

SF Scottish Dancers Class Meeting, April 21, 2013

Linnea called the meeting to order at 5.45.

General announcements

Linnea reminded everyone that we are hosting in May in Alameda along with the New World Dancers. She would like class members who are planning to go to sign up asap so that the other class will know what to sign up for.

Susie mentioned the Glen Park Festival next Sunday 4/28, she is looking for dancers to do a demo. No one at the meeting was free to help out.

Finance Committee

Roberta passed out a spreadsheet showing that we still have cash flow despite spending more and having less income than last year.

Linnea mentioned that the drop in fee of \$8 has not changed in approx 14 years. We do not plan to increase it as we are making money. The Polish Club is cheaper than Noe Valley Ministry so no need to raise the fee for now.

The bonus idea for teachers and musicians was decided by the finance committee at its meeting before the class meeting. It was announced at the class meeting. The finance committee announced that the teachers will get a bonus in June if there is enough money. This is instead of a raise, in case of lack of funds in the future.

Publicity Committee

There is money available for the publicity committee.

Susie would very much like to have dancers at the Sunday Streets in the Mission, July 28. It would be great publicity before the new class starts in September.

Most people seem to arrive at the class after seeing a flyer.

Patti recommended Thumbtack Bugle as the best resource for putting up flyers.

Patti recommended teaming up with class members to make it fun posting flyers and leaving postcards.

Musician report

Patti remarked on how well Michael is playing and on how much he has improved. We all agreed.

David Strong will be back for just a few weeks(4?) in May(?).

The musicians for the Summer Solstice Party will be James McQueen (21 yr old son of Sheena and Donald MacQueen) and Caroline McCaskey. You can listen to her here:

<http://vimeo.com/47146122>

Should be a great party!

Summer Teachers

Tim has been organizing summer guest teachers for the past 10 years and asked if someone would volunteer to take this on. Claire offered to take over for him, with help from Tim.

Adjudication at the Pleasanton Games

Roberta reminded us that there is a cost involved, extra time at the Hall, teachers and musicians.

Both Susie and Trina expressed interest in teaching. Susie said Trina should do it this year. Margaret is interested in participating as she found it very worthwhile. Susie too.

Social Dances

Patti emphasized that they should be social, dances should be briefed and danced rather than taught. They could be repertory dances or fairly straightforward dances.

There are 4 Social nights per year, plus 2 intro classes and 2 solstices.

Susie proposed that we have a social night on 10/31/13 seeing as it's Halloween. Everyone was in favour.

Tim and Miriam created a class calendar at the beginning of this year and they will do it again.

Trina offered to write up guidelines for Social dance nights.

Bruce mentioned that the Berkeley teachers will send out an email reminding members of the upcoming social nights.

Also it would be nice to get people from other classes to come.

Peter suggested that social nights should begin and /or end with a Ceilidh dance.

Teachers

Patti does not want to teach except as a substitute.

Trina wants to teach the experienced and the basic class for more than just one evening.

Susie would love to teach beginners, esp first segment in Fall.

Tim happy to do whatever members would like. A portion with the basic class and a portion with the experienced class. He mentioned the team teaching that Berkeley Friday night does.

Margaret mentioned that if there are 2 teachers one can help with dancers who are having difficulty.

Bruce likes teaching both levels.

Peter mentioned how some beginners might be accomplished in other forms of dancing and their needs should be met somehow.

Class Members

Patti brought up team teaching. This helped us accommodate everyone's desires.

We agreed that Tim and Susie would team teach the basic class for the first quarter.

Bruce and Trina would team teach the experienced class in the Fall.

Trina would teach the basic class in January and Bruce would teach the experienced class.

Tim would teach the experienced dancers from April and Bruce would do the basic class.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.30 pm.

Claire Hunter