

Corvallis Folklore Society
Minutes for Board Meeting on Feb 4, 2024

Meeting called to order by Anne S

AGENDA:

Additions, corrections: none

Announcements: as follows

ATTENDING:

Board Members: Jason Schindler, Bill Pfender, Anne Smith, Chere Pereira, Dick Thies, , Denis White, Bill Hayden, **Quorum: yes**

Absent: Van Fister, Linda Herlihy, Shel CFS
members: Dave Rabinowitz

RECORDING acting secretary : Bill Hayden

Review and approve minutes

Minutes for Jan 14, 2023 Board Meeting : Approved & seconded

Officer Reports:

Secretary (Anne) continues to fill-in for Jason

Delegating minute-taking task to rotating board members. Next month's recorder is possibly Bill H

Continue search for real secretary

Treasurer: Treasurer absent; will update fiscal status pretty soon.

Van intends to vacate his position as treasurer, possibly as soon as the annual meeting in May/ June, to assume fiscal duties for the Celtic Fest Group
- prompting a search for a replacement.

Board Issues

WEB support & organization:

Comments & concerns:

- to identify and define current CFS IT helpers and their responsibilities
- (Jason, Dave R., Dick, Frank, Bekki, Frank, among others)
 - Dave: Steve should lead the group - (general consensus)
- Bill H will convene IT/website advisement group (but NOT lead it)
- Purpose: To let Steve know who to ask for info and help
 - e.g. person to edit/update specific content areas and forward to the appropriate person
 - Jason suggests using email chain
 - Dave: in addition to skills, also list what they are currently doing
 - Anne: suggests update activity leaders on the Website-
 - List activity leader responsibilities in a "directory"

Goal: each activity group oversees accuracy of their specific content and works with Steve to align with other areas of the website.

Anne: this would suggest a succession plan, requiring upgrade of volunteer system

Action: Members self-select with help of Jason. (*not sure how this item synchs- bh)

CFS Website "re-design" - starting the process...

All board members look at similar folk web sites. Note pluses & minuses in YHO Note: Check how site looks on iOS devices

Input to be shared via Board email and collated by Anne.

- Dick: the system is working; can well be improved
- Dave: we need designated task leaders and an ACTIVE webmaster.

Committee Reports: Status & Needs

Membership: Linda absent; membership report available pretty soon

Current paid-up members= ; Total lapsed= ; Lapsed 12 mo= ; Lapsed 13-24 mo=

Memberplanet continues to send direct transfers to our bank in a timely manner.

Best Cellar: Concerts going well: good attendance, lots of volunteers. Now offering a concert every month, and are able to cover costs. Strong volunteer support

Concerts: Chere will report on lights in storage at UU at next Board meeting. Lights of dubious quality; should possibly be donated.



Eric K has sound equip in garage- to be inventoried; sold or donated

Chere notes dearth of concert offerings; due to dearth of volunteer producers

Bill offers to solicit KORC staff

Chere notes concerns with Whiteside, including financial

Dave: OSU - Contact music production program (Jason Ficke)

Chere will ask Whiteside and Majestic for shared info re available performers, which still leaves us in need of producers

Corvallis Celtic Festival

Several fund-raising concerts scheduled ahead of July 2024 Festival.

Conradance:

Shell absent; will update pretty soon

Corvallis Contra Weekend:

(CCW): Registrations = 75% of max

Hoolyehs:

Robust turnout for in-person dances, able to cover costs and then some.

Local Folk

Anne contacted Stacy Henle. She is not interested in working with CFS.

Dick sent an apology for misrepresenting her involvement

Newsletter: Dick continues to produce newsletter.

Song Circles:

2x a month zoom song circles twice a month with occasional live meetings.

A local, informal song circle has emerged, but is not a part of CFS.

Sustainability Fair March 7, 2024.

Theme: importance of the arts to our long-term stability and well-being.

Anne has reserved a table (3 ft x 8 ft)

Bill Hayden has the CFS banners & is making posters

Activity Leaders:

Each activity leader will have a space to promote their activity and to create an interactive space at the big table.

Suggestions: photos, interesting props, sign-up sheet for new email addresses,

- a laptop with video clips of your group's
- activity (e.g. dancing, folk singing, etc). Provide headphones!
- * some discussion re live music/dance presentations; however, the logistics, given available space and sound need consideration
- ** another caveat: this is a 2 hr event, which goes fast. When Dave E rings the Town Hall bell, the show's over. -bh

Help Needed

Committee: Anne, Bill H., Denis, Mark, Jason

Stickers: Jason has agreed to produce CFS stickers, if pestered

Laptops for showing videos and signing up new members Offering laptops:

Mark Aron, Dave R, Anne, Linda H

We have a QR code for people to join via cell phone

Help setting up at 4:00 and take down after Town Hall convenes @ 7

- Bill H & Anne - need 1-2 more

Help staff the table: Anne Denis Bill H Chere Linda Dave partly

Solicit CD's from local performers, personal archives, previous performers, etc.

Swag: - Possible raffle; CFS Stickers; free CD for joining; Other ideas?

COMMUNITY ALBUM: one accomplishment from the past year: slide, logo

Next Meeting: March 4, 2024, 1 pm.

Notes by Bill Hayden.

Edited & submitted by Anne J Smith, CFS Secretary

