

Annual Membership Meeting - 2023
November 18, 2023
Costa Rico Ballroom 6:30-7:00pm
Minutes

- I. Call to Order
Wayne Holmgren, Board Member at Large, called the Annual Membership Meeting to order at 6:34pm. He welcomed and thanked the members that were present and did a roll call of the board members. Guests: Bonnie Burton. Wayne recognized Joyce Thompson and Leslie Koepke.
- II. 2022 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
The 2022 minutes were reviewed. There was a motion to approve the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes with two corrections. The motion passed. (JO/SB).
- III. Treasurer's Report
Russell Alliev, Treasurer, reported that USA Dance Chapter 2011 invested in a \$30,000 CD with an interest rate of 5%. Total balance in checking, savings and the CD is \$51,721. Year to date Total Income/Gross Profit is \$20,893.61 Total expenses for the year: \$17,413.94 and Net Income is \$3,479.67. It was moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed. (ST/LK).
- IV. Elections
Leslie Koepke, Chair, reported on the applicants for the Board of Directors. USA Dance chapter 2011 had six open positions. She introduced the four candidates rerunning for the Board: Suzi Blumberg, Maryann Kodalis, Russell Mountjoy, Su Anne Schloo, plus the two new candidates: Sondra Traylor and Diane Zielke. Leslie summarized all six applicants.
It was moved and seconded to approve the six applicants for the board membership. Motion approved. (WH/CK)
- V. Membership
It was reported that the membership year went from November 2022 – October 2023. In November 2022 there were 251 members and there are currently around 300 members.
- VI. 2023 Chapter Highlights
Wayne reported on chapter events for the year. The Tea Dance was held for the first time since pre-Covid (2019). An on-line registration was implemented and led to some of the success of the dance. One hundred twenty-five people attended the brunch and 169 people attended the dance. The 2024 Tea Dance was announced to occur on Sunday, April 21st.

USA Dance participated in the Dance Extravaganza, at MOA, again this year. It was a formation team rather than a flashmob. Mishiko Bregvadze choreographed an International Rumba routine and 13 couples participated in the dance. Wayne thanked Yvonne Viehman for coordinating the event.

Wayne reported on the Monthly Dances and on Project Dance. There have been 750 attendees at the Sunday dance lessons. Wayne reported on the Monthly Dances and on Project Dance. Over the past year the monthly dances have drawn a total 716 attendees. Monthly dances have drawn an average of about 60 attendees per dance; with a range of a High of 73 at the June dance at Cinema and a low of 50 at the Sept Dance at Dance and Entertainment Studios. For Project Dance the average attendance over the year has been 30 paying attendees; with a high of 51 for Foxtrot at Tapestry in Feb, and a low of 6 for Salsa at Duende last November. In 2023 there were 170 individual participants in Project Dance, 64 non-members and 106 members

VII. Volunteer of the Year

Vicki Nauschultz reported that it's our tradition to honor a volunteer of the Year. This year's recipient is Leslie Koepke. Leslie was elected to the board in 2021 and took on Project Dance, the Monthly Dances (in the absence of a President), and updated the paperwork. She continues to contribute to USA Dance. Congratulations to Leslie Koepke as the Volunteer of the Year 2023.

VIII. Question/Answer

There were no questions/discussions by the members present.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Knipp

Chapter Secretary-USA Dance MN #2011