

Indy Contra Board  
December 20, 2011  
6:15 p.m. Port residence

Present: Juliet Port, Dianna Davis, Ian Fulford, Barry Levitt, Vickie Stohl, Jamie Shepherd, Kathryn Millis (minutes), Heather Robinson, Trevor DeWitt (guests).

1. Minutes. Approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: Note revised GMB numbers in Barry's report. Did not actually lose money.
3. Spirit & Place 2012. Need to brainstorm possible collaborators that would work for the theme "play."
  - a. Congregation Beth-El Zedeck? They have a portable dance floor.
  - b. Jewish Community Center has multiple dance / exercise activities.
4. Location:
  - a. Earth House:
    - i. We haven't had a contract with them for 2 years.
    - ii. Concerned about liability issues, particularly safety things we have reported but that they haven't fixed; primarily poor lighting and holes in the floor.
    - iii. Bad lighting outside, near ladies room, etc. Lights regularly don't work and are not bright when they do.
    - iv. Slow and poor response to our complaints.
    - v. Plumbing not modern. Ladies toilet routinely has to be specially flushed, sink water always cold . . . .
    - vi. Slow response on repairs. Fixing holes in the floor took months, during which we had to block off those places ourselves.
    - vii. Weekend events extremely expensive. More than whole weekend cost for GMB?
  - b. Zion
    - i. May be much more affordable for weekend events.
    - ii. Plusses: convenient and safe feeling parking, good lighting, nice, modern restrooms, handicap accessible, attractive.
    - iii. Juliet will arrange a meeting with Zion building use committee.
    - iv. Will any dancers be uncomfortable in a church, or church uncomfortable with any dancers?
  - c. Joy to All Who Sorrow Church – where folk dancing happens on Fridays. It's smaller, no stage, probably much cheaper, worth looking into if need be.

- d. Athenaeum started at \$50/week, then \$75, then \$100. Mediocre lighting, no stage, occasional parking issues.
5. Great Bear Trio – We had thought they might be available after Pigtown Fling, but probably not.
6. GMB 2012
  - a. New weekend in Michigan will probably compete with us and may attract some Detroit area people. Gypsies came this year, even with competition and “local” talent, may come to GMB.
  - b. Kathryn will try to nail down Rebecca Lay and Anadama. Talent costs for weekends is fairly standard now, and we need to cover travel too.
7. Election:
  - a. Kathryn, Dianna, and Juliet’s terms expire. Need to put word out that election is in February.
  - b. Kathryn will post on web, Facebook, email, twitter, and Juliet will announce at dances.
8. Earth House
  - a. We contributed \$150 to paying for repairing several floor sections. Kathryn will try to get photos of that part of the floor tonight.
9. Memberships:
  - a. Barry reminds us that memberships are expiring. People need to re-enlist before voting.
10. Announcements
  - a. Kathryn recently attended Urbana’s weekly contra, and everyone was quiet and attentive during announcements (which came at the end of a significant break). They have people line up and make quick announcements themselves instead of having one person cover all of them. Juliet will announce the after gathering each night, so people know they can socialize after the dance.
  - b. Also, there was very little chatting while the caller taught and did walk through before each dance. Kathryn would like us to work on this.
11. Next meeting: January 17, 6:15 p.m. at Juliet’s.