

TANGO TANGO SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

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

Minutes

Oct 23, 5:30 - 7 PM (virtual)

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

Guest: Cecilia Storly

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

The October 14th, milonga party receipts of \$524.00 and costs of \$455.69 produced a net gain of \$68.31. Total attendance: 67 (34 regular members, six non-members, six instructors, one paying student and 20 free entries: one DJ, and three membership dues related, two Gatekeepers, three additional workers, one free pass, and ten U of MN students.) We prepaid \$796.25 towards the gala expense.

October 2023 revenue from the weekly practica series was \$805.00 with \$117.78 in expenses for a net gain of \$687.22. There were 94 members, 13 non-members and four free entries for an average weekly number of 28 attendees in this reporting period.

October 2023 Net Income:

+ \$ 68.31 October 2023 Milonga
+ \$ 687.22 October Practica Sessions
+ \$ 433.68 October Membership Payments (13 total)
- \$ 179.50 October Operational Expense
- \$ 796.25 Prepaid Gala Expense
+ \$ 213.46 October 2023 Net Income

10/20/2023 total Checking, Savings, and Cash account balance is \$19076.64.

Of the prepaid amount to Westminster, \$300 will be refunded after the event. It is likely we will have to pay for the food, the final amount owed to Westminster.

4. Membership Report, Membership Committee, (Kathya, Cino)
Total attendees: 69 | Nonmembers: 6 | Renewals at gate: 2 | Free: 15
Total number of members on 22/October/2023: 149

Milonga report

Kathya brought up the Board's motion to provide instructors free entrance to every milonga. However, she would like it clarified whether instructors should receive free entrance. Cathy will send a message to all instructors after Fran submits ideas in an

email to her. Fran suggested that there might be clarification about Diana and Mike. Joe stated that Diana and Michael teach regularly, and they received free entrance if they are members. The annual TSoM Gala will not be included.

5. SURVEY RESULTS AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (30 minutes)

Cino recommended there be a brainstorming session regarding the recommendations. Food wasn't considered important by most survey respondents. Eduardo mentioned that another milonga has ended food, and it feels bleak. Rob mentioned that it removes the possibility of creating an opportunity for a cabeceo. Fran suggested we raise the amount for TSoM's food budget from \$50 to a higher amount than what was agreed upon by a former board several years ago.

Eduardo suggested we have live music for 6 TSoM milongas. Fran advised there are just 2 tango orchestras in the Twin Cities.

Eduardo suggested a Sunday afternoon milonga to replace Rogue Tangos milongas.

Eduardo suggested TSoM create a grant program for Sunday afternoon milongas.

Point 21 – TSoM's calendar is google based, but it doesn't integrate with Safari nicely per Teri. Eduardo suggested a fix with a weekly summary be posted on the TSoM website.

Point 22 - Eduardo suggested a glitter approach on a name tag or something else to bring people in touch. Gerry suggested we have ambassadors introducing people to TSoM.

Point 26 – Fran suggested that TSoM bring in an instructor from out of town.

Point 27 – Eduardo suggested that there be community guidelines for appropriate touching.

Point 28 – Fran suggested that the names of individuals who want to volunteer should be provided to Gerry and Fran for possible board membership or milongas. Eduardo suggested there be a bulletin board set up for volunteers. Cino suggested there be a volunteer wrangler.

Free beginner classes sponsored by TSoM.

Membership committee revisit birthday tanda

6. November milonga – Nov 11 Venue Four Seasons, MUSIC Paul as DJ; MC Cino; Gatekeeper Gerry and Jack; Food Roxanne; PR Terri

Cino advised that she will be absent several days before the milonga, and she will need a lot of help. Fran advised that it's best to use emails instead of having a meeting. Some ideas for themes noted by Fran include a thank you milonga for instructors, and apple season.

7. Gala Committee update (Fran) 5:30-6:30 set up at Westminster, 6:30-7:30 social time, 7:30 is Charles group playing. Eduardo is working on a new photographer. Tickets go on sale around Thanksgiving for members per Eduardo who is in charge of PR.
8. Nominating committee (Fran) Fran has had trouble recruiting people to the board – there's one person who will join the board for one year (Terri). Rob said that this might be

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advantageous to create overlap for President and Vice-Chair. Rob and Eduardo indicated that this would need to be a by-law change. **Action:** Terri stated this change must be made according to TSoM by-laws and it should be added to the TSoM November agenda. Fran mentioned that the nominating committee is on schedule. Eduardo advised that there's nothing preventing teachers from being on the board; they would need to recuse themselves.

9. Venues for Jan, Feb and March milongas (Fran) Are we still planning a free milonga? Where and who will be the DJ? Terri reminded us that this is the annual meeting, and all members should be able to attend. Kathya reminded us that she suggested Triune, big room at Eagles, Four Seasons are the 3 options that come to mind. Rob reminded us that we have outdoor milongas in the summer that don't conflict with Four Seasons summer wedding parties. Terri reminded us that Four Seasons has a policy with TSoM that if a more lucrative event can be booked by them, TSoM will find another venue for its monthly milonga. Fran advised that Cathy had arranged for the DJs between October and December 2022, the schedule was finalized by January 2023. Joe mentioned that the Eagles or VFW have food available, and they have a liquor license eliminating a need for TSoM's insurance coverage for alcohol. Cino and Fran advised that we should decide on where to host the Jan, Feb, & Mar; it was suggested Four Seasons be the venue for the Jan, Feb, Mar milongas.
10. Landmark Invitation for 2-hour Argentinian event (Fran) Fran mentioned frustration that there wasn't any response to her email regarding the Landmark event from the TSoM board. Terri and Gerry advised they can be on the committee; Eduardo will take the lead and coordinate with the committee members. Charles and Tamara have made a commitment to participate in this event.
11. Suggestion for TSoM to start beginner classes like the West Coast Swing group is doing. (Fran) - Fred and Gretl Workshop (Fran) Fran advised that they had a very low turnout, but the entire weekend's events experienced low turnout. She wanted to be sure to reassure them. Rob advised that we had an instructor come to our practicas once per month for a free intro lesson; he suggested we continue to offer free lessons. Terri advised that swing has had free lessons. Fran suggested that the membership committee discuss this and come to the board with suggestions on how to move forward with free lessons.

Next Board Meeting Nov 27, 5:30 - 7.