

Dance Sensations

General Meeting Minutes, February 5, 2024, Palm Ridge, Summit Hall B

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm by President, Sandy Gruin. Members signed in on both the Rec Center computer and an attendance sheet. A quorum was reached with 18 in attendance.

Attendance by Class Verification: Tap - Beyond Basics 1; Tap - Intermediate 2; Tap - Beginning 2; Jazzy Poms 3; Fundamentals of Dance 1; Jazz - Intermediate 4; Jazz - Evening 1; Musical Theatre 5; Hula - Advanced 6; Grace in Motion 3; Breathe and Stretch 0; Pilates 2; Tai Chi Stillness 1.

Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2023 General Meeting. Sam Conley moved to approve; Jennifer Hyder seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report for 2024. Fred La Monica presented the current financial status of the club. He summarized our 2024 budget as follows: Projected income from class registrations/ memberships: \$42,000; from show revenue for two shows: \$17,000; for total projected revenue of \$59,000.

Projected Expenses breakdown: instructor compensation: \$41,900; show expenses for two shows: \$9,000; miscellaneous club expenses: \$6,000; for total projected expenses of \$56,900. Projected Net Income: \$2,100.

Approval of April Show Expenses over \$500: Sandy advised that we need membership approval for projected expenses over \$500. For the April show that includes cast party catering for \$2000; videographer for \$650; programs/printing for \$700. Nora O'Toole asked if a digital version of the show DVD can be made available. Paulette will ask videographer.

Paulette moved to approve the three items above for the April show expenses; Andrea Told seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Registration Status. Sandy advised we have 92 total registrations to date for January-April session. She said we are right now breakeven on covering the cost of our instructors. For a short two-month session after the April show, we will likely not have the registrations to cover the cost of instructors. She hopes that the board will decide to carry the short session as a deficit, because we want to keep those classes going in preparation for the next show.

Nora asked how many people are needed to keep a class going. Sandy said it depends on the class. For a performing class we need 8; if class comes up to 75% of the number of people needed to cover cost of instructor, the club would cover the cost. If class number does not meet 75%, the students can pay extra to keep the class going.

Thursday Tai Chi Essentials has been cancelled because there was only 1 registration.

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April Show Update. JoAnn Carle reported a revised run order is in the studio. Some performers might have quick changes, but should be able to do it. Terri Carey created a poster that is already in the theatre; she has given Robert Bubon copies to distribute to other locations in SCW and to put on the community TV screens. If anyone wants a PDF she can provide it. 1000 Flyers are also available for distribution. Members are encouraged to pick some up and give them out.

Paulette advised we will have some décor on the stage, plus on the screen (scrim) at back of the stage, we are going to try to use rear-screen projection of images. Show committee will see a demonstration of how this might work later in February. If decision is made to use rear-screen projection, we will need someone to use a laptop and follow the script to put up the pictures. Sam Conley volunteered to contact the Photography Club for someone to help.

Sandy emailed all performers on February 1 to let them know when studio rehearsals will take place. The week before the show all performing dancers will have 2 days on stage during class times. There will be an extra tech day on Saturday, April 13. Need everyone to be there.

Jennifer said she did not get the email. Info to be forwarded.

Stage Floor Problem: Paulette advised the stage floor will not be replaced this year. Rec Center needs at least a year notice to put in their budget. Before we start using the stage, she and a couple of tappers will test the floor. If it needs another coating, it will be done.

Adjournment: Paulette moved to adjourn; Fred seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Claiborne, Secretary