

SUN CITY TAI CHI CLUB
BOARD MEETING
3/18/16 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Present:

Carolyn Filer, President
Linda Johnson, Vice President
Doug Niebruegge, Treasurer
Becky Chapman, Secretary
Lind Voorhees
Nora Adams
Sara Maxwell
Judy B
Stella

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Doug gave the financial report. See attached Financial Summary dated 2/29/16.
- Revenues are down, but also expenses are down.
- Bank balance is at its highest since the start of the Tai Chi Club. This will help to cushion the club's finances for the lower attendance during summer months.
- Special Events add a lot to the club's net revenue.
- The summer's negative cash flow may be allayed by reducing the number of classes by condensing them according to participation. i.e. instead of 7 classes per week, decrease to 4 classes / week.

Linda . moved to accept the financial report and it was seconded by Sara M.

CALLING COMMITTEE:

- Regarding the Exit Interviews, it was moved to put them on hold for now and just contact the February students who registered but then did not come to classes.

Doug N. made a motion to do this and it was seconded by Nora A.

GREETING COMMITTEE:

Monitors are serving well as greeters.
Monitors can also make the class announcements.

Sara M. moved to accept this procedure and it was seconded by Linda V.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

Mary Bentley is in charge of our Sunshine committee. She will be having surgery 4/18/16 and will be away from her duties while she recovers. Carolyn F volunteered to take over her duties until Mary returns.

MONITORS:

- Nora A. presented the participation report (attached).
- There are 60 students who are in Sun City year round.
- Carolyn suggested that promoting students may keep them interested and continuing with classes.
- Sara asked how students can request to be promoted.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

Carolyn F. noted that we have no publicity chairperson and that we need a volunteer for this position.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- **The Bell Fun Fair:** The club did get some new members from this event and the effort was worthwhile.
- The demonstration Tai Chi Flash Mob was very successful.
- Singing Bowl Meditations are been successful and are well-liked. They also make profit for the club.
- Becky C. will ask Tao Sifu Franklin if he will do one more SBM before leaving in May.
- At the Chinese New Year potluck the slide show of the Flash Mob was very well received.

CLASS SCHEDULING:

- We discussed creating transition classes with student teachers for those students who are ready to move forward. This would allow them to catch up on the basics of the moves before going into the advanced class.
- It was decided that student teachers would receive the same rate of pay (\$25/class).
- Patrick will be leading the classes on 3/24 and 3/25/16 while Tao Sifu Franklin is out of town.

- Tammy is a possible teacher, but will not be available to teach until the Fall due to family commitments.
 - Carolyn F. stated a committee should be formed to start seeking a new teacher.
 - Stella noted that contracted student teachers cannot also serve on the Board in a voting capacity.
 - Carolyn F suggested that the club develop an immediate plan of action regarding teachers and classes that will begin in May when Tao Sifu Franklin is gone. She also wants to develop a long -term plan of action for the club.
 - Linda V. volunteered to be available to teach the classes on Tuesday evenings , Thursday afternoons and Friday afternoons. (5 classes). She stated she would also be willing to teach the transition class if we establish one.
 - Regarding reducing the number of classes for the summer, Doug N. suggested we leave the number of classes as is for now and monitor attendance, then change as needed.
 - Carolyn F asked Linda V if she is comfortable with advancing students and Linda stated that she was.
 - Linda V. will need to be contracted at least 7 days before she begins teaching
- Doug N. moved to hire Linda V. as student teacher and make changes to classes as needed.
- Linda J. seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE FOR NEW TEACHER SEARCH:

- We will need a committee to work on the search for a new teacher to replace Tao Sifu Franklin.
- It was suggested that the members of this committee come from the advanced classes and others from the membership body.
- It was decided to hold a Membership Meeting to announce Tao Sifu Franklin will be leaving. The meeting was set to be on Friday, April 1st, 2016 at 12:45pm following the 11:30am Tai Chi class and prior to the class which usually begins at 12:45pm. That class will be delayed by 15 minutes or so.
- Carolyn F. said she will send out an e-mail blast announcing the meeting to the Club members.
- Linda V. was asked and agreed to be the Chairperson for the Teacher Search Committee.
- The club will need to request volunteers to help Linda and also seek volunteers to begin the Nominating Committee for next year's Board of Directors.
- Carolyn F. stated she will be responsible for making the task list for changing teachers.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE for BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2017:

Sara M. and Judy B. will Chair the committee. Both are going to be away for the summer and it was noted that it would be best to try to find candidates before they leave.

NEW BUSINESS:

Forms: Carolyn F. stated all forms used by the Club should be signed off by the President.

Club e-mail address: Some e-mails were accidentally sent out by a club member who did not realize the Tai Chi Club name was attached to them. Any e-mail being sent by a member of the club cannot use the SCTC Club name or logo without express permission for official Club business.

Tai Chi Intensive Seminar scheduled for April 9, 2016:

- It was decided the fee for students attending this 2 hour class would be \$25. / student.
- We discussed who was eligible to attend this seminar. Tao Sifu Franklin was planning on focusing on the 1st part of the second set and review the last half of the first set.
- The Board felt we could have more students attend if Tao Sifu Franklin focused more on the 2nd half of the first set and some of the second set.
- Becky will ask Tao Sifu Franklin if this would be okay with him and revise the flyers accordingly.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING:

April 8, 2016 @ 2:30 pm at Bell Social Hall 2

Respectfully submitted by Becky Chapman, Secretary