

**USA Dance #1011**  
**Minutes - Monthly Board Meeting**

**November 16, 2008**

**Meeting called to order at 5:30PM at Marie Callender's Restaurant**

**Quorum: 3 Board members**

**Present:**

1. Rush Behnke, President
2. Donn Knokey, Vice President
3. Esther Freeman, Treasurer
4. Nancy Yie, Secretary
5. Jeri Capuzo, Past President
6. Marilee Grim
7. Charlene Stewart
8. Susan Dallas
9. Lois Adams
10. Bryce Brandt
11. Frances Brandt

**Absent:**

1. Sonia Revitt
2. Bill Jordan
3. Tanya DeHart
4. George Helfrich
5. Darlene Chapman

**Total Board Members: 13**

**Minutes:** Changes to the October minutes:

1. Under "Old Business", #3 changed to state: A pair of tickets will be made available at the auction to attend either the Roses & Candlelight Dance or the Waltz Ball – not the proceeds.
2. The minutes were approved with the above change.

## **Treasurer's Report: Year To Date Cash Flow**

\$15,229.60 in

\$19,272.85 out

### **Operating Account**

Total Income = \$6,525.55

Total Expenses = \$7,989.56

Overall Total = **-\$1,464.01**

### **Chapter Scholarship**

Total Income = \$815.99 (Marilee donated her USA Dance membership of \$25 to this account)

## **Committee Chair Reports:**

1. Membership – Sonja Revitt has sent in her letter of resignation as Chair and is effective immediately. The Board thanked for her efforts and work this year.
  - a. Rush will temporarily assume the Chair position and stated that all Board members should be actively recruiting new members.
  - b. Current members = 97 with 6 awaiting renewal
  - c. If members renew within 6 months of their membership due date, they are carried as continuous members on the National roster; if they renew after that time, they are listed as new members.
  - d. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Membership Rebate check from the national treasurer was \$55, which will go into the general account.
2. Dance – Donn
  - a. He has not yet talked with June about the Friday dance after Thanksgiving but plans to do that very soon.
    - i. Decorating for the dance needs to occur the morning of and must be taken down after the dance to clear the area for Saturday.
    - ii. Rush will send an email to the members asking for assistance.
  - b. The Christmas tree will be put up this next Sunday and Jeri asked for volunteers. Susan said she would help.
  - c. Susan announced there will be a Tango Event in Ashland on Thanksgiving weekend. There are daytime and evening events on Thursday, Friday, Sat. &

Sunday. The Friday night event will conflict with June's Black & White Dance.

3. Newsletter – Charlene.

- a. The current newsletter will be for October & November.
- b. Another newsletter will be finished the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in December.
  - i. June will be the “Pro” of the month.
  - ii. News about the Black & White Dance will be posted. It will be held the day after Thanksgiving.
  - iii. News about Cori's Christmas party and the New Years Dance will also be posted.
  - iv. Other upcoming events to be posted include:
    1. Winter Showcase in January
    2. Candlelight & Roses – Feb 14<sup>th</sup>
    3. Waltz Ball – March 7<sup>th</sup> (to be held at the Armory with a small orchestra & dessert)
  - v. Advertising in the newsletter
    1. Business card size - \$7/USA Dance members; \$10/non-members
    2. Half page ads - \$12
    3. Full page ads - \$34

4. Website –Rush reported.

- a. There have been 152 visits to our chapter's web site.
- b. George is continuing to work with Arlen on the site from Arizona
- c. Rush encouraged the Board to look at the numerous changes
- d. For November, all of the major dances in the community are listed.
- e. Arlen posts information on his personal web site and links it to our chapter's site so it can be easily accessed.
- f. Advertisements could also be sold for inclusion on the web site.

5. Public Relations

- a. Donn Knokey- he continues to attend weekly Chamber of Commerce meetings and continues to promote dance.
- b. Rush addressed “Dancing With the Rogue Valley Stars” (see below).

