

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

TSoM Minutes Board

November 25, 2024, 5:30 – 6:15 PM

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

1. November 2024 Agenda: Approved with addition of update by Connie re 2025 Milonga DJ/Venues

2. October 2024 Minutes: Approved

3. Treasurer's Report (Rob) October

November 14th milonga party receipts of \$622.00 and expenses of \$982.01 produced a net loss of \$360.01; total attendance: 55. November 2024 revenue from the weekly practica series had a net gain of \$467.80. There were 89 members, 18 non-members, and four free entries for this reporting period for an average weekly number of 28 attendees. November membership revenue totaled \$580.96.

November 2024 Net Income:

- \$ 360.01 Milonga
+ \$ 472.00 Practica Sessions
+ \$ 580.96 Membership
- \$ 13.00 Op Expense
+ \$ 679.95 Net Income

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Checking account: \$5666.91

Savings account: \$16,848.58

Cash account: \$335

Total: \$22850.49

There was a suggestion to create a year-over-year comparison, Rob said long term comparison reports don't make sense because there would be no one on future boards with the "corporate memory" to draw meaningful conclusions.

4. Membership Report (Susan)

Nov 24, 2024: Total Members 156

5. Gala Update - Fran & Rob

To date, about 95 people have registered to attend the gala. Fran is seeking assistance to ensure the gate is covered. Charles is bringing his sound system; Fran is bringing the TSoM sound system. The sound system for TSoM has been addressed by Paul, who is the DJ. Tyler will be the on-site contact from the facility, and Fran is the lead from TSoM. Susan and her husband will be at the gate initially, then Connie and Gerry at 7:30 pm. Joe will be at the gate and be a greeter. Facility is setting up tables and decorating plus passing food. Fran, Paul, Charles, and Janeen will be at the facility at 5:30 pm. No cash payment on site, electronic only. End of ticket sales will be announced. There's only street parking. There won't be a tango treasure this year. Gerry asked for photos of the outgoing board and the gala committee. We must exit by 1 pm from the facility. Terry asked Fran to provide an evaluation about the value or lack of value provided by the facility.

6. Nominating Committee Discussion (Susan)

Current Committee Members: Fran Howley (chair), Susan Radtke, Barb Haselbeck, Gerry Girouad (Kathya Dawe and Sandy Agustin were on the committee, but have dropped off as we are winding down this work). To date we have three acceptances, four pending invitations, and nine declines.

Confirmed:

- a. Brandon Grant
- b. Jennifer Holt, Secretary
- c. Shandy Potes Mangra
- d. Julie Yang

Pending:

- a. Carl McMullen – he has been in Bueno Aires, Barb has reached out via email
- b. Namita Vatsa Eveloy – Rob will meet with her to discuss treasurer position
- c. Katie Nelson – Gerry to invite

If Carl, Namita, and Katie accept, we will have seven new board members for a total of 10 board members for 2025.

TRANSITION TEAM

To facilitate a productive and effective launch to the 2025-26 board, a transition team has been formed. Members of this team are Gerry, Terry, Susan, and Cathy. The charge for this committee is to assure new board members start their term will all the information and tools they need to be effective and successful as quickly as possible. The first meeting of the transition team will occur Friday, November 29. The transition team is a task force which will report directly to the board.

7. Update on Call for Agenda items and Consent Agenda - Cathy

We've all agreed we want to be more effective, proactive, and efficient at our meetings as both an operations and policy board. Gerry, Rob, Susan, and I met to talk about this concept and how to put this into action. We are asking committee chairs to plan for this request for December and be ready to provide agenda items and activity summaries for their committees. We agreed the secretary will ask for agenda items two weeks in advance of each meeting from all board members. It is our intent the agenda be sent out earlier than has been the practice – up to a week before the meeting.

A consent agenda item is an item not intended for deep conversation, but informative for the board. If the board wants to move it to a deeper discussion, that can occur at the meeting.

The TSoM board is both an operations and policy board. As an operations board we contract with venues, DJs, and orchestras each month. In addition, the board does outreach, communications, and social media. We're involved in supporting the community through weekly practicas. As a policy board, we've set the tone for this dance community, devising policies, such as setting a dance code of conduct. As a board, our attention is split between outward and inward activities and policies.

8. 2025 Milonga Schedule – Connie

She's working diligently on the 2025 Milonga Schedule, and it is process. Her goal is to have it as complete as possible for incoming board members.

Next Board Meeting Dec 16, 2024 - 5:30 – 7:00 pm