

**Juneau International Folkdancers
November 23, 2008**

In attendance: Suzie Gaffney, Tim and Kathy Adair, Doug Sanvik, Alysia McLean and Bruce Botelho (recording).

Call to Order and approval of agenda: Suzie called the meeting to order at 3:15. The agenda was adopted without objection.

Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the June 24, 1008 meeting were approved without amendment.

Financial Report: Judy submitted a written report which is appended to the minutes. Our general account has \$15,066.58; our special gaming account has \$10,136.25. It appears that the \$1,000 for DanceFest 2008 has not been transferred. Suzie will inquire of Judy upon her return. The board accepted Judy's recommendation to explore a credit card and possible mileage account in order to accrue the benefits (electronic statements, mileage plan accrual). Tim noted that the DanceFest practice of using companion fares and group purchases may mean that we would not get the full benefit of an account. Credit card purchases, to the extent they are paid for from the gaming account, need to reflect the equivalent of two signatures. Concern was expressed that DanceFest checks were not cleared as of a month ago. We need to formalize a more timely way to accomplish this task.

Status on Properties: The costume storage rental has been paid for the year. The website is up-to-date except for the entries for Spring 2009 ballroom dance. The board directed that one of the laptop computers be made available for Sunday night folk dance while the others are being programmed.

Review of Recent Activities: There have been good turn-outs for Sunday night dance. In the last three weeks they have ranged from 12 to 16 dancers. The middle school ballroom class at DZ didn't work this fall because the course time was altered so that it competed directly against other school activities, especially sports. Pat Belec has been appearing in PE classes instead. We do not expect similar difficulties at Floyd Dryden. The high school class is small (8 students), but enthusiastic. The students are interested in seeing a continuation in the Spring and are also planning a trip to Europe in Summer 2009. Monthly ballroom has been doing well. December will be an especially heavy month, with a formal on December 13 (Thunder Mt. Big Band), regular monthly on December 20, and another on New Year's Eve (Salsa borealis). Efforts are underway to do a Carnival in February, but finding space has proven difficult. There was no report on Barn Dance activities.

Workshops: The board approved a January workshop with Daniela Ivanova teaching Bulgarian. The workshop would happen January 23-25, with Daniela teaching in the high school as well.

Samia Savell has proposed a workshop with Amy Luna to take place in February or March. Samia leads a bellydance group in Juneau and hoped that JIF would collaborate with her. The board agreed to support the effort by underwriting two hours of instruction in dances of the Roma (\$300).

We will continue to look at Deanne Henrickson and Kovacs for a workshop in connection with the Spring semester high school class, if it happens.

Student Trip to Europe: The trip is planned for June 20-July 7 and would target the festivals at Straznice and Roznov pod Radhostem. Students are expected to do some fund-raising. At least one student may need some other financial assistance. The board agreed to set aside \$2,000 to be used at Suzie and Bruce's discretion for scholarship assistance, van rental or other trip-related expenses.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held in connection with the annual meeting, set for Sunday, March 15, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Botelho