

CORVALLIS FOLKLORE SOCIETY

Board Meeting on August 14, 2021

MEETING CONVENED: 3 pm via Zoom with Anne & Bill hosting

ATTENDING: Jason Schindler, Van Fister, Bill Pfender, Anne Smith, Chere Pereira,
Dick Thies, Linda Herlihy, Denis White, Kurt Smith, Bill Hayden

MINUTES from previous board meetings:

Minutes from Annual Member and Board meetings on July 18, 2021 were approved

OLD BUSINESS

- Music at Saturday Farmers Market (Contact is Rebecca Landis)
 - CFS support: update and discussion
 - ASCAP not a big issue; on board with finding way to make it work
 - Market board is currently prioritizing issues of COVID and reopening
 - CFS stands ready to work with the Market board to bring back community music
 - Plan for each board to appoint a member to serve as liaison with the other board
 - Issues to address:
 - Monetary support for performers;
 - Possible CFS venue at the Market
 - Market could promote CFS events

MOTION: Board rescinds previous allocation of funds to support music at the Market
Will return to the issue when it becomes relevant again. APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

- KORC, low power community radio.
 - John Ellis, the KORC station manager
 - Jennifer Cassidy, KORC Outreach Coordinator
 - Discussion of potential support/alliance?
- DISCUSSION POSTPONED

BOARD Officer selection:

Wait until September to appoint officers. More information about training opportunities for board members may impact who will be able to serve in different positions

Discussion: Bill, CFS Treasurer

- Succession planning: an explicit procedure will help the process
- For example, limit terms to 3 years
 - 1st year: New officer overlaps with current one as assistant in-training
 - 2nd year: Old officer retires and new officer assumes full duties
 - 3rd year: The now experienced officer overlaps with a new “officer-in-training” Stagger when new “office years” begin, to balance roles and workloads
- Especially important for officers, but all roles (activity group leaders) could be handled in a similar way
- Stagger the starting year for each position to balance duties and workloads
- Discussion: Need to bring in new board members
 - Helpful to new people to be in a learning role, with formalized help to get started and have consistent support along the way
 - Could recruit at annual member meeting if we have good information
 - Appointment of officers would remain separate from Board election
 - Framework for transition may vary among different positions; can be described in the job description & procedures handbook

Treasurer in Training:

- Bill completed a new draft of the Treasurer procedures; ; look it up, much better than previously; quickbooks tutorial and cloud share

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- Bill will support a new treasurer for a year, but would like to transition sooner
- Time commitment:
 - Writing checks, reconciling bank statements: 4-8 hours /mon
 - Board meetings: 1-2 hr, 5 times /year
 - Annual meeting: 2 hours
 - Taxes: preparing information needed for the accountant who does CFS
 - CCW: Contra weekend: Have own person who handles finances for this annual event.

Van expressed interest in talking with Bill about being treasurer

MEMBERSHIP:

RE: notifications and renewals Bill H. would like CFS to have Auto bill pay.

Van will look into it with Frank

COVID Subcommittee report

Proposal Recommendations: see attached document

Updates on COVID and Delta options

Discussion:

Consider precautions needed for each activity: song circle & dances have different risks

- Musical performance differs from song circles: sing-along concerts not good
- Concerts could move to more conservative measures
- Dance remains worse case scenario

Dances: data-based decisions

- Average Linn/Benton counties to reflect the higher risk outside of Corvallis
- Use Eugene, Salem dance metric
- What is safe dance metric? Proof of vaccination status is vital (board unanimous)
- Virus spread by the fully vaccinated is a concern.
- Outdoor vs. indoor choice is moot for dancing; close contact is unavoidable
- ANY spread of the virus is a bad outcome; we should wait until events are safer
- Contra won't be safe at least until the Delta variant dies down
- Concept: "Reducing spread gets us back to dancing sooner" Joyride cancelled

Concerts: what criteria to use?

- Only outdoors, seated in pods, required distancing, check vaccination status
- Enforce exclusion of the non-vaccinated

What *could* make things work?

- Reimagine what concerts look like
- Reduce draw from nationally known performers
- Having live performances of any kind (e.g. using local talent) would be a good thing
- Doesn't have to be the old way or no way.
- Focus on local talent. Many groups are already doing outdoor gigs (wineries, private parties)
- Adapt ways of participating: by mouthing words or humming along
- Adapt timing and schedule of events eg. hold during the day)
- Use technology to stay safe: individual performs for a group on Zoom

What IS the science on singing outdoors?

Effects of climate: stagnant/humid vs. breezy, dry? Singing: newsletter about zoom singing in PDX – sharing songs works pretty well (Dick)

SUMMARY:

No indoor concerts, dances or other events in the near future

Outdoor options under review and policy development

Continue exploring what would make dance, singing, concert events safe enough

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Revise NCR for different groups

CDSS INSURANCE:

Renewal date is the same (May 1) no matter when you sign-up / pay premium.

Cost is the same whether we sign up now or at any later time before April 2022

Premium is based on number of held events. Cutoffs are 20/ 40/ 70/ 70+

Affiliate membership fee is included.

DISCUSSION: Wait or pay now?

If we plan on having NO events until AFTER April 30, 2022 then we should wait.

Cost is same if we renew any time before April 30, 2022, so if we pay now we will cover all Zoom events, dances, on-line concerts (John McCutcheon) as well as any live events that become safe enough to hold before then.

ACTION: Board voted to buy insurance now for the benefits listed above and so that lack of insurance won't be a barrier to holding low-risk events before April 30, 2022.

REGULAR REPORTS

TREASURER: Nothing new to report since last meeting

BEST CELLAR:

Mark: may have options such as using bigger rooms at FUMC; schedule daytime concerts at Starker Arts Park. Use distancing masks, vax cards and local talent. Mark is unclear about events since Delta surge started. He has some dates booked but no performers.

SONG CIRCLE/ LOCAL FOLK:

Kurt: local folk similarly; protocols and vaccination and venue nebulous. Notes the need to get more help with logistics and vax card checking

NEWSLETTER: Dick faithfully publishes the monthly Newsletter. Some day it will have more content!

MEMBERSHIP:

Van may become treasurer assistant. If so, he will need a membership co-ordinator trainee.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday Sept 12th, 2021 at 3 pm on Zoom

MEETING ADJOURNED : 5:00 pm . . . precisely

Submitted by:

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