

Mark discussed accommodating versus advocating for something. We discussed that we want CFOOTMAD to use inclusive language and discussed whether we should formally train people how to be inclusive in both calling and teaching. Trends across the nation in contra dance workshops are to use inclusive language. A discussion then arose of whom we would pick to teach this. George Marshall was raised as a possibility when he is here in October with Wild Asparagus. The consensus was training for callers and teachers is highly recommended. We discussed what CFOOTMAD's response to trends across the nation regarding terms should be regarding use of the term "gypsy." We also discussed gender neutrality, nonconforming gender identity, changing vernacular to accommodate more millennials, to try and extend the demographic into a younger generation. Nancy will ask Duffy to be in touch with George Marshall about this training. Eric Erhardt from New Mexico was also mentioned as a possibility.

We also talked about the term "ladies and gents" versus "larks and ravens" and which sets of terms to be promulgated to promote inclusivity and in keeping with the contra dance community nationally. It was suggested that we should put together a list of terms and train our people accordingly. Acceptable terms include "ladies and gents," "dance with who comes at you," and for gypsy, walk around your partner looking into each other's eyes, or "right shoulder round". This training should be about 30 minutes to promote use of inclusive language.

The minutes from June were unable to be approved because they have not been submitted.

We then had a discussion about contra dance etiquette and the book Mark put together. This was approved, with only a minor change to be made - Christa raised the issue of the bathroom sign because we do not have gender-neutral bathrooms at our dances. Can we provide a different image depicting inclusivity. Mark said he would take care of this and that has been done as of the writing of these minutes. . We agreed that the book can be re-reviewed in a year if we would like to make changes again at that time.

Betsy came to the meeting to discuss issues around Facebook and how event pages work. We also agreed that she will be the moderator of the Facebook page and delete posts as she sees appropriate.

Next board meeting will be before the Zesty, September 8, 2018.