

Board meeting 1/11/15

Present: Judy Soto, Paul Poresky, Jennifer Sordyl, Glenda De Jong, Richard Voellinger, Scott Knowles, Kasey Dixson, Stacy Rose, Amy Wilson

Guests: David Soto, Greg McKenzie, Jan Doyle, Karen Olsen

Board decisions in **bold**.

Amy Wilson was asked to make some recommendations about our board procedures. They are as follows:

- Adhere to the bylaws.
- Use the mission statement as a test of all decisions. Do activities address the mission?
- Invite the whole membership to the board meetings.
- If there is going to be board training or goal-setting, have it at a separate board retreat, not a regular board meeting. She would facilitate one.
- We should meet at least quarterly. Bimonthly would be better, since the Folk Week committee will need some support.

Gail gave a report about the Celtic Fest

Date is May 2, headliner is fiddler Hanneke Cassel, opening act is Irish dance troupe The Stomptowners, fringe events include an Oregon Coast Culinary Institute Celtic-themed dinner May 1 (no expense or income to the festival), a concert May 1 at Liberty Pub by The Stomptowners (no expense or income to the festival), and a whisky tasting April 25 (possible income to the festival)

Discussion of whether we could collect donations for the Celtic fest at the session at Liberty Pub. Gail says we don't really need it, but we hope you'll hand out publicity stuff.

Stacy gave a report from the Folk Week committee

March 12: Liberty Pub fundraiser

Douglas County Cultural Coalition - we applied for a grant to do a contra dance in reedsport , May 29 or May 30, will find out soon.

Stacy passed out a sheet for board members to commit to volunteer involvement: homestays, food donations, meals, business sponsorships, fundraising. For example, save your pocket change or give someone the box. Or organize a raffle. Stacy suggests the board form a fundraising committee.

Paul suggests we have a silent auction at the Celtic Fest for Folk Week.

The board authorized Jennifer to give away as many comp tickets to the contra dance as necessary in her Folk Week outreach efforts. (E.g., to schoolteachers and members of other groups we're wooing.)

Stacy: Doug Plummer is making a documentary about Folk Week. He made a lot of good contacts at the December contra dance. He's still working on securing funding and developing the story for this documentary.

Jennifer: Needs a fiscal sponsor for her afterschool fiddle program. Our 501 (c)3 status: Richard says we actually are a 501(c)3 - we file a 990-N. But we are not on Publication 78 which gives a guarantee that you are recognized by the IRS. We don't have the letter that grantors want.

To get the letter, now they have 1023-EZ that is more streamlined. A 3-page form.

Richard is going to find out what exactly is involved.

Meanwhile Jennifer's fiddle program is going to pursue another fiscal sponsor, the North Bend Schools Foundation.

New Community Coalition could be a fiscal sponsor for us in the future, Stacy says.

Open Band campout: Jennifer asks if we want to form a committee to have another open band campout. **We would rather have the Open Band people do the organizing. The Folk Society will help them get insurance certification if they need it for an event.**

Budget: Budget Committee (Amy, Stacy, Gail, Richard) came up with a budget (i.e., what we typically spend and receive in a year). It looks like this:

	Contra	Folk dance	Member-ships	Celtic Fest	Insurance and misc	Total
Expense	2,435	410	100	0	695	3,640
Income	1,800	377	810	750	-	3,737
Gain (Loss)	(635)	(33)	710	750	(695)	97

Budget Committee recommendations: Use email for membership, we are charging \$9 for membership but spending \$1.50 to service them. Judy says we're not spending \$1.50, it is only \$1.

The board will make a \$1,000 donation to South Coast Folk Week and also create a \$500 line of credit for the steering committee.

Karen suggested that SCFS adopt a contra committee, as modeled by the Corvallis Folklore Society. As it is now, we have coordinators for each activity and that person's job description allows for the coordinator to secure assistance from others in achieving all the tasks on the job description.

Karen recommended that we operate more by committee rather than by coordinator. The group agreed that the coordinator should be encouraged to tap the membership for additional help.

Judy announced that folk dancing in Dec 2015 falls on Dec 25. The group agreed to cancel folk dancing in Dec 2015.

Judy announced that a woman affiliated with the grange was gathering information to do a display at the Coos History Museum about the grange. She needs pictures, stats, etc. about dancing at the grange.

Stacy asked if SCFS has a policy about taking pictures/videos at the dance. **The group agreed that when Doug Plummer is there in a formal capacity, there should be an announcement/sign at the door, but otherwise people were welcome to take pictures/videos in a public gathering.**

Stacy asked if SCFS has a policy about allowing people to gather signatures at events. Judy said that **the grange doesn't allow anyone to use the facility for signature gathering.** Activities outside of the grange were not addressed.

Next meeting March 27 5:30 at the grange. Bring snacks.

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