

USA Dance Minnesota Chapter #2011 Board Minutes
Tuesday, December 6, 2023 6:30-8:12 pm
Hillside Church, Bloomington, MN

Call to order and roll call – Maryann Kudalis, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with a roll call. Board members present: Roxanne Denysiuk, Vice-President, Russell Alliev, Treasurer, (via phone), Connie Knipp, Secretary, Suzi Blumberg, Lisa Wu (via phone), Wayne Holmgren, Vicki Nauschultz, Lee von Lehe, Jonathan Erickson, Russ Mountjoy, and Su Anne Schloo. **Others present:** Bonnie Burton, District Representative, USA Dance, Sondra Traylor and Diane Zielke and Carrie Sandgren. Maryann welcomed Sondra and Diane, who are two new board members, and thanked Wayne for presiding over the last two meetings.

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** (Maryann) - It was moved & seconded to approve the agenda with two additions. (SB/SS). Motion passed.
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** (Maryann) It was moved & seconded to approve the November meeting minutes. (SS/SB). Motion passed.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – Russell gave the monthly report. November revenue: \$850 (as there was no charge for members who attended the annual dance). November expenses: roughly \$660. Interest on our CD was \$125. Russell gave an overview on the year-to-date finances. It was moved & seconded to approve the Treasurer's report (SS/RM). Motion passed.

IV. **Old business**

- A. **E-Newsletter** – The December newsletter was sent to 754 members and 72% were opened. Bonnie Burton submitted her resignation as the editor of the USA Dance Chapter 2011 e-newsletter and recommended that Carrie Sandgren become the new editor. It was moved and seconded to accept Bonnie's resignation and approve Carrie as the new editor. (SS/SB) Effective December 2023 Carrie Sandgren will assume newsletter duties.
- B. **Monthly dance fees:** It was moved to increase the Monthly Dance fee (SB). There was discussion regarding USA Dance Chapter 2011 leaving the fee as-is in an effort to give back to the dance community. There was an amendment to the motion, to table the discussion until January. (LV/WH). Motion passed. The first motion was then withdrawn. Russell will investigate the various financial scenarios.
- C. **Website** - Lee/Lisa – There are 299 members. Lee will take over the operations of the website. He will update the website for the Monthly and Project Dances. He added information for MAPs and locations of the various dances.

D. Membership - Suzi/Lisa - Current membership is roughly 300.

E. Monthly Dance - Maryann

Date	Location	Instructor	Lesson	Theme	DJ
December 16th	Cinema Ballroom	Martin Pickering	Bolero	Formal wear	Russell
January 20th	Changed to cinema Ballroom	Changed to Michelle Hudson	Changed to Waltz	Winter White and Ice Blue	
February 17 th	Cinema	TBD	Tango		

Helpers for December:

Helpers/desk: Russ M. & Roxanne and Suzi will greet members.

Hosts: Russell, Lisa and Su Anne

Entertainment: Maryann talked to Leslie regarding Dancing Classroom students performing at the December dance. Russell will contact Leslie regarding music.

Prizes: Maryann suggested giving out door prizes at the December dance. Board members will contact various instructors for donations.

Appointment of procedure committee: Russ discussed the need to have procedures in writing/in place for the various dances/events. Russ, Wayne and Maryann will form a committee to write up a workflow process for Monthly and Project Dances and the Tea Dance.

F. Project Dance - Wayne/Vicki/Russ/Su Anne - Wayne presented a handout on Project Dance. Information included: Year-to-Date Attendance Summary and Data, Venue Attendance, and 2024 Planning Activity.

G. Publicity and Flyers – Suzi - Nothing new to report.

H. Flashmob Review- Maryann - It was moved and seconded to table this. (MK/SB). Motion passed.

V. New Business

- A. There was a request to change the February board meeting to February 13th. Request approved.
- B. Tea Dance - The annual Tea Dance will be Sunday April 21st. Connie Knipp will chair dance.
- C. MOA Festival of Trees - USA Dance was invited to decorate a tree for the 2023 Holiday Season at the MOA. Maryann will coordinate an outing to view the trees to, to assess if this might be a 2024 project to include: Bonnie, Russ, Su Anne, Roxanne, Suzi and Connie.

- D. Health Workshop for Dancers – There was discussion regarding instructor fees for a workshop. Peggie Zoerhof is the contact person.
- E. Opportunities with college students – Maryann – There is an opportunity for college students to work with us on an event in 2024. Having student volunteers support the 2024 Tea Dance was identified as a possible opportunity.
There was discussion to invite St. Thomas College, (Celeste Conteh) and U of MN, (Irena Wilson), to the January or February meeting. St Thomas contacted us earlier and asked if they could partner with us on an event.
- F. There was discussion on the need/method to notify Project Dance/Monthly Dance dancers in the event of adverse weather. There is a possibility of communication through our website and our Facebook page. This should be added to the monthly newsletter.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6:30 PM at Hillside Church, Bloomington, MN.

Meeting adjourned by Maryann at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Knipp, Secretary, USA Dance MN #2011