

TANGO TANGO SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

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

Minutes

Nov 27, 5:30 - 7 PM (virtual)

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

Guest: 0

1. Approved Nov 2023 Agenda
2. Approved October 2023 Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report - Nov (Rob)
November 11th, milonga receipt \$765.00, costs \$468.67, a net gain \$296.33. Total attendance: 81 (38 regular members, 18 non-members, and 25 free entries: one DJ, and five membership dues related, three instructors, two Gatekeepers, two additional workers. | Revenue from weekly practica series was \$532.00 with \$11.58 in expenses for a net gain of \$520.42. | November 2023 - Membership revenue totaled \$288.85. 12 memberships paid. Membership renewal PayPal fees \$11.15. Operational expenses: \$19.50 for Mail Chimp subscription.

November 2023 Net Income:

+ \$ 296.33 Milonga
+ \$ 520.42 Practica Sessions
+ \$ 288.85 Membership Payments
- \$ 19.50 Operational Expense
+ \$ 1,086.10 Net Income

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Checking: \$10,280.66
Savings: \$9,547.08
Cash: \$335.00
Total \$19,827.74

4. Membership Report, Committee-(Kathya, Cino)
Milonga attendees: 81
-Non-members: 19 | -New/joined: 0 | -Students: 12 | -Renewals at the gate: 3 | -Free: 25
Practica attendees: 86
Total number of members: 148
Kathya and Gerry discussed the renewal date for our members. Gerry asked if we should ask all to renew in December for a coming year. Kathya advised that this was not a best practice for TSoM as it is impractical operationally. All TSoM members receive an email notifying them about their pending membership expiration. At the January free milonga, those whose membership has expired will be able to renew and enter free. Eduardo suggested that there be a QR code in every TSoM newsletter (possibly email) sent.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (20 minutes) (Cino)

She asked that TSoM review them and prioritize them. Cathy recommended the TSoM board accept the membership committee's recommendations, and that the board discuss Milonga Etiquette / Bad Behavior. Eduardo recommended that there be specific examples provided in an email to the membership. Kathya recommended that the membership committee create a draft document illustrating examples of bad behavior at a TSoM milonga. Eduardo suggested that a task force be created to draft a document; Kathya agreed. There's a longer list of items that were itemized by respondents to the survey. Kathya recommended that Sandra Uri and Connie Cohen be on the committee. Gerry reminded us that Connie will be joining the board, and he invited Eduardo to join the task force. Cino and Eduardo agreed that the deadline for this draft be the end of February. Gerry recommended adding Dave Rost. Cino will take the lead in organizing the group. Gerry recommended we agree adopt the "No" recommendations. There was a brief discussion on live music by Joe and Eduardo; there are a limited number of tango bands/orchestras. At this time, Fran advised we will have 4 or 5 milongas with live music. Eduardo stated it is useful to set a target for 6 live music milongas. Fran advised we could invite in musicians from other cities – i.e., Madison, WI. Kathya agrees with Eduardo that we have more live music rather than less. Gerry supports initiating daytime milongas-see # 5. Terri advised that a follower's tanda is regularly done in Argentina # 4. Cathy suggested that special tandas be included at a TSoM Milonga like a theme or a DJ; there was general agreement, specifically Gerry and Cino. **Motion:** Fran moved that the food budget be increased to \$70 per milonga, seconded by Rob. Passed unanimously. Cino will reorganize the committee suggestions for review by the board at another meeting.

ACTION: Cino recommends an email be sent to membership with an update on Board response to the survey responses.

5. GALA– Dec 15 Venue - Westminster Pres. Church | MUSIC: Charles G quartet + singer, DJ - Paul; MC - Fran and Janeen; Gate keepers - Rob +3, Food and Students - Mary Pearl; PR - Eduardo and Terri; Greeters - Kian?, Gerry, Jack +2.
Fran will create a sign-up sheet for the TSoM board to identify our tasks and roles at Westminster Pres. Church
6. Gala Committee update (Fran) NEED EVERYONE ON HAND
7. Nominating committee (Gerry, Fran) – 2024 Board Members: Terry Holton, Dan Browning, Connie Cohen, Luke from Rochester, Susan Radtke
8. Venues for Jan, Feb, and March milongas (Jan-6001 Lyndale with Rachel DJ, Feb - Calvary Church with Rogue Tango, Mar - 4 Seasons with Peter T)
9. Landmark Urban Expedition program - 2-hour Argentinian event (Eduardo, Gerry, Terri, Paul Valehos) Eduardo advised that TSoM has been invited to participate as Argentina's cultural ambassador for which we've received \$1,200. Charles G.'s orchestra will play. January 21, 2024 from 1-3 pm is the event. On average there are 250-300 that attend.
10. TSoM beginner classes like West Coast Swing organizations are doing (Cino) Hany and Kian had between 20 and 30 new participants at last week's free Tango instruction. Cino and Eduardo agree that March and April will be good months to host free tango classes for beginners.
11. Waivers (Eduardo and Fran) – she liked the way that the Gala ticketing included waivers. Eduardo advised that the website committee has a list of features that they

would like to include. Eduardo suggested that we include waivers for practicas and milongas and other TSoM events. Cathy suggested that a device be purchased for ease of practica and milonga sign-in with a waiver embedded. **ACTION** - Fran endorsed what Eduardo suggested that a waiver statement be posted at the practicas.

12. January meeting (Fran) it will likely be present, incoming, and outgoing board members. Eduardo suggested the meeting be in person.

Next Meeting: December 18, 2023 5:30-7:00 pm