

## Minutes Board Meeting January 12, 2009

The January Board of Director's Meeting was convened by President Roy Aveling at 6:24 PM January 12, 2009. Present were Roy Aveling, President; Ramey Danielson, Executive Vice President; Renee' Johnson, Secretary; John Selander, Treasurer; Mark Richman, Chairman Youth Programs; and Lori Aveling, Social Director and Publicity; Julie Duncan, Editor of the Monthly Newsletter. Attending as a guest was Jason Olson.

1) A motion was made by John to waive the reading of the minutes from the December since the minutes had been e-mailed to all Board Members. The motion was seconded by Renee', with no discussion the motion was passed with unanimously.

2) Treasurers report by John indicated we had made a profit of \$5.74 during December 2008. Due to weather the Winter Formal was cancelled and all monies returned to the parties who purchased tickets. The Scottish Rite waived the rent for December since the dance was cancelled. Current balance of checking account is \$4854.11, with 2 outstanding checks.

3) During his opening remarks Roy indicated he was glad to be President and his primary goal is to increase participation USA Dance functions and make the Willamette Chapter more viable. Roy indicated he was exploring ideas and soliciting ideas in order to accomplish this goal.

4) Mark Richman reported the Youth-College night dance was a success with 53 people in attendance. Net income was \$161.00. Mark announced the next Youth-College night dance will be February 9<sup>th</sup> with a Waltz class presented by Rachel Lidskog prior to general dancing. Instructors for future months have been posted on the USA Dance web site.

5) Julie reported she is looking into and entertaining ideas to make the monthly Chapter Newsletter more interesting and appealing.

6) Roy suggested we look into the possibility of reimbursement for Karynn Radtke, Webmaster. Roy will discuss a possible monthly fee with Karynn Radtke a final determination will be made at a future Board Meeting. A comment was made and agreed by all members of the Board how much our new web site has improved.

7) It was suggested that monthly Postcards be sent to all Chapter Members. Ramey indicated postcards can be up to 6 1/8" X 11" with a mailing cost of 16.4 cents per card. The possibility of mailing a card or Newsletter with the upcoming events was discussed, no decision was reached.

8) Mark Richman suggested as a fund raiser during the April Rain Dance we have "Dance Cards" to allow dancer to purchase dances with Professional Dances. One thought was to auction the dances on a Dance Card.

It was also suggested that during the dances sponsored by USA Dance the free lessons normally given prior to the dances by cancelled and the time be utilized by the studios to showcase their professionals, professional-amateur teams or amateur teams. Each studio involved would be allotted a specific number of dances. The number of dances per studio would be determined by

the number of studios participating. Roy and Lori volunteered to determine if the studios would be interested in this type of program.

One potential showcase would be the dance team from Oregon State, Cool Shoes, it is anticipated the Willamette Chapter would have to reimburse the team or travel expenses.

9) River City Ball up date by Roy and Lori: Peter Mant, Anja, and Don Walker have committed to River City Ball. No conformation has been received from Beth Knoll or, Dave Watson. Olga Fornapova will be asked; Mark Tabor has also been asked and does not want to confirm this early (maybe withholding acceptance to see if a better offer is received). Ask Diane Goodwin and her George if they would be willing to be the registrar's. The Board approved the expense of \$150 to for two extra rooms during the River City Ball. One room will be utilized for vendors and the second room will be utilized as a practice/prep room. There is the potential for additional cost to have a practice floor put in the Blue Room. Roy and Lori will confirm any additional expenses with Connie at the Scottish Rite.

10) Day of Dance: Ramey indicated more information will be forth coming.

11) Winter Formal Dance on Dec 19<sup>th</sup>: Renee' volunteered to be the chairperson for this event

12) Old Business: Lori will send Ramey a PDF for new business cards for 2009.

13) New Business: Need a new signature card for checking account. John indicated he will get in touch with Ester Freeman how is the best way to obtain her signature on the checking account per USA Dance National guideline.

Linda Springfield Fundraiser: Board voted to spend \$600 total: suggest division of the funds was a \$500 to Linda Springfield and \$100 in a decadent Chocolate basket for auction. Lori and Renee volunteered to handle the chocolate basket.

Next Board Meeting to be February 9<sup>th</sup>, the place to be announced. It was determined the Boarded need to meet once a month.

The Board of Directors accepted with regret the resignation of Ramey Danielson. Ramey's wisdom, input, guidance and humor will be missed by all. Thank you for all the assistance in the past and we all wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Note:

It has been noted if you utilized the valet or parking lot of the Delux Hotel and after the Dance stop at the cocktail lounge and have a drink, glass of wine, or order off the bar menu and have a bite to eat they will normally validate your parking ticket.

This note should be carried on the web site and monthly newsletter.

14) John made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7.46 PM.

Submitted by

Renee' Johnson  
Secretary