

Indy Contra Board
June 14, 2011
6:15 p.m. Earth House Café

Present: Dianna Davis, Ian Fulford, Barry Levitt, Vickie Stohl, Jamie Shepherd (minutes), Trevor DeWitt (guest)

1. Approved minutes.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report Barry reported that our numbers have been up this year. Our average weekly attendance for YTD is almost double last year. Since our numbers have been up, we'd like to consider paying our local bands a little more – *vote next month on raising in-town band rate*. Dianna suggested \$20 increase..

3. Equipment:

Discussed renting the use of Earth House sound equipment versus buying our own. Lisa and Heather spoke on behalf of those doing the sound. Neither they nor the board felt confident deciding our top equipment needs, so there was widespread agreement on asking for professional input.

Earth House has much better equipment, including speakers and microphones, so for best sound quality we may benefit from the cost and liability of using them, but several present thought that without more extensive training and experience we're unlikely to benefit enough to make it worthwhile.

We could use a bigger monitor, or two hooked together. Training should be fairly basic, even with a large monitor, because much of the settings needn't be used on a regular basis. We normally have plenty of microphones, even for most people playing in open band. The time consuming part of setup is not the board/monitor, but the individual mics for each musician.

The board agreed that Dianna will ask Tom Cunningham to give a sound equipment workshop next time he's playing.

Agreed that Lisa, Heather, etc. have standing permission to buy batteries and other small items and Barry will reimburse. Agreed to buy several more box fans, as it's hot and we need fans that stack easily.

4. Earth House outreach:

Juliet noticed that the Earth House web site link doesn't go to our site, and doesn't have details on the calendar so will work with them on better linking.

Earth House is mounting posters about regular activities; design will be fairly consistent, but we need about 2 lines of text, for now. Kathryn will draft some versions. People

liked “swirly awesomeness.” Jamie’s camera takes 8-10 megapixels, so photos she’s taken should be find at poster size.

5. Earth House facilities:

Juliet asked Jordan to get an estimate on fixing the hole in the floor, with the expectation that we’ll (probably) cover ½ of the cost, which the Board approved unanimously. There is not enough money for extensive refinishing, & refurbishing, etc., though that’s the goal. To increase revenue, another church will also use the building in mornings.

6. First Fridays:

We agreed unanimously to do our first “First Friday” dance in Earth House on July 1 (assuming Earth House will schedule it). We agreed to offer a local band and caller more than we pay for a Tuesday, for dancing 8 – 11 p.m., at the same admission cost as our regular Tuesday dance.

7. Security:

There have been no more reports of theft since the event several weeks ago. We agreed to keep being more alert, but to not restrict dancers and visitors.

8. GMB:

Agreed unanimously to pay Tom Cunningham to do sound.

Jamie will work on a flier in next week or two, so we have it approved and printed, in color, before Dance Trance, which is Friday, June 10th.

T-shirt – Jamie shared a draft image, of a couple, moon, and stars. She’ll send some drafts by email, and get costs from a couple of companies so we can discuss and (hopefully) agree on t-shirt design and cost at our June meeting.

9. Spirit & Place:

Need to start work on planning. We’re scheduled for Wednesday, November 9.

10. Beach Party:

Earth House doesn’t schedule that far in advance, so we can’t be sure, but are aiming for the 2nd Saturday in February, the 11th.

11. Next meeting:

June 14, 6:15 p.m. in Earth House Café.