

USA Dance #1011
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Marie Calendar's Restaurant
March 15, 2009 - 3 p.m

1. Opening:

The meeting was called to order by President, Rush Behnke, at 3 p.m. on March 15, 2009. A quorum was declared present.

Eight board members present:

1. Rush Behnke, President
2. Dorene Goin, Secretary
3. Esther Freeman, Treasurer
4. Jeri Capuzo, Past President
5. Nancy Yie, Membership Co Chair
6. Marilee Grimm, Scholarship Chair, Membershnp Co Chair
7. Charlene Stewart, Newsletter Editor
8. Susan Dallas
9. Donn Knokey, Vice President (ABSENT)

2. Minutes of previous meeting: President gave everyone a moment to review minutes of February 22nd meeting and after corrections, Marilee moved the minutes be approved. Seconded by Charlene. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Treasurer's Report: Esther submitted the report (attached) and reported that the Annual Report is finished and turned in to National before the deadline so we are qualified to receive rebates. (Report attached). Esther also mentioned that our annual income and expensed are down considerable from 2007 to 2008. The reason is because we have discontinued the dances. Rush donated \$100 to the scholarship program. Current cash position is \$5,970.64

4. Committee Reports:

- a. Membership, chaired by Nancy Yie and Marilee Grimm and is still looking for ways to increase memberships and needs help. Charlene talked about getting up to date emails and Esther said we can get those lists from Mary at the USA Dance Central Office.
- b. Dance Committee: Marilee reported that she has sent out emails and has the next year pretty well booked and is waiting for a few responses. She will continue to work on it and Rush reminded board members to support these events by attending and offering help with the clean up and set up. He will send out an email reminding us of the March 21st dance.
- c. Newsletter Committee: Charlene reported the next newsletter is scheduled to go out by the end of the week and ask we send her anything that should be in it. Jeri will send her an email about the Jazz Party.
- d. Website Committee: George Helfrich and Arlen Halstad. There was discussion about the future events being posted ahead of time and as soon as possible. A motion was made by

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Marilee and seconded by Jeri that we have Susan receive CC of all emails sent to George in order to monitor events and ensure they be posted and taken off appropriately. **MOTION CARRIED.** Susan volunteered to write a letter to George and Arlen letting him know of this board action and ask how we can be of help to ensure future events be posted promptly. She will also contact instructors to ask them to CC her when they send in their events. Dorene will send George and Arlen a list of current officers.

e. Public Relations Committee: Rush is still promoting and suggests we do more. He attends the Chamber of Commerce and has 30 seconds each week to talk about SO Dance. Esther suggested that others attend also and give fresh voices to dance. Nancy moved and Charlene seconded that we join the Chamber for another year. Esther ask if we can 'host' a Chamber meeting and Rush reported that in fact we can have and will have a table promoting us either next month or the one after. He will find out also if we can do an exhibition. The **MOTION CARRIED.**

f. Scholarship Committee: Marilee expressed the need to revisit our goals and our rules for scholarships since there is an applicant who wants to go out of state and it was the understanding this is for local. There is a committee in place which will look at these issues and review procedures annually (in November) and will bring amendments to the board for approval. Esther ask that, since she signs the check, she be removed from the panel of decision makers and Rush agreed to be on it.

g. Dancing with the Rogue Valley Stars: Esther reported that she attended the meeting with Rush at the Sparrow Club and it seems that at this time, we do not have any active duties. The Club is working with the instructors who have been designated to do this. (Corey, June and Tina) Renard from Channel 12 said this needs to be a regional even in order for him to cover it, and the board discussed the possibilities of expanding to a wider area. Also there was a feeling that we may want to start small and expand later, depending on the success of the program.

5. Old Business:

a) Dress Collection: Marilee reported that Tara Behnke is willing to house collections of dresses for loan. If you have any dresses to donate, please contact Tara. It was mentioned that this is a 501c3 therefore donations are tax deductible.

b) Shoe donations- Cori Grimm will handle host the shoe donations and Esther said she has about 50 pairs to donate. These shoes will be for sale and the price will be determined by Cori and will depend on the quality and condition of the shoes.

c) Volunteers for demos: Marilee has put together a list and will contact these people to get permission to use them as demonstrations. Email Marilee with any more suggestions of names to go on the list. Dorene will email George and ask him to put Marilee's name and email on the Web site as the contact for exhibition requests or ideas.

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d) Callahan's interest in dance events. Rush reported that he has convinced the owner's of Callahan's Restaurant to join USA Dance and to advertise also in our Newsletter. He encouraged us approach other restaurants and with this type of suggestions.

e) Marilee will be gone May, July, August, and September but will still work with the Scholarship Committee, and will send reports to Dorene for the meetings.

6. The next meeting will be held on April 19th at Marie Calendar's at 3 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Dorene Goin