

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

## Minutes

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, 5:30 - 7 PM (virtual)

**Present:** Cino Adelson, Joe Bowman, Dan Browning, Connie Cohen, Terri Davis, Kathya Dawe, Luke Doskey, Eduardo Drake, Gerald Girouard, Terry Holten, Fran Howley, Jack Levi, Mary McKeon, Rob Peterson, Susan Radtke

**Absent:** Cathy Petersen

**Guest:** 0

1. Approve January 2024 Agenda – yes  
Agreed to add Joe to the agenda after Website and before Retreat Ideas.
2. Approve December 2023 Minutes – yes
3. Treasurer's Report (Rob)  
January 2024 Net Income:
  - \$ 362.29 January Milonga
  - \$ 176.17 January Practica Sessions
  - + \$ 196.53 January Membership Payments
  - \$ 1,137.93 January Urban Expedition at Landmark
  - \$ 866.02 January Operational Expense
  - \$ 2,345.85 January 2024 Net Income

12/31/2023

Checking account: \$12,798.71

Savings account: \$9,547.32

Cash account: \$423.00

Balance: \$22,769.03

1/22/2024

Checking account: \$1,452.86

Savings account: \$18,547.32

Cash account: \$335.00

Balance: \$20,335.18

- Rob noted he had a much smaller window to create this financial report.
  - He explained finances were less by ~\$2,000 for multiple reasons: Rob had not included the \$1,200 from the Landmark Center, January Milonga had only 1 paying attendee, and the quarterly payment to the CFPA was made in January.
  - Rob made the decision to move \$9,000 to the savings account, which has a slightly higher interest rate. This statement was followed by a brief discussion on the possibility of investing dollars in the future.
  - Rob noted that his spreadsheet could be a bit confusing, as he mixed the milonga and practica numbers. He plans to revise/reformat the spreadsheet this year.
4. Membership Report, Membership Committee (Kathya, Cino)
- Kathya reviewed her last membership report.  
January milonga: Total attendees 47, Nonmembers 1, Renewals at Gate 1, Free 46.
  - She noted the membership and treasury reports might be slightly out of sync as they were created at different times.
  - Kathya noted we were at member number 1002; the first record of membership began in 1999.
  - The Board discussed notifying members that there would no longer be a free milonga after reupping membership. There was advice against this communication.
  - Jack asked why the 1 paying attendee had not renewed membership; Rob explained that the individual only had \$15 in hand.
  - Cino and Susan will now be leading the membership committee. Cino noted she would like to add one additional member, preferably male.
  - The membership committee will be meeting soon to solidify goals etc.
  - Susan will be emailing a list of volunteers to the board.
  - Cino will be emailing survey next steps to the board.
  - Joe requested a new board member packet of information on Committees etc.  
Fran noted that TSoM's Google drive is full of documentation. There are two TSoM Google drives, one is documents and the second is financial. Terry will meet with Fran and contact Cathy to locate all available information to share with the board.
  - The membership report was approved by the board.
5. Advice from outgoing members (Fran, Jack, Eduardo, Mary, Terri, Kathya)

- Fran: Be patient with each other, and she is always available for questions.
- Jack: Keep tabs on membership and milonga attendance numbers, some tango communities are becoming extinct, it started with the pandemic.
- Eduardo: Find a steady source of enthusiasm and plug into it. Create clear committee charters and expectations. End a motion, something concrete. Have fun!
- Mary: We are the face of TSoM, be friendly to new people, be aware of new faces.
- Terri: Promotion, calendar administration used to belong to the Committee chair. Terri passed responsibility to Dan. Fran will send copies to Dan and Terry.
- Kathya: Learn and take advantage of everyone's skills. Invite non-board members to help with TSoM tasks. People want to help. Be patient and have fun!

## 6. Gerry's Hopes (Gerry)

- In October Gerry reflected on a series of questions: What does community mean to me? What do I get vs what do I give?
- Gerry would like to see the tango community become more diverse.
- Gerry's three watch words are implementation, exploration, and experimentation.
- To grow, we need to take chances. For example, we need to reinvigorate TSOM's policy to lend money.
- Other ideas include consolidating technology and internet presence. How to get more people involved in the community.

## 7. Waiver (Gerry)

- Eduardo updated the TSOM waiver. **Motion Passed.**
- It was noted the website has the waiver, and that it would cost money to have Don Rowe update the website. Gerry tabled and will send out updates via email.

## 8. Practica (Gerry)

- The Practica Committee (Gerry, Jack, and Sandy) want to hire local teachers to do a ~30 minute lesson (Cost ~\$70).
- Jack explained that the committee does not require board approval to proceed, as long as the committee stayed within budget.
- Rob noted that the Practica Committee had done lessons the prior year.

- Gerry tabled and will discuss with Jack and Sandy.

## 9. Website (Gerry, Susan)

- Don Rowe is not the only individual who has access to the website, Ron Teal also has access and can make updates.
- Blue Host suggested moving the website to Google workspace.
- TSoM cannot get Google workspace for free, wrong type of organization.

## 9.5 MIA Milonga (Joe)

- Joe explained that he goes to the MIA every weekend and that there is a perfect space in the Target wing to host a milonga.
- Joe requested permission from the board to investigate the possibility. Gerry noted that board approval was not required, and that Joe was welcome to investigate.

## 10. Retreat Ideas (Cino)

- Cino noted that she had sent out a possible date of February 26<sup>th</sup>, and that she had received 2 available and 2 not available from board members.
- Cino stated that the retreat was for team building and fun. To reaffirm the board's mission etc.
- Gerry will create a doodle with multiple dates.

## 11. Milonga Committee

- Connie noted that she had met with Fran and was working to assign all the responsibilities through April.
- Connie will also send out a list of all venues and DJs etc.

## 12. Miriam DJ Fee

- Eduardo stated that Tamara suggested that TSoM pay Miriam Lee a \$100 DJ fee for the Landmark event.
- The board discussed the money spent on the event and the refunds available, and all agreed that if we did not go over budget, they approved paying Miriam. **Motion Approved**

**Next Board Meeting Feb 26, 2024 5:30 – 9:30.**