



Our Mission is to celebrate, support, and nurture a creative and thriving Argentine tango community.

Minutes

Sept 26, 5:30 - 7 PM (virtual)

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

1. Approve Sept 2023 Agenda - yes
2. Approve August 2023 Minutes - yes
3. Treasurer's Report for Sept (Rob)

The September 9th milonga party receipts of \$616.00; after costs of \$610.06, it produced a net gain of \$5.04. Total attendance: 57(39 regular members, five non-members, 13 free entries: one DJ, and eight membership dues related, two Gatekeepers and two additional workers.) September 2023 revenue from the weekly practica series was \$751.00 with \$584.23 in expenses for a net gain of \$166.77. There were 103 attendees during the month - an average weekly 26 attendees. Membership revenue totaled \$315.05.

September 2023 Net Income:

+ \$ 44.51 September 2023 Milonga
+ \$ 166.77 September Practica Sessions
+ \$ 315.05 September Membership Payments (13 total)
- \$ 19.50 September Operational Expense
+ \$ 506.83 September 2023 Net Income

9/22/2023 balance: 18902.40

- Practica had higher expenses including PayPal and rent for 3 months,
- Fran asked what we pay for practica rent; Rob answered about \$25/hour. Jack put in our bid for 2024 and hasn't heard back.

4. Membership Report, Membership Committee, (Kathya, Cino)

Total attendees: 56 | Nonmembers: 4 | Renewals at gate: 5 | Free: 11

Total number of members on 24/September/2023: 144

- Kathya hopes her record keeping will inform boards to come!
- 1 more person for renewals (12, not 11), she will resend the report
- She sent invites to renew for everyone who expired in Oct. (9) and Nov. (23) people. There are 5 expirations in December.
- Membership Committee-Peter Truan, Ron Teo, Connie Cohen, Sandra Uri, Cino and Kathya

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- a. **Survey Results** - Committee will send a thank you for completion of survey and candor via TSoM News.
5. October milonga – OCT 14 Venue - Four Seasons; MUSIC-Bob Barns; MC-Gerry; Gatekeepers Rob and Joe; Food Dan N.; PR Terri
6. Discuss a TSoM Microgrant/Loan program to provide seed money (e.g., up to \$250 per event, and maximum \$3k for one year) to stimulate and support non-board-initiated tango events and activities, e.g., Friday Night Milongas, Sunday Milongas, etc. (Eduardo) **Carried over.**
 - We have a grant policy in place that hasn't been advertised for a few years. Eduardo would like to see more Fri and Sun milongas.
 - Fran wants TSoM to create a grant committee of up to 3 people, that would be in place before someone asks us for a grant. Eduardo, Jack, Gerry, and Rob volunteered.
 - Gerry will send a grant policy draft to the whole board.
7. Gala Committee update (Fran, Eduardo, Terri, Mary Pearl, Janeen, Rob)

The entertainment and venue have been secured. Pricing will be the same as last year which includes parking, some decisions were made about format of event with regards to available space. Eduardo will send out another "Save the Date" next week and remind people to renew TSoM memberships to get the best price. Start and end time – music - 7:30-10:30. There will be a place for socializing, passed appetizers, before dancing begins. Plans are in flux.
8. Timetable for Nominating committee – in motion, nominating committee members will meet in early Oct. TSoM News has been sent announcing the start of the nomination process.
9. CINE LATINO - Oct 15

Paola oversees Cine Latino; we are partnering with them. We will have a dance demo lasting 20 minutes after the movie concludes. It will be in conjunction with a large Spanish festival party being held before the final film. Fran proposed we supply food for 60 people; she said we can order empanadas from Del Sur w/Maria's 20% discount, \$35/dozen, proposing 4 dozen. Jack suggested we forget empanadas and make donation for lessons for new people. Fran said last time she spoke with Paola; they were seeking a demo and lesson (in 20 minutes). There may not be 20 minutes for Diana's demo. Diana will be paid (\$75) and empanadas will be (4-5 dozen at \$35 each).

MOTION: We support Cine Latino by purchasing 5 dozen empanadas at \$35/dozen. Motion passed with one abstention. We decided to do a demo and not have Diana provide a lesson. Fran will communicate with Paola and Diana.

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10. U of MN Tango Class – every year a new class of tango students from the U come to a TSOM milonga either in October or November. Andrea and Rebecca provided a list of 19 students to give them free entrance. List will be at the gate.
11. TSoM Newsletter – Bill Boyt sent an email saying he'd like to see TSoM return to preparing and send by mail "Tango Moments", which was a multipage newsletter. He asked if the TSoM board would like to join him in putting this together. Comments:
 - Cost of paper, email have gone up, need more funds for a budget,
 - Some people think it's a good idea, some not.
 - Need to know who is going to be on next year's board before starting a new project.
 - Could ask him to put a proposal together on the financial aspect.
 - Many organizations have stopped sending paper newsletters and use their website or email for newsletter.

Table this. Respond to him it was discussed, but no plan was set.

Next Board Meeting October 23, 5:30 - 7