6. Youth & Scholarship – Marilee

- a. Four of the 5 members were present at the meeting
- b. The forms to apply for scholarship funds have been given to Cori. June has not yet received her forms but that will happen in the next week or two.
  - i. Esther assisted in making the forms look professional with the USA Dance logo.
- c. The name for events that USA Dance members participate in is called “outreach”. It is the program whereby an existing monthly event is selected and USA Dance members get \$1 off the admission. The event organizer also donates \$1 for each member to the scholarship fund. Susan brought \$6 from last Friday’s event.

7. Dancing with the Rogue Valley Stars- Esther is the Committee Chair

- a. Rush realized that the Chamber of Commerce was not going forward with “Dancing with the Rogue Valley Stars” event. The Board will discuss whether our chapter should organize the event.

8. Fundraising – Tanya was not present at the meeting.

9. National USA Dance – Rush forwards information from National to the membership.

**Old Business:**

- 1. Tanya’s Bowling and Dance fundraiser idea was tabled until she can be present.
- 2. June will host the “Black & White Dance”, which will be an outreach dance, the day after Thanksgiving.
- 3. Dance lessons for auction to benefit the Magdalene Home will be addressed next year.
- 4. The Scholarship fund
  - a. In addition to the information above, Cori has identified some students that might benefit from this assistance.
  - b. Marilee also discussed the Evergreen Scholarship fund for teens just starting to dance. This differs from the USA Dance Scholarship fund

which was designed to help those already dancing continue with their dance studies.

- c. Rush would like to have our organization help a young couple to send to competitions.
5. Annual Coordinating Council Report – Esther gave a verbal report at the Regional Meeting in Seattle and was accepted.

### **New Business:**

1. “Dancing With The Rogue Valley Stars”
  - a. Esther moved that this be a USA Dance Event. Donn cautioned to keep the event simple since it will be our first year sponsoring the event. Nancy seconded the motion.
  - b. Date & Place of the Event – April 18<sup>th</sup> at Kids Unlimited
  - c. There is no cost to rent the space but 1/3 of the proceeds will go to Kids Unlimited
  - d. Sparrow Clubs (kids helping other children with medical needs) will assist with the function and will obtain 1/3 of the funds as well.
  - e. USA Dance will keep 1/3 of the proceeds.
  - f. Four or 5 celebrities have committed to participate.
  - g. Tina, Cori, & June have put together information and will choose advanced dancers to participate.
  - h. Committee members to organize the event include: Donn, Nancy, Rush, & Lois. The first meeting will happen early in December.
2. Pear Blossom Parade
  - a. Occurs the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April usually.
  - b. Discussion occurred about our participated. The Board voted to sponsor and organize a float for the event.
3. National Chapter Conference
  - a. Will happen in Orlando in January the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup>. A Board member could go, although it conflicts with the Showcase.
4. Sacred Heart Conference
  - a. Asked for a donation for the auction.

- b. Donn will ask the Thursday night West Coast Swing instructors if they would like to donate some dance lessons.
- c. More discussion will occur at the next meeting.

5. Board Elections

- a. Nancy is resigning as Secretary effective January 2009; she would like to remain a Board member. Esther would be willing to assume this position but would need to find another Treasurer. In the interim, she would be willing to be a “fill in” person.
- b. Membership Chair – Rush is assuming temporarily but that position is also vacant.
- c. Susan would like to remain on the Board but cannot assume an officer or Chair position.
- d. Motion made by Esther and seconded by Donn to begin 2009 with 9 Board members (*This is a Bylaw change*).
- e. Rush will put together a nomination form to be put in the newsletter and sent to all members giving them an opportunity to nominate themselves or some other capable willing member.

- 6. Cori’s Christmas Dance will be an “outreach” dance.
- 7. The Board approved to ask Jeri & June to host the New Year’s Eve Dance at the Evergreen as a USA Dance event. The net profit will be split 3 –ways (June, Jeri, and chapter).
- 8. The next Board meeting will be at Marie Callender’s in Medford on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

Submitted By: Nancy Yie

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