

BSCD yearly meeting – 5/21/22

Meeting was held on Zoom.

In attendance: Richard Ades, Harold Cheney, Phil Cichanowicz, Marilyn Fais, Patricia Gorman, Ellie Nowels, Jan & Frank Phillips, Richard Reichard, Martha Shaw

Agenda:

Board member election: Katrina did not run for re-election, so Richard Reichard ran for treasurer. No members chose to run for the open member at large spot, so we only have four board members now. Voting was done prior to the meeting via a Google survey.

No discussion was made of last year's minutes. They have been posted on the website since shortly after last year's meeting.

Discussion centered on how the return to dancing will continue to proceed.

Membership: We will restart membership in September as usual. Anyone who was a member in 2019 will remain a member until then. The cost of membership will stay the same, no one wants to raise it since there are fewer dances than previously, so a higher cost would not be justified.

We discussed raising the adult price for a dance to \$10 as is done at All Soles. Jan says she has not gotten pushback on the increase, since it's being used to pay the talent. Phil thought \$10 was okay but suggested a "COVID" discount (pay what you can). Marilyn thought we should keep it simple. Harold thought \$10 is not justified for dancing at Clinton Heights since it's much more affordable. Richard Reichard suggested any price increases should wait until September.

Dance dates – we are planning on June 4, July 30, Sept. 17, Oct 1, Nov. 5 at Clinton Heights. Since the winter months have the highest attendance, we plan to ask First Congregational for the dates of Jan. 7, Feb. 4 and March 4. Ellie will contact them and also find out the current cost.

Winter WarmUp – plans are proceeding. Rent will be higher this year. We haven't confirmed Tony; Richard Ades will contact him. Both bands and one caller are confirmed. With Katrina gone and with continuing COVID issues we will have to rethink the food situation.

Patricia shared Cincinnati's current status. The mask requirements have not received significant complaints. They are having some problems finding available talent, as we are. The gender-free calling issue has been more of a problem and been very divisive. Surprisingly, bands have quit over the issue. At this point, we will continue to let callers decide, since we haven't had requests for gender free calling at the local dances.

Mayapple Stomp – Jan shared possible dates for Mayapple 2023; they are willing to have us return but the 3rd weekend in May is booked. Choices are the second weekend in May, Memorial weekend or the first weekend in June. We agreed that Memorial Day would not be well attended and Mother's Day could affect attendance as well, and also the temperature for camping could be quite chilly. Jan will look into the June dates.