

Annual Meeting Minutes
Juneau International Folkdancers
March 9, 2009

In attendance: Suzie Gaffney, Bruce Botelho, Karen Maher, Judy Regan, John Laskey, Terry Laskey, Linda Kruger, Suzie Gaffney, Jane Stokes and Carol McCabe

Call to Order: Suzie called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Workshops:

- **Bulgarian workshop (January 2009)...**Daniela Ivanova worked with the high school students during the week and then taught a community workshop on the weekend. She brought extra materials and instruments leading an enthusiastic, exhausting workshop. Many thought it was one of the best workshops and enjoyed her singing to the dances.

Programs:

- **Recreational...**Lately, there have been more dancers on Sundays.
- **Monthly barn dance co-sponsorship...**John said there are two dances each month with about 40 dancers each time. The last dance had Elle Sharmin from Gustavus as caller.
- **Dancefest...**This has been become quite the fall event with great turnout. Still, last Labor Day was a bit of a financial drain because the band was large and travel was expensive.
- **Middle School Ballroom...**Pat Belec took Shane's spot as teacher for these classes at the middle schools. At DZ, the class was right after school causing kids to have to make choices between sports programs and ballroom dance. It was decided that it would work better to go into the PE classes to teach. It was a different story at Floyd Dryden. Pat felt the class wasn't going well and canceled the remaining lessons. It was decided that as we do not have a teacher for middle school folk dance, that we would not apply for city grant for the 2009-2010 school year.
- **High School...**Bruce Botelho and Suzie Gaffney taught folk dance to high school students as a credit class 7th hour for the fall semester. There were 6 students registered and who attended regularly. Other students would occasionally stop by to dance and all seemed to enjoy the dancing. We are sorry that were not more students but the advertising for the class was non-existent.

Grants and grant Applications 2008-2009:

- **Juneau Arts and Humanities Council Dance Fest.** We have applied for a grant for the 2009 Dance Fest.

- **Parks and recreation, Youth Activities Grant application....** Because we do not have a teacher for middle school folk dance, we will not apply for city grant for the 2009-2010 school year.

Equipment Update:

- **Sound System...** The board directed that one of the laptop computers be made available for Sunday night folk dance while the others are being programmed and Judy brought the computer to give to John. Bruce said he had other music and requested that Judy put these on the computer.
- **Costuming...** The costume storage rental has been paid for the year. We used some of the costumes last year during Folk Festival when the high school students performed.
- **JIF website (www.jifdancers.org)...** Collen Norman does this for us. Check it out.

Acknowledgments:

- **Alaska Club...** The club continues to allow us to use the yoga room on Sunday evenings at no cost. We considered writing a thank you note.
- **Juneau Arts and Humanities Council...** for their grant to Dance Fest
- **This year's board...** for all their hard work

Treasurer's Report:

General income/expense status... Andy Miners has our books while he prepares our federal tax return. He will complete this after April 15.

Our accounts:

Barn Dance	2027.38
Gaming	8849.91
JIF	20,598.66 (a lot of Dance Fest money)

The carry over gaming money has been encumbered to pay for:

Facility rental	1300
Instruction	3000
Professional fees	1250
Scholarships	3500

Election of Board of Directors:

The following were nominated and elected to the board...Bruce Botelho, Karen Maher, John Laskey, Tim Adair, Linda Kruger, Judy Regan, Jane Stokes, and Suzie Gaffney. Subsequently, the following officers were elected: Bruce as president, John as vice president, Suzie as secretary and Judy as treasurer.

New Business/Announcements:

Student Trip to Europe: The trip is still planned for June 20-July 7 and will still plan to target the festivals at Straznice and Roznov pod Radhostem. Students are expected to do some fund-raising. Some of our ideas are a carwash, a cross step waltz workshop, Folk Festival child care, and a litter free clean up.

Guest Instructor for the Fall: Suggestions were Germaine Hebert For French dancing and Ahmet Luleci for Turkish.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie Gaffney