

**CORVALLIS FOLKLORE SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting Mar 21, 2020**

**MEETING CONVENED** via Zoom video conferencing app. Called to order at 1:40pm

**PARTICIPANTS:** Jason Schindler (ZOOM host), Bill Pfender, Anne Smith, Linda Herlihy, Denis White, Chere Pereira, Dick Theis, Bill Hayden, Kurt Smith, Frank Griswold, Dave Rabinowitz,

**ABSENT:** Van Fister,

**APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Minutes from 02-01-2020 Board were approved with minor corrections & a clarification.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** May 2020. Board & Annual Member Meetings. Chere will send out a Doodle poll. Jason gone 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Board job description formats still in process (Anne). Drafts will be sent out. Bill's is also working on procedural details for a treasurer manual.
- CFS-Whiteside collaboration: There is a link for ticket presales in the concert ads & calendar event listing (green button). There's a link for regular online sales too.
- Community presentation: Academy for Lifelong Learning (A.A.L.) program about CFS originally scheduled for Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> has been CANCELLED. It is tentatively rescheduled for Oct 22, 2020. Mark Weiss is coordinating the committee working on this.
- Concert help still is needed: labor to off-load and on-load equipment for concerts
- Board Minutes posted: Dave & Dick collaborated to get Board minutes posted on CFS web page. Follow the website link to "Board Meetings" (#2 of 9 links at the footer of every page)

**NEW BUSINESS:** Issues caused by COVID-19.

CDC recommends that closures continue until at least May 10.

Cancellations: a list of cancelled CFS events and activities is on the Web Calendar

**CONCERTS:** Many venues closed.

- Cherie-agent talked about change of venue for JM; she will talk with agent about partial payment for his lost revenue (\$1000).
- Ways to support artists:
  - Buy & promote artists' merchandise (web)
  - Donations to artists whose events were cancelled
- Community & Internet concerts:
- Some artists are using virtual platforms for concerts: Facebook Live, Zoom, others
  - (e.g. John McCutcheon, Susan Werner, Sally Rogers,
- OSU Music a la Carte concerts continue at noon on Fridays
- Community musicians are hosting regular events - "drive by" concerts at homes
- Chere offered to collate & post events on website- send info to her

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CONTRADANCE: Committee met today.

- Elizabeth: suggests "Go Fund Me" for direct donations;
- Rachel Polisher has skills to organize this type of campaign
- Suggestion to have CFS member "sponsors";
- Suggestion to make donations to bands as a group, not individual musicians;
- Outreach mission: activity groups find out needs, make a plan that considers performers, staff, venues. Coordinate and collate for Treasurer. (Treasurer wants a minimum amount to write a check (\$60-\$75?))

EXPENDITURES: proposals

- Banner: Bill H had idea of creating a CFS display banner for concerts and other CFS events.
- CFS press kit, table runners and displays for membership flyers
- Lights: Review of existing lights stored at the UUF. LED lights: Opinion is LEDs are not good enough for concerts. Agreed to look into LED light technology- new developments?

CONTRA WEEKEND

Frank: Raising registration fee CCW by \$10 (\$90 to \$100). Raise half price rate by \$5 to \$50. Frank requested some financial safety net to offset negative fiscal consequences. Board approved up to \$500 for CCW 2021.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Current Fiscal Year to date (July 1, 2019 to March 20, 2020).
- Total Income = \$39,832 Total Expense = \$37,207 Net Income = \$2,625  
7%Target= \$2,788
- Total Assets = \$71,042      Checking = \$69,041      Money Market  
Savings = \$2,001
- Request to list the ASCAP Licensing fee under Admin expenses rather than Concert expenses.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Remains stable at 185 members (down 10 since Nov).
- 169 members have "joined" Memberplanet; only 16 have not "joined" Member Planet.
- 80 members are "Lapsed" for 2 years or less.
- Van sent sec'y a list of these folks for possible follow-up.

HOOLYEHS: UUFellowship cancelled all uses of building; folkdance cancelled through June.

Denis to update September newsletter item. Possible summer dance outside.

NEW PROJECTS:

- Storytelling Event: CFS to sponsor an event, similar to the former TchaTiManWi
  - Story Telling weekend. Chere will contact Ann Marchant.
- Techno Contra in works eventually. Jennifer & Dwayne have UV lights.

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- Increase community connections: : Kurt proposed having ongoing CFS check-ins, ad hoc meetings; now is good time to use virtual platforms (email, chat, Zoom, etc.) to discuss & organize with other groups such as Arts Council, ACAB

NEXT BOARD MEETING & ANNUAL MEETING: May 30, 2020. Zoom. Time TBD

Submitted by:

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