosts to make the project work.

9. Future Meetings

- Jan Jahn advised that TSoM's board meetings for November and December are on Thanksgiving Day and the day after Christmas. It was suggested that the meetings be rescheduled and that this issue be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Next Meeting:

- The next Board meeting is Thursday, May 23rd at the Uptown Lunds-Byerly's Community Room, 1450 W. Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Jahn, Secretary