

August 26, 2025

MkeSCD Zoom Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

- Christine Novak, President
- Robin Meiners, Vice President
- Tana Bembeneck, Treasurer
- Valerie Lau, Secretary
- At Large: Carol King and Pete Ross

TEACHERS ATTENDING

- Rebecca Winnie
- Terry Garner
- Janice Lacock
- John McCormick

LOCATION FOR SEPTEMBER CLASSES

- Journeys have removed the old floor and found asbestos tile underneath
- New floor installation planned for some time in September
- Decision made to dance elsewhere for September

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, MUSKEGO

- Robin checked with Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Muskego
- Price is \$55/hour (down from previous \$100/hour from a few years ago)
- It will be used for four classes in September (8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th)
- We need to sign the contract and payment arranged before we start using the facilities

TRY IT YOU LIKE IT EVENTS (formerly Open House)

- Two events are planned, one at Zao on September 4th and the other one at St. Paul's on September 8th
- Regular members are encouraged to attend to help with the new dancers
- Members should bring treats to both events
- Members are requested to pay/donate and new dancers can attend for free

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Tana presented Zelle as preferred payment method for security reasons
- Cash and checks will still be accepted
- QR codes will be placed next to cash box for Zelle payments

NONPROFIT STATUS CONSIDERATIONS

- Discussion about becoming a 501(c) (3) or 501(c) (7) organization
- Benefits would include tax deductible donations, reduced costs for technology
- Requires annual filing to maintain status
- We may need to adjust Constitution and Bylaws
- It was mentioned that if we are non-profit, Marquette helps with that for free

BUDGET REVIEW

- Tana presented a detailed budget breakdown
- Dues currently cover about half of general admin expenses
- Classes generally break even between Journeys and Zao
- Discussed reserving funds for teacher certification, equipment and website costs

ACTION ITEMS

1. Robin to get contact information for St. Paul's Lutheran Church for Rebecca
2. Rebecca to meet with St. Paul's on Tuesday to sign contract
3. Christine to put a sign on Journey's door for September 8th redirecting people to St. Paul's
4. Tana and Avery to update website with new location information
5. Rebecca to handle social media updates and location change
6. Tana to prepare pros/cons document about nonprofit status options
7. Tana to update price modelling with budget changes

Respectfully submitted by:

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Secretary