

Officers' Meeting August 2012 Minutes

Date: 08/22/12

Location: Edziu's House

People in attendance: Edziu Rajtar, Bev Piorek, Jacie Sikora, Kaja Rajtar, Theresa Czichray, Jordan Wiatros, Karina Rajtar, Alina Jambor, Terri Kurkowski, John Czichray, Anne O'Brien, Suzanne Wiatros, Stanley Wiatros, Anna Memorich

July Minutes: Karina moves to approve minutes, John seconds, motion passed.

Choir

- The choir will start; we just don't have a starting date.
- They wish to practice three times a week before practice.
- You do not need to be a dancer in a group, but you must be a member of the group (by paying dues).
- Looking for the choir to be on its own merit, rather than a filler for shows giving time for dancers to change. We want the choir to be able to stand alone and have shows on its own.
- Wishing to start the 3rd/4th week of September

Website Update

- Karina sent out the link to the new website.
- Basically everything on the old website is on the new one.
- Discussion on when to launch the new website based on adding new things.
- www.dolinadancers.wordpress.com (this is the URL to the new site)

Holy Cross Fall Festival

- Is the weekend of the 15th and 16th of September
- Try to encourage dancers to go and volunteer at the festival, or to at least support it by attending. They do let us use the facilities when needed.
- They are also looking for silent auction donations or raffle baskets. Discussion on whether or not we should donate some dollar amount of merchandise as a basket.
- Jacie is donating a personal item into the basket on behalf of Sloneczniki.
- \$100 will be the amount on behalf of the entire Dolina Family

Merchandise TCPF Recap

- Probably broke about even.
- Brought in \$7800, plus some from checks that have not yet been figured in
- \$630 from the photo booth
- Sales this year were about 50% more than last year
- Discussion on whether or not it is worth doing the photo booth next year.
- Biggest thing to change for next year: the time limits as to how long people must work in the booth. We need to assign people to do certain jobs as well. This year there was a serious lack of working.

PACIM Soup Supper

- Isn't until Sunday, November 18th
- Discussion on whether or not we should donate soup, and who can make it
- Not selling merchandise at this event this year
- Anna and Anne volunteer to make the soup
- Jacie will check with Maciej and see if he is making his soup

Recap of Workshop Weekend

- We will have a live musician for the workshop weekend rather than canned music. His name is Eric. He will be getting music from Jeff.
- Kaja and Edziu have been working hard on learning the choreography.
- Jordan will be sending out directions.
- Address to the Cabin: 80283 East 1st Lake Rd, Willow River, MN
- Discussion on how to pay for everything, and when all expenses will be given over to John

TCPF Food Donations to Dolina

- We got a case of chicken donated to the group for the Workshop Weekend
- We also got two pails of sauerkraut donated for the Christmas Party

Denver Expectations

- Kaja and Jordan are being put in charge at the workshop to make sure that everyone participates.
- We can tape our own video of the course, but they usually supply a video.
- We need to figure out what two dances we will be bringing to the festival
- We need to represent the group and the 2013 festival while there as well

Verification of Christmas Party Date

- The 19th would give us 2 extra weeks of practice, but is MLK Jr. weekend
- Decision to finalize date pending information from David.

Costumes

Uptate

- Sacz shirts for both men of women will be added to our collection within the near future. Personals may be available
- We will re-size every men and women

Storage

- Slide-show of pictures of the storage room (done by Terri)
- Now that we are getting more costumes and other things, we are looking into getting another room that needs to be temperature controlled. We are currently paying about \$3,000 a year.
- Some things can be stored in non-climate controlled environments as well.
- Anna makes a motion to rent another storage room. Alina seconds.

- Discussion on where to keep merchandise
- Motion passes

Costume Care- group ideas, comments, etc.

- Theresa suggests discussing with the whole group ways to prevent costume care ideas.
- Discussion on ways to prevent these things from happening, and what works for them
- Discussion on having a general meeting for the entire Dolina family sometime in October to make sure everyone is on the same page. Have a presentation on all issues, then open forum. We need to make sure that it isn't perceived as an optional meeting, but as a general meeting that all should make priority to attend.
 - Things that would be brought up:
 - Festivals in Poland- both Adult and Children's
 - Costume Care
 - General issues of the members that would be brought up by them to the current president
- We will give a little talk at the circle and talk about TCPF's lack of costume care. Talk about prices of the costume pieces left behind, and talk about taking care of those costume pieces.

Hair at Performances

- People need to ask about fake hair or not
- Kaja suggested that girls get together one night and have a hair and makeup tutorial session
- Discussion on how hair needs to be worn
- Discussion on making it a general rule to wear fake hair unless you are approached
- Action: Kaja, Anna, and Anne will organize a hair/makeup workshop

Treasurers Update

- Money in savings: \$11,170.54
- Money in Checking: \$9,273.69
- Total: \$20,464.23
- We have a lot of inventory to be done since we really won't be selling merchandise again until Festival of Nations
- We are in the hole when it comes to spending.

2014 Rzeszow Festival Airline Ticket/Down Payment Proposal

- This could possibly wait until the general meeting for Oct. to go out to the others.
- We need to get a significant portion of cash upfront for people who are not on the general itinerary.
- We would have them pay to reduce risk of people dropping all of their payments onto the group.
- Edziu suggests that we move the commitment date to June or July of 2013, rather than December of 2013.
- People would commit for the festival, which would be the \$250 down payment.
- Discussion on raising money for the group so that the group will actually be able to afford to help people out with funding

Misc.

Klub Haus Oktoberfest

- We need to do this because they give us practice space

Practice participation

- Don't come to practice to just do homework. Do it at home.

PFDA 2013 Update

- When they have full contacts, Kaja and Tori will go do site visits.
- 5-6 Possible dates:
 - June 29th, July 6th, July 13th, August 3rd, August 10th, August 24th
- Most people wanted a Gala rather than multiple performances.
- Discussion on which weekend to have the festival, and conflicts of it

Complaint/Comment/Suggestion Letter

- Topic discussed regarding an anonymous letter received by Jordan, intent to read it to Dolina and discussion regarding next steps.
- Jordan to contact writer of letter and share comments and concern of board, to further determine how to proceed.

September Meeting

- The 26th of September at Czichray's at 7:00 PM
- Agenda items into Jordan by 5:00 on the 24th