

Corvallis Folklore Society

Minutes of Board Meeting on February 27, 2022

BOARD CONVENED via Zoom with Jason hosting

PARTICIPANTS: Jason Schindler, Van Fister, Chere Pereira, Dick Thies, Linda Herlihy, Denis White, Kurt Smith, Bill Hayden, Shell Stowell. Absent: Bill Pfender & Anne Smith

MINUTES from previous board meeting on 8-14-2021 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Music at Corvallis Saturday Farmers Market (CAFM)
 - Farmer's Market music decisions: contact Rebecca Landis
 - Would it work better for CFS to book directly with musicians?
 - What about buskers, kids? = Play for tips only; Tent cost may be covered
 - Kurt will contact Rebecca re: CFS taking over music at the market & work with CAFM on details
- Board Positions and Treasurer Training
 - Van is learning treasurer duties from Bill;
 - will leave the VP position vacant > Kurt?
 - will need a trainee for Membership coordinator
 - Linda agreed to take on Membership duties

NEW BUSINESS

CONCERTS: little interest from artists, agents

- Robin & Linda Williams at Whiteside had a decent turnout
- Note: fire code limits total to 100 people at Whiteside
- John McCutcheon - Mar 20 concert is on
 - 1st Presbyterian not available
 - Whiteside is available but still limited by fire code limit
 - Working to get approval to increase capacity - up to 300)
 - More interest in evening show; more hesitant about a matinee
 - Posters limited
- Wailing Jennies concert - moved to Bend

VENUES

- Whiteside is a good potential event venue
 - Co-sponsors with CFS, but no CFS discount
- Youth Symphony: using a tent at Ashbrook School
 - Had 2 performances, 50% capacity

How about more virtual concerts?

- Set-up at Whiteside; get more help producing,
- Mandolin live stream has quality production

COVID POLICY DISCUSSION (review discussion points from 8-14-2021 minutes)

Contra Dance Policy

Consensus was to include all of the following precautions for Dances

- Vaccination and approved masking options
- Pre-registration and tracking for event notices
- Multiple masks
- Waivers for Hall and
- CFS board approval

MOTION: to allow Contra Dance group to hold a "trial" dance on 3-19-2022.

- Finalize dance policy before the next planned dance
- All policies will consider county guidelines, and be updated in response to changing conditions & evolving knowledge to be as safe as possible

MOTION APPROVED:

The current CFS Covid Guidelines:

- No indoor concerts, dances or other events in the foreseeable future
- Outdoor options remain under review; policy development continues
- Keep exploring ideas: what would make dance, singing, concert events safe enough?
- Ongoing revision of CFS's COVID response protocols for different groups

These need to be updated, to build in autonomy for groups to tailor restrictions to their members perceived level of risk. Board would have final approval.

REPORTS:

- TREASURER: No new information since the last report on July 20, 2021.
- BEST CELLAR: Mark checking options at FUMC - maybe use a bigger room; schedule daytime concerts at Starker Arts Park. Use distancing, masks, vax cards and local talent. Booking is in limbo since Delta surge started. He has some dates booked but no performers.
- SONG CIRCLE/ LOCAL FOLK: Kurt: Zoom is working well; protocols, vaccination & venue issue. p.3
• are still unclear; wants more help with logistics and vax card checking
- NEWSLETTER: Dick remains faithful in publishing the monthly. Someday it will have more content!
- MEMBERSHIP:
 - Bill H. would like to have an Autopay function for membership dues.
 - Van will look into whether Member Planet has this capability

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

Notes taken by

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