

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

Minutes Board

April 29, 2024, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Present: Cathy Petersen, Cino Adelson, Joe Bowman, Connie Cohen, Luke Doskey, Dan Browning, Gerald Girouard, Terry Holten, Rob Peterson, Susan Radtke | **Absent:** 0 | **Guest:** Fran

1. Approve April 2024 Agenda adopted with modifications
2. Approve March 2024 Minutes approved
3. Treasurer's Report (Rob) April
4/13 milonga party receipts of \$723.00 and costs of \$482.61 produced a net gain of \$240.39. Total attendance: 63

April 2024 revenue from weekly practica series was \$743.00 less \$764.69 expenses resulted in a net loss of \$21.69. There were 119 members, 24 non-members, 7 students and 8 free entries; an average weekly number of 32 attendees.

April Membership revenue totaled \$332.32 from 14 individuals. Membership expenses totaled \$17.68. April 2024, we incurred \$19.50 due to MailChimp fees. April 2024 Net Income:

+ \$ 240.39 Milonga
- \$ 21.69 Practica Sessions
+ \$ 332.32 Membership Payments
- \$ 19.50 Operational Expense
+ \$ 505.52 Net Income

4/29/2024 Checking balance: \$2,216.20

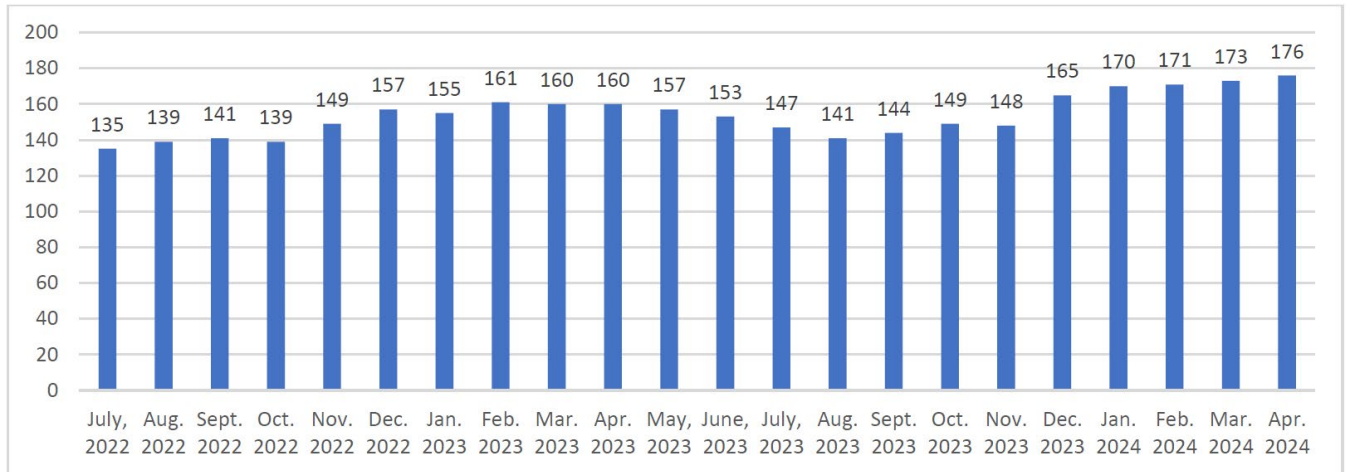
Savings balance: \$16,847.74

Cash balance: \$335

Total: \$19,398.94

4. Membership Report (Susan)

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS REPORT April 29, 2024: Total Members



5. M. Corder Retirement Cathy

Cathy moved that TSoM publicize the 6/14/2024 M. Corder retirement milonga; issue a certificate of appreciation; provide a \$50 gift card. This passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously. It was agreed that individuals can volunteer for other aspects of the milonga – door entrance fees, food, etc.

6. Seed Grant: Gerry

The original seed grant policy released by Gerry dated 4/24/2024. Concern was expressed about how much time must be spent by TSoM’s treasurer on the seed grant process. The 3rd and 8th paragraphs should be amended to include more information about the roles and responsibilities of the committee plus include language that is included in the by-laws. Historically, no more than 2 or 3 applications were received per year. It was recommended that the maximum amount available will be \$1,500 for grants. A question was asked whether this will be a rolling application rather than a deadline for 2 x per year. There was support for a rolling deadline that Gerry agrees with that concept as it allows TSoM to be nimbler. The amount of the grant to be issued is yet to be decided, but most were inclined to support a grant amount up to \$300. Discussion ensued that TSoM members receive a discount when an entrance fee was charged. Gerry will incorporate the ideas and suggestions made at the board meeting, then send it out again to the board for comment.

7. Gala Budget: Fran advised that Sandra and Janeen worked diligently to obtain the best rates at St Paul College Club (SPCC). If we cancel the contract with SPCC, TSoM will potentially lose \$1,700. Fran advised that the contract with Westminster wasn't confirmed until this week. Fran advised that SPCC is Saturday night until 11:30 pm with surface lot, Westminster is on a Friday night until 10:30 pm with underground parking. The SPCC deposit has been paid at \$1,700, which TSoM could lose. St Paul College Club, 990 Summit Ave, St Paul, MN 55105 has a brand-new wood floor with a great sound system. It was recommended that a gala committee be appointed earlier in the year. Terry moves that the gala be held at the SPCC on Saturday, December 7, 2024; motion passed.
8. Alcohol Liability and insurance. Rob asked that this item be tabled to TSoM's May meeting.
9. Change May TSoM Board Meeting Date will May 20. Rob has permission from the board to send out the treasurer's report after the May 20 meeting as the May milonga will be just 2 days before the board meeting.
10. August Milonga: Joe
The instructor for flamenco wants to have TSoM members participate in an event to expose flamenco dancers to TSoM members who can perform at 'IceHouse' for a cross-over event for tango and flamenco. The event will be in the 3rd weekend in May. Grant applications can be accepted under TSoM's current policy. The application can be reviewed via email. Gerry will send out grant guidelines to Joe as they are currently stated.
11. Riverboat Cruise: Terry Holten – she will send out the proposal for a grant to support a Tango Riverboat Cruise to be reviewed by the TSoM Board.

Next Board Meeting May 20, 2024 5:30 – 7:00 pm

May 20, 2024 board meeting will be combined with the June 24, 2024 board meeting. All responded via email stating agreement to Gerry's proposal on May 20th.

The June meeting was moved to June 17, 2024 by agreement of all board members via email.

Gerry moved to approve an immediate grant of \$300 TSoM funds to support the Minnesota Tango Music Festival which occurs May 9th - 13th. Terry seconded the motion. Motion passed.