

Minutes for CoTMD Board Meeting, August 26, 2008

Attending

Lucy Gordon
Fred Druseikis
Dianne Britton
John Wetzel
Virginia Winn
Marguerite Frongillo
Connie Robinette (hostess)
Kenny Greer (via telephone)

Absent

Stephanie & Scott McCravy
Tim Sneed

Business

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. John Wetzel agreed to take minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

The treasurer issued a report, the gist of which was:

1. \$160 has been paid out to CDSS
2. \$375 has been paid out to the city of Columbia for the venue covering the next five months.

This report was approved by voice vote.

The dance at the art museum was discussed extensively, with the gist of the discussion being that the event went quite well.

The need for additional support (publicity) for the upcoming season of dance events was discussed. The issues included:

1. The need to modify and then obtain 100 more copies of the current flier, which was well received (the flier, not the need).
2. Need for publicity outreach at Columbia College.
3. Need to identify any "holes" in Tim Sneed's publicity efforts, and fill those somehow (with Columbia College being an example of this).
4. Mention was made of inquiries by the "Columbia Historical Society" about a possible dance or dance+demo, resulting in some discussion.

The similarity of the problems faced by our board, versus those faced by our "neighbors" (particularly Charleston and Charlotte) was discussed. The gist of this was that we have done well overall, and our problems are common problems, as are our solutions and attempted solutions. This included a detailed discussion about supporting and mentoring "budding" callers.

Connie talked at length about "Twitter". The gist of this is that we should all look into this, it may be a

good fit for a lot of us. Connie is very enthused about the capabilities of this software tool on the Internet.

Fred will be undergoing surgery later this year. While he is going through this process, his duties will be handled by the vice-president (hopefully not the one advising Bush).

The group agreed by vote that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2008.

The group adjourned promptly at, well, whatever time it was at that moment. The following agenda items were not discussed, and should be carried forward to the next meeting, to wit:

- The redesign of the Contracola.org website
- Support for house concerts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

/s/ John Wetzel

(acting secretary)