

## Austin Ballroom Dancers

### Board Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2018

**Board Members Present:** Margaret Melton, Mark Coughran, Fred Ferate, June Kelly, Lanette Bading, Dillan Prince

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 pm.

### Meeting Minutes

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 21 meeting.

### Officer Reports

- 1. President:** Margaret indicated that this section of the meeting is intended to be flexible, and in their report each officer is invited to include, or introduce from Old or New Business, any items they wish to bring up.
- 2. Vice President:** Mark indicated that arrangements for the ABD Saturday Dances and DJs have been made through Oct. 6, 2018.
- 3. Secretary:** Fred noted that since July 1 all email notices for ABD Dances (7/7, 7/21, 8/4, 8/18) and new ABD 4-week Class Sessions (7/10 – 8/2 and 8/7 – 8/30) have gone out on time; June sent out the notice for the 7/21 dance. Fred thanked June for her help and guidance in crafting the notices.
- 4. Treasurer:** The Board reviewed and accepted the Treasurer's detailed financial report for July 2018.
  1. Net income in July (Total Income – Total Expenses = \$2,241.45 - \$2,649.83) was minus \$408.38.
  2. The change in Total Current Assets from a year ago (July31, 2017) is \$3,821.94.
  3. Current membership as of August 13 is 106, including 9 in the one-month grace period (expired Aug. 1); this was a decrease of 3 from July 18.
  4. June noted that the negative net income in July was primarily due to a drop in class enrollment (38 students in July, compared to our monthly average of 46 students/session).
  5. It was pointed out that some of the commercial dance studios have offered low-cost summer specials, which may have pulled some of our students

away. Also, it is hoped that our upcoming Sept. 6 Open House will attract some additional students to ABD classes.

- 5. Program Director:** Lanette had previously sent to all board members a copy of the list of 2019 ABD classes proposed by Lanette and June, and noted that all three of the instructors had indicated their approval. The board members were generally favorable toward the proposal, but postponed discussion about it until the September meeting, due to time constraints.
- 6. Publicity Officer:** Dillan indicated that he has made posts on the ABD Facebook page (8/9, 8/14, and 8/16) and these appear to have drawn slightly increased interest in the page.

### Old Business

- 1. New Year's Eve Dance:** Considering that a contract with Go Dance has been agreed upon, further considerations were postponed to the next meeting.

### New Business

- 1. A. Workshop change:** ABD had intended to offer a Workshop on Tuesday Sept. 4. Because the scheduled instructor had to withdraw, the board members agreed during the week preceding this Aug. 18 meeting to instead offer on Tuesday Sept. 4 a free Membership Appreciation Night and Dance for all ABD members, with guests asked to pay a \$5 fee.  
**B. Sept. 6 Open House:** The program and other details were discussed. It was decided not to include a drawing for a free Saturday night dance. All board members who are able to attend are asked to arrive by 7:00 pm to help set up.
- 2. Great Waltz at UT on Oct. 20:** It was decided that ABD will not have a dance on Oct. 20, and that the October board meeting will take place on Saturday Oct. 6. Margaret indicated that she will reserve tables for ABD at the Great Waltz.
- 3. 2019 ABD class schedule:** Discussed above.
- 4. Saturday night dances, DJ selection:** It was decided that as of the announcements for the Sept. 15 dance, ABD notices will include the name of the dance offered in the mini-lesson, but not the names of the DJ or mini-lesson instructor.
- 5. 2019 Saturday dances contract:** Margaret said that she would begin exploring options.
- 6. Additional substitute instructors:** It's difficult to get a commitment, because the need is infrequent and unpredictable. Mark will try to locate possible candidates.
- 7. Electronic meetings:** Postponed.
- 8. ABD history gathering:** Postponed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.