

Indy Contra Board Minutes
December 14, 2010

Present: Juliet Port, Dianna Davis, Ken Gall, Barry Levitt, Kathryn Millis, Jamie Burk Shepherd.

1. Meeting minutes (Kathryn)
 - a. Approved. Kathryn had sent late, so please email minor corrections.
2. Treasurer's Report (Barry)
 - a. November was very successful. Attendance is still generally a bit better than the same season in recent years, though not as much as earlier this year. Gypsy Moon Ball raised more funds than usual.
 - b. Discussed needs for more microphones, newer mixer (current one is probably from the early 1990's), and a second monitor. Dianna will ask Dmitri and Brian for help prioritizing needs, and for input on what we could get certain round dollar amounts.
 - c. Consider regular ad in community paper(s) like Urban Times. We tried a couple of ads, but have not been consistent.
 - d. Barry is doing paperwork for IUPUI to have us in their vendor database so they can pay for expenses for a dance in January.
 - e. Need to update the membership form to say "2011" instead of 2010.
Other changes?
3. Scheduler's Report (Dianna)
 - a. Jamie has arranged for a dance at IUPUI on Saturday, January 22. Iron Curtain Meltdown will play, and Ken will call. IUPUI is paying Indy Contra, who will pay band and caller. Need a sound person to do setup. We can use their equipment, but we'll need to take our mixer, mics, and some cords. Dance is free for everybody. Jamie is checking into parking (which normally costs all the time).
 - b. Beach Party – discussed possible callers.
4. GMB 2011
 - a. Reviewed comments from 2010. No surprises.
 - b. Agreed that we want to do another whole weekend, Friday night through Sunday afternoon.
 - c. When – agreed to aim for first weekend of November, to avoid conflict with Nashville and Bloomington's 5th Saturday.
 - d. Where –
 - i. Discussed Zion. Possible problems include parking costs & working around Sunday church services. Not having to arrange cabins & showers would simplify our work substantially. Will offer \$1,000, and negotiate extra for parking.
 - ii. Discussed camps, schools, churches, etc.
 - iii. Discussed camp Juliet found. Problems include posts in the middle of the hall, significantly greater costs.

- e. Who
 - i. Coffee Zombies are committed. Discussed other bands. Established names in the Midwest vs. a less well-known band from Midwest vs. a local band from another region, etc. Dianna will ask Changeling if they're available. 2nd choice U4 (plays nearby often, so readily available to many of our gypsies). Dianna will ask Carol Ormand if she's available. But we can't make commitments until we know the date.
- 5. Housekeeping
 - a. Earth House apologized for bumping us. Juliet will forward Jordan's reply.
- 6. Website
 - a. No significant updates. Kathryn asked for pictures, videos, and Dianna's help getting material from the bands and callers.
 - b. Kathryn will finish removing pages from the old site.
- 7. Miscellaneous
 - a. Doug asked Open Band's goals. There are several: for community building, for giving newer musicians experience and exposure, also for giving the dancers the excitement of a surprise, and a unique experience. It requires more equipment & setup. We don't have enough mics. Do we want to use more of the Earth House equipment? – No, we'd need extra training and have liability issues, and we'd have to pay for using it. Not giving microphones to most musicians is standard in Open Band in other communities; many who play aren't ready to be amplified, but there for the practice and pleasure of playing with others. Need to teach newer musicians how to handle the mics to avoid feedback & other problems.
- 8. Board elections
 - a. Need to plan elections. Dianna, Juliet, & Kathryn, probably were re-/elected last year. Barry & Ken are probably rotating off. Ken does not plan to run again. Vote in February, slate must be prepared in advance, by someone who is neither on the board nor running.
- 9. WFYI fund
 - a. Discussed using part of GMB profits for ads.
- 10. Earth House
 - a. Juliet will talk with them about lack of lighting and signs outside that make it hard to find the entrance, may be dangerous or frightening. Kathryn needs to double check the web & facebook to be sure they say enter on the east. Kathryn will print labels to add to our signboard.