

Indy Contra Board
June 19, 2012
6:30 p.m. Zion Evangelical UCC

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

1. Minutes.

- a. Approved May minutes with minor corrections.

Briefly discussed our progress on quiet and announcements: moving the announcements to the end of the break (after people have lined up for the second half) seems to have helped! We still need people to talk less during the walk through. Board members can be better examples. We want the caller, not random dancers, to tell people what to do.

2. Treasurer's Report:

- a. May attendance was below April and below May 2011, but still more than normal attendance at Earth House, so is generally encouraging.
- b. Our dance with Perpetual e-Motion was successful; we had great turnout.
- c. Ian volunteered to handle treasurer responsibilities on nights that Barry is traveling the next few months: July 17, August 14, and September 25.
- d. Discussed location of files. Kathryn will be sure that the minutes with pay and delicate information, treasurer's reports, etc., are in Google Docs accessible to members of the board Google group. Minutes with private information edited out are posted on the website for all to see.

3. Scheduler's Report:

- a. Third quarter almost scheduled. Kathryn will start posting on calendar when it's pretty much done.
- b. We need to create a basic schedule for regular Tuesday workshops, which we intend to offer every fourth Tuesday. Perhaps rotate waltz, rhythm and flow, advanced beginner, extra long beginner, flourishes, and other topics.
- c. Vickie will ask Twy and John to play for couple's dancing the nights they're scheduled.

4. State Fair:

- a. Band is Hoosier Hill Boys.
- b. Setup people arrive by 7 p.m., we'll set up equipment at the side of the stage and be ready to move the sound system onto the stage right at 8 p.m. when the preceding group finishes.
- c. Juliet will ask for 75 tickets, Barry will handle distribution.

5. Pride:

- a. Distributed 400 fliers. We should print 1,000 for 2013. Need to discuss float/dance platform ideas.

6. First Fridays:

- a. Agreed to ask Zion if we can do them on September 7 and December 7.
- b. Juliet will contact church and schedule hall. (Note: Murat website has nothing on September 7; on December 7 and 8 they have "Straight No Chaser," so we'll need to buy parking spots.)
- c. Dianna will book bands and callers. September can't be Sam's friends, as she's getting married that weekend.
- d. Agreed on First Friday standard pay.

7. GMB:

- a. Discussed workshops. Revised schedule for the three blocks of workshops. First session still 10:30 – 12, second session 1 – 3 (not 1 - 2:30 as previously discussed), third session 3:15 – 4:45 (not 2:45 – 4:15). Then break until 7, when we have music for couple dancing.

The 1 – 3 slot will feature Anadama & Rebecca doing advanced contra in the main hall. Discussed need for a simultaneous session that appeals to non-advanced dancers, but did not come up with a great idea.

Dianna will arrange other sessions, offering free admission for the weekend to leaders & musicians.

8. Google Voice:

- a. Have had two calls since setting it up last month. The number, (317) 759-4863 (ITMD), rings both Juliet and Kathryn. If they don't answer, it takes and emails voicemail (both sound and a mediocre transcript).

9. Sound:

- a. Currently only Heather & Vickie do sound. (We used to have several people either doing it or regularly helping, including Dave Culp, Doug Engle, Terry Ofner, Lisa and James, and Gary Prosser.)
- b. Others have expressed interest, but not been able to make a commitment.
- c. Heather & Dave will be gone the first three weeks in July. Dianna can learn to mix, can mix while she's in cast, but not 2 of those weeks.

We need to find more people so it doesn't fall on Heather & Vickie. Some nights both Heather & Vickie are doing sound and calling, sometimes Vickie is doing sound and also playing in a band.

10. Zion:

- a. We've been able to enter Zion before 7:15, which is the official start of access stated in our lease with Zion. Douglas lets Heather in early to start setup, we've been allowed in around 6:00 for board meetings, and Perpetual e-Motion was allowed to start their setup early, but the policy remains 7:15.

11. August dance organizers' conference in Cincinnati:

- a. Barry & Kathryn plan on attending. They have forwarded information to the board. It may have sessions on volunteering, burnout, etc.

12. Next meeting: July 24, 6:30 p.m. at Zion. Will meet August 21st.