

Austin Ballroom Dancers

Board Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2019

Board Members Present: Margaret Melton, Mark Coughran, Fred Ferate, June Kelly, Lanette Bading. Quorum was established. Dillan Prince was absent and had not advised the Board that he would miss the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

Meeting Minutes

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2018 meeting.

Officer Reports

- 1. President:** Margaret indicated that she wants to clarify our close-up procedures after ABD dances with Austin Uptown Dance.
- 2. Vice President:** ABD Saturday dances have been scheduled through March 9.
- 3. Secretary:** Fred noted that the minutes for the December 8 Board Meeting had been distributed, and thirteen e-mail flyers (of which four were specifically for our NYE Dance) had been sent out since Dec. 8.
- 4. Treasurer:** The Board reviewed and accepted the Treasurer's detailed financial report for December 2018.
 1. Net income in December (Total Income – Total Expenses = \$2,012.42 - \$2,527.25) was minus \$514.83.
 2. The change in Total Current Assets from a year ago (December 31, 2017) is \$460.79, with Total Current Assets as of December 31, 2018 = \$20,146.09.
- 5. Program Director:**
 1. Attendance at our December workshops was: Picture Lines – 14; Argentine Tango – 20.
 2. Attendance at the Dec. 20 dance at Hancock Rec Center was 32 + 1 instructor + 4 board members = 37.
 3. There are 38 students signed up for the January 2019 session of dance classes (Session 1).

6. Publicity Officer: No report from Dillan.

Old Business

1. **New Year's Eve Dance recap:** A spreadsheet of costs and proceeds of New Year's Eve dances from 2008 through 2018 was reviewed and discussed.

New Business

1. **Uptown June 15 Showcase:** Board members unanimously agreed to move ABD's 3rd Saturday of June dance to June 22. (It was noted that the month of June has 5 Saturdays, so this will still leave 2 weeks between our June 22 and July 6 dances.)
2. **Medical and liability issues:** ABD dance classes are taught at Hancock Recreation Center, which is run by the Austin Parks & Recreation Department. All students are required to sign the Hancock Release of Liability form (which indicates that the city of Austin complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act). This in turn requires that ABD, as a contractor using the Hancock facility, must accept all students regardless of their medical status, and by signing the release, the student agrees that under normal circumstances neither Hancock nor ABD is liable for any medical problem which may affect the student as a result of taking an ABD dance class.
3. **Post Office Box renewal:** June noted that we owe an annual fee of \$102 for our present mailbox, and that ABD generally receives very little mail. It was pointed out that there is also a smaller box, although during our meeting, the cost was unknown. June pointed out that if we change boxes we would have to change the box number on our business cards; some of the board members felt that this could be done just by penciling in the new number.

(Later June informed us that the cost of the smaller box would be \$70. Additional e-mail discussion brought the majority to the conclusion that it would be much less work to just continue with our present box, and June later confirmed that she had renewed our current P. O. box.)
4. **New Year's Eve prospects for 2019:** Margaret and June will begin exploring possibilities.
5. **ASCAP Inquiry:** Austin Ballroom Dancers has received several notices from the ASCAP office claiming that ABD owes them an annual fee for playing licensed music. The matter was discussed and tabled pending additional research.

New Business items on ABD history and electronic meetings was postponed. Next Board meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on Saturday Feb. 16, 2019 at Austin Uptown Dance. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.