

CORVALLIS FOLKLORE SOCIETY  
Annual Membership Meeting July 18, 2021

CALLED to order: 3:15pm on Zoom

CFS BOARD ATTENDING: Jason Schindler, Van Fister, Bill Pfender, Anne Smith, Chere Pereira, Dick Theis, Linda Herlihy, Denis White, Kurt Smith. Absent: Bill Hayden  
Community Member: Dave Rabinowitz

TREASURER REPORT:

- Current Fiscal Year (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021):
- Total Income = \$ 247    Total Expense = \$7,133    Net Income = \$ (6,888)
- Checking = \$61,013    Money Market = \$2,001    Total Assets = \$63,014

EXPENSES:

- PO Box Rental Fee increased 20%
- Liability Insurance:
  - CDSS offers 4 levels of coverage based strictly on number of events held. With > 70 events CFS usually pays the maximum. Due to the pandemic, however, CFS paid the minimum level last year. This year CDSS has deferred payment until we know how many events we will hold during the “insurance year” (May 1, 2021- April 30, 2022).
  - Activity leaders estimated the number of their group events: Song Circle: Kurt=7, Dick=0; Concerts: Chere=4; Hoolyehs=36; Best Cellar=8; Contra Dance=14 (Oct start); Contra Dance= Booking in process; no final number (past average ~15).
  - Special Notes: Virtual events ARE covered as long as they are essentially the same as other events you would be holding (e.g. dance with caller). There is NO coverage for COVID related
- Certificates of Insurance
  - After CFS pays for insurance, any CFS member can make a request to CDSS to send an individual Certificate of Insurance” to a venue; the request does not go to the treasurer.
  - If a venue requires its name on the certificate, the organizer requests CDSS to list the venue name as "additional insured" (at no cost). CDSS needs 2 weeks notice; certificates are forwarded when CDSS receives them from the insurance agent.

CFS ACTIVITY GROUP REPORTS: Brief description for member information and comment:

- Concerts (Chere): 3 to 4 maximum for next year
- Contra Dance (Jason): Working on strategies for in-person dances
- Folk Dance (Denis): Hoolyehs had a successful year on zoom; now considering how to resume in-person events but also maintain participation of zoom-only dancers
- Local Folk (Kurt): Looking at ways to resume open mic event
- Song Circle (Dick & Kurt): Had success sharing songs remotely. Individuals sent recorded songs by email to the group.
- Best Cellar: (Mark): Has booked all dates for 2021-22 with the Methodist church.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

The total number of Active members in MemberPlanet.com is 140 (down from 185 pre-pandemic). The number of paid members who have joined MP is 135 compared to 5 not joined. The number of Lapsed members for 2 years or less is 88 (similar to previous years). Approximately 130 people have used the MemberPlanet link to renew their membership in this past year.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Suggestion: Consider posting in the Newsletter a recurring request for community input: comments

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about current activities as well as ideas for new activities, education and outreach.

Q: A community member asked how to make a general donation to CFS. Can MemberPlanet be used for this?

A: There may be a way to do this but not easy for treasurer to track

Q: Can donations be ear marked for a specific activity?

A: No. CFS is organized as single entity that pools resources to support different activities.

Comment on fundraising: More places are starting to open up; may be a good time for CFS to consider new fundraising ideas.

**ORGANIZATION NEEDS**

Member Database functionality:

- Should use more of the functions in MP? Frank has noted significant limitations of it.
- Dave: There IS a Member Planet discussion group
- Should CFS consider acquiring a new platform that does more? E.g. org volunteers
- Should we just accept MP as single function member tracking tool while looking for better organization tools, etc.

**ELECTION: 2021-22 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The following slate of 11 candidates was presented to the membership:

Jason Schindler	Chere Pereira	Bill Hayden
Van Fister	Dick Theis	Kurt Smith
Bill Pfender	Denis White	Shell Stowell
Anne Smith	Linda Herlihy	

APPROVED by unanimous hand count.

Annual Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:  
Anne Smith, CFS Secretary