



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

Board Minutes

January 26.2025 12 pm - 4 pm

Present: Gerry Girourad, Namita Eveloy, Carl McMullen, Luke Doskey, Shandy Potes Mangra, Jennifer J. Holt, Susan Radtke| **Absent:** Julie Yang | **Guest:** 0

TSOM kicked off 2025 with a board retreat. To begin, each member mapped and shared their individual journeys of dance that brought them to join the TSOM Board. From there, the TSOM Org Chart was reviewed to ensure clarity on roles and responsibilities. Goals were brainstormed and updates were shared during the work session.

See Addendum for ORG CHART

Communication/Tech

Goal: Consolidate the various technical platforms that are in use to a singular platform to streamline processes including:

- Email communication
- Website
- Calendar
- Document Posting and Sharing
- Forms and notification alerts
- Meeting and event invites

Investigation into integrated platforms of Office 365 and Google has begun. Shandy and Nemita have contacts with IT consultants and will make contact with them for possible further discussions.

Tech Consultant Committee: Shandy, Carl, Gerry

Treasurer

Goals

- Streamline process of picking up checks from PO Box
- Promote and use PayPal and QR codes for entry costs, as funds come into appropriate categories for accounting purposes. Note: At Four Seasons venue, WIFI is not available. Troubleshooting in the future may include that the gatekeepers make their phone a hotspot.

Transition of bank access is scheduled to occur.

Rob has agreed to be on the Financial Committee.

Events Team

Practicas - The Center for Performing Arts contract has increased. January 2025 broke even. Saturday practica will remain at CFPF for the foreseeable future.

Secretary

A request was made for each committee to [submit a written report at least three days prior to the board meeting so that board members will have time to review before the meeting](#) (by the 3rd Friday of the month).

Events Team

[Practicass: Gerry, Michael Holcomb, and Fran Howley are confirmed as Practica Committee members - Jack Levi is pending.](#)

Milongas - Jennifer J. Holt will oversee the Milongas

\$70 is the current allocation for food expenses. With the rise of food prices along with noticing that some volunteers incur individual expenses, a budget increase was discussed.

Gerry Girourd motioned to increase the food budget for Milongas from \$70 to \$100.

Shandy seconded the motion.

Motion Approved.

Discussion ensued about inclusivity of food choices and clear labeling.

Action Item: Shandy will create a list of suggested food items to inspire volunteers who purchase food for milongas. [Shandy is going to procure small placards for food information \(vegan, gluten-free, etc.\)](#)

February 8 TSOM Milonga Organization:

Date	Theme	VENUE	DJ	MC	GATEKEEPER	FOOD @ \$100	MKTG / PR	SET UP	TAKE DOWN
Feb 8	Valentine's Day	4 Seasons	Dave Rost	Susan	Gerry & Carl	Fran	Mariola	Julie? Namita and Gerry	Gerry, Carl, & Shandy

Gala 2025

After viewing five different venues, [Myrzyn Hall, Columbia Heights](#) has been proposed.

If a citizen of Columbia Heights initiates a contract, there is a considerable discount.

\$3000 without a citizen of Columbia Heights, but with a citizen the venue will cost \$2359.30

The venue needs an \$800 deposit which will be returned after the event. Jennifer J. Holt is a resident of Columbia Heights and agreed to be on the contract.

The Venue will have a Cash Bar run entirely by the Lions Club.

Susan motioned to hold the 2025 TSOM Gala at Myrzyn Hall.

Gerry Seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

Treasurer issued a check to Susan for the deposit on 1.26.25

Membership

Goals included further discussion and investigation into advancing TSOM membership with non-members, marketing, welcoming new people, building community through social events, supporting new dancers, and inclusivity ([Pull Code of Conduct and Bylaws Statement of Inclusivity to put on front page of website](#)).

Discussion Topics:

1. Event Scheduling

To be discussed further. How can TSOM support local and area events to ensure maximum participation for the benefit of dancers and artists?

2. Honoring Milonga

To be discussed further. Ideas include a milonga honoring dedicated milonga holders and teachers.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. December 2024 Minutes: Will wait to be approved in February Board Meeting.

