

9-13-20 Eugene Folklore Society Board Meeting Minutes

Action items are in bold. Board motions and decisions are underlined. *Changes to first draft are in italics.*

Present on Zoom: Kris Topaz (acting and outgoing President), Mark Cashion (Secretary), Bekah Staten, Bob Fraley, Mary Grace Brogdon, Jacque Klas, Larry Hill (Treasurer). Meeting convened at 6:06pm

Larry nominated Bekah for President, to be acting until next election, in 2021. Larry moved that the Board elect Bekah to be President, Mary Grace seconded. Passed unanimously.

Larry moved to approve the minutes of the 6-14-20 Board meeting, Mary Grace seconded. Passed unanimously.

Larry moved to elect Jacque Klas, previously nominated by write-in ballots, to the Board. Mary Grace seconded. Passed unanimously.

Items added to agenda: **Conflict of interest forms.** Bob has an item. Also Mark, re Google Group.

Bekah took over the meeting as new President, and said she is happy to contribute, that we have lots of time for now to 'mend nets' and that we have many skilled people involved to move forward.

Board agreed to two future meeting dates: **October 18th, November 22nd**, both at 6pm.

Ongoing need to cancel dances: Robert Thompson, dance programmer (talent agent), needs 5-6 months advance notice to arrange talent for dances. For re-starting dances, Board agreed that using local talent would be best, for various reasons including lead time. **Bob will notify Robert re further cancelling.**

Larry moved that EFS activities be postponed until the Board determines when it is relatively safe to resume dancing for dancers' safety and enjoyment. Jacque seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mission statement needed? A statement that gives purpose is in the Bylaws, but we need a more goal oriented one. **Bekah and Jacque will work on that.** Now and until dancing starts is a good time to continue the EFS promotion of other folk arts, and incorporate that into mission statement.

Bob agreed to be Dance Coordinator for the coming year. **He will contact the Principal of Village School** that we won't be dancing until further notice, and find out about the school's reopening. He wants to have a more active dance committee. Note that Village School is a

Charter School with 4J and may be following the 4J schedule.

Bob [had thoughts] on how contra works: getting folks involved. A matter for **future discussion**.

Treasurer Report: accounts with Selco Credit Union. Two physical accounts:

Primary 1. Organizational 2. Morris 3. Camp

Secondary: Reserves (7 year CD)

Blago Endowment: Invested in 10 year Standard Annuity.

Endowment annuity provides interest income to the Main checking account of approximately \$800 every three months, That is guaranteed 3% interest on the \$109,000 balance, deposited into checking.

We pay monthly:	Adobe	\$31 for web site hosting
annually	Meetup	\$99, but not being used effectively
	Quicken	\$35 for accounting software services
	CDSS	\$100 affiliate fee
	Postage	\$66
Mark Sherman		\$150 gratuity in lieu of cancelled dances

The Camp account has a \$200 deposit for Sky Camp in October 2021.

The Morris Team has a mix of members and non-members. They get benefit of insurance by being affiliated with EFS. Their \$100/year dues normally pay for rent of the First Christian Church space they use. In spring of this year, they received an anonymous gift of \$5000 specifically dedicated to help low income participants to participate fully in the morris teams activities.

Treasurer summary: There are no liabilities, only cash in cash out.

Balances: Camp \$1968 Main \$2401 Morris \$6655 Savings \$5, \$13.

CD \$5424 7 year, matures 2023.

Membership 115 as of 8-31. End of Treasurer Report.

Steve Downey has created a proposed EFS web site, for the Board to study and approve. Kris will be the sole EFS liaison, Steve requested only one. Steve is working gratis. No e-commerce (i.e. payment) transactions are enabled on the new site..

There was a lot of discussion about the need for user input to the web site calendar, storage of e-files for Board minutes etc..

Until the web site is launched, anyone with website input will present it to the board for decision as to whether to post it. Then, if approved by the Board, Kris will pass on to Steve. When the website is up and running, people will email or text their items directly to Steve, that content having been generally already approved by the Board. For example, if a community program has an event and the Board has approved that entity to post on our website, they will just get the info right to Steve.

Mary Grace moved to **vehemently** thank Steve for his work. Jacque seconded. Discussion that the web site is not approved, so **motion is tabled**.

Mark proposed that the Board use Google Groups for discussions, possibly corrections to minutes, draft minutes notifications, and other issue work, but not voting of any kind nor any work that is official business. It will facilitate group mind, and help avoid multiple emails that get buried in busy personal email inboxes. Board agreed to try it, **Mark will set it up**.

Larry moved that memberships be extended to 8-31-21 from paid members this year. Mary Grace seconded. Passed unanimously.

We discussed the EFS Binder. **Kris will get it to Bekah**. Kris has long wanted to get EFS history organized. Larry has 8-9 file boxes of financial records and Cascade records in his garage. We need seven years worth. Kris has 5 years of minutes. We need to **move minutes** from the old web site to the new one, when approved.

Safe dancer policy: **Bekah agreed to head the discussion, starting from the current policy. Kris will help**, and there may be an informal committee.

Contact email addresses need updating on web site(s). To be discussed further on Google Group thread, including how many contacts.

We lost Leora as publicity coordinator, so we need a new one, and an inventory of social networking sites: Facebook, Meetup, etc. Instagram. Nikki is doing Facebook. **(Who to coordinate?)**

Larry maintains the membership list. Jerry Pergamit maintains the larger email list.

We discussed the need for a newsletter to the email list, **Bekah and Kris to work that**.

Mark moved to adjourn, Larry seconded. Passed unanimously at 7:51pm.

Submitted by Mark Cashion 9-13-20