



Minutes for Board Meeting Apr 24, Monday, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Location: Via Zoom

Present: Cino Adelson, Cathy Petersen, Fran Howley, Kathya Dawe, Terri Davis, Rob Peterson, Jack Levi, Joe Bowman, Gerald Girouard, Mary McKeon **Absent:** Eduardo Drake **Guest:** 0

1. Approved Apr 2023 Agenda (Fran) added 1 item – Covid Vaccination requirements
2. Approved Mar 2023 Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report for Apr 2023 (Budget updates) (Rob)
The Saturday April 8th, milonga party receipts of \$705.00 and costs of \$477.50, produced a net gain of \$227.50 for this event. Total attendance: 73

April 2023 revenue from the weekly practica series was \$523 and \$381.16 in expenses d a net gain of \$141.84. There were 69 members and seven non-members and four gatekeepers for an average weekly number of 27 attendees in this reporting period. In April 2023, Membership revenue totaled \$365.48. Operational expenses for April 2023 totaled \$169.50 for our Mail Chimp and Sheer Magazine advertising subscriptions.

April 2023 Net Income:

+\$ 227.50 April 2023 Milonga
+\$ 141.84 April 2023 Practica Sessions
+\$ 365.48 Membership Payments (15 total)
- \$ 169.50 April Operational Expense
+\$ 565.32 April 2023 Net Income
4/21/2023 Checking account balance: \$7,738.78
4/21/2023 Savings account balance: \$9,546.60
4/21/2023 Cash account balance: \$335.00

4. Membership Report-Mar 2023, Membership Committee, survey update (Kathya)
At our last meeting, we focused on development and the timeline for releasing a survey, which is tentatively set for May. A new member was recruited, per Cino, it is Connie Cohen. Fran's goal for 2023 is to have 175 members, which she believes is possible.

Total number of members on 27/March/2023: 160 (meaning all members with expiration date in March/2023 or later)

Total Renewals in April: 15 (just to clarify, I consider all renewals from last report to today to occur in April and are reported as such)

Joined: 0 - Currently total memberships expiring in April: 13

5. Milonga 'committee' update (Fran) Fran, Terri, Vivi, Susan H, Jack, Janeen, Cath, Kimberly, Eduardo
We have venues for all months, including the Gala, which will be at Westminster Presbyterian's space.

MOTION: Cathy moved that Fran be authorized to sign the contract with Westminster for the December 9th Gala, pending final review of a contract, and subsequently issuing a check for a deposit. Rob seconded. Unanimous vote to proceed. Discussion: Question about timing was submitted by Gerry. There will be an earlier start and end; all planning for the gala details will be developed with the committee.

6. Google Website and Communication (Gerry) (Sandy, Eduardo, Ron T, Fran)
Gerry and Eduardo had a conversation about technology and its use for TSoM. How do we use technology to support TSoM's vision? They decided to look at other platforms that will support a non-profit board by the name of "OnBoard". This service utilizes Zoom, it allows note taking, it has security, it allows retention of board member emails plus other features. Google Workspace is oriented to an organization, but it allows us to build and create a website that is cut and paste. OnBoard is oriented to a nonprofit board. Office 365, Google Workspace and OnBoard will all be compared for costs and services.
7. SheerDance Magazine Article and new design ad (Joe and Eduardo)
Fran provided an update that this is in the works.
8. Dave Rost request for grant/contribution to Free Dance (April 29)
Kathya supports Dave's efforts and issuing the grant. Cino agrees with Kathya. Rob advised Dave received \$405 in GoFundMe; Rob is willing to give a gift to Dave rather than a grant. He'd rather support venues and instructors rather than a DJ. He also commented on the 5th Saturday scheduling. Kathya asked Rob about his perception on Dave's scheduling of milongas on 5th Saturdays by him. Mary Pearl asked if this is ongoing or once, and what percentage are non-tango dancers? Fran stated the last dance event Dave sponsored had 50% non-tango attendees. Gerry stated that the 5th Saturday milonga scheduling on the TSoM calendar is something for the May agenda. **MOTION:** Fran made the motion to accept Dave's grant proposal for April 29th, 2023 and issue a grant for \$60. Terri seconded. Motion passed.
10. Begin discussion re next year's Elections (President, Membership)
Fran advised that the President's Process document was never written. Eduardo submitted a note stating he feels his talents are better used in another capacity.
11. Gala Committee volunteers - Fran asked if anyone was interested. No response was recorded.
12. May milonga—TRIUNE, St. Paul – MC-Mary Pearl, Gate-Kathya and Joe, Food-Vivi, PR-Terri
13. Tango en Blanc – Fran stated that she feels this isn't something TSoM should sponsor. Jack suggested TSoM collaborate with another organization. Kathya mentioned that only some of TSoM tango dancers were able to participate. Fran suggested the date of Tango en Blanc conflicts with another scheduled milonga. TSoM's decision to proceed with a 2nd event on the same date as another locally organized milonga. Kathya recommends we



don't proceed with a TSoM initiated Tango en Blanc to honor our calendar position. Others agreed in general discussion.

14. Board Retreat – Fran and Cino
A discussion ensued for a board social instead of a retreat. ACTION: Identify a date to have a board social gathering. A possible location is Victor's for breakfast before the practica.
15. Vaccination Policy – Fran
Jack has observed that many have had Covid despite having a vaccination. The question is "are we protecting the community by requiring a Covid Vaccination?" Rob thought TSoM had already transitioned from a Covid policy to a good health policy. Fran clarified that we did not transition away from Covid vaccination policy, but Eduardo had developed a good health policy. Gerry suggests we table a discussion on our Waiver Forms until May. Action: Add to May agenda.

MOTION: Mary Pearl made a motion to stop checking vaccination cards at TSoM events. Kathya seconded. All in favor.
16. Lack of followers – Fran
There are too few followers showing up at beginning classes held by Rebecca and Lois. Action: Fran will go to Rebecca's Tuesday beginning class and report back.
17. Draft Committee Operating Protocol: (Eduardo) Cino, Jack, Kathya
Deferred to May meeting for discussion.

Motion made by Terri on 5/2/2023:

I move that we keep our usual member price of \$12 and raise the non-member price to \$20 for the month of May 2023 milonga with live music. Rob seconded and amended the motion to add "keep the student rate at \$5". The amended motion passed.

Next Virtual Meeting May 22, 5:30 - 7 PM

Note: As Cathy will be traveling on May 22, Mary Pearl will take minutes on her behalf.