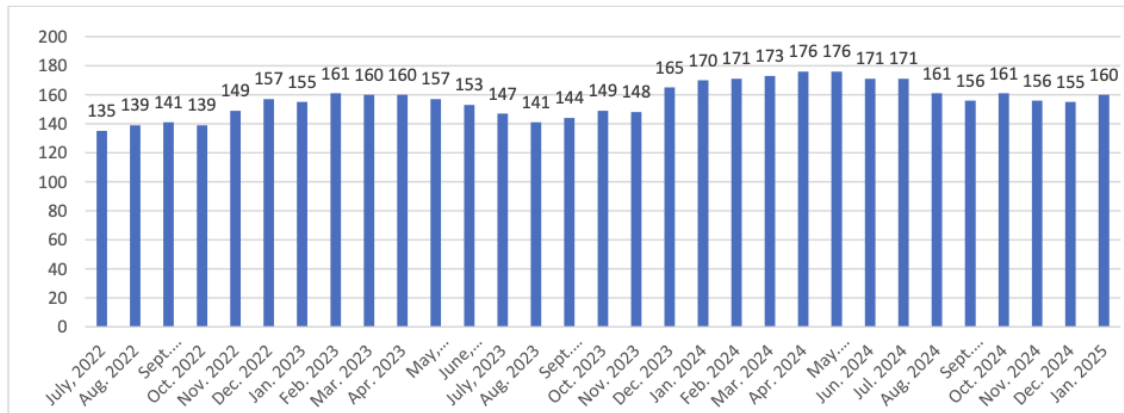
2. Treasurer's Report

To be approved March 2025 Meeting

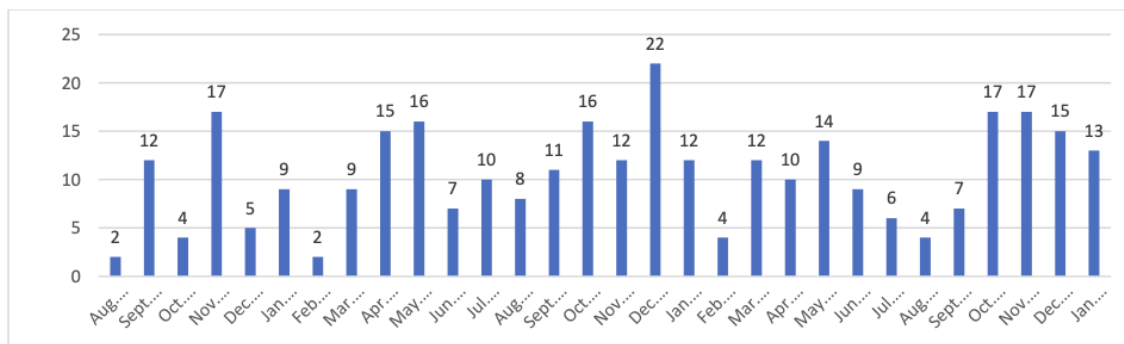
3. Membership Report:

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS REPORT JANUARY 26, 2025

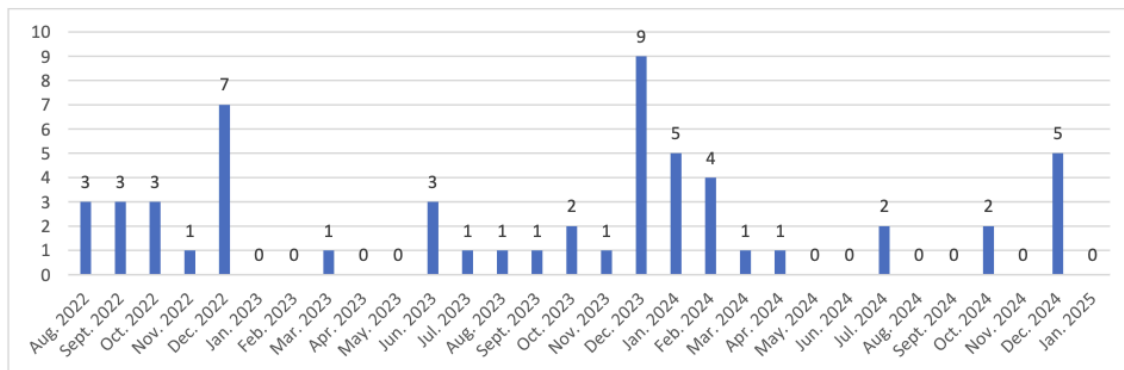
Total Members



Membership Renewals



New Memberships



- Seed Grant Committee (2 people are needed)

Incident Report Team: Incident Team to include Gerry and Susan, and we need a third member.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:30 via Google Meet

ADDENDUM

TSOM ORG CHART

