

# Meeting Minutes - **Slave Lake Dance Creations Society**

May 6, 2024

**Location:** Dance Studio

**Meeting Type:** Executive

**Board members in attendance:** Karlene Ching, Sable Seppola, Rachael Bellerose, Karen Dana, Julie Hunt, April Garon, Tara Maitland, Chelsea Saluk,

**Board members absent:**

Veronica Ching, Reanna Maitland

## **Agenda Items:**

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 6:05 by Julie.
2. **Adoption of last meeting minutes:** April motions to adopt the March 26th, 2024 minutes, Karen 2nds.
3. **Director Updates:**
  - a. **Studio:**
    - i. Heartbeat - Friday evening needing help with 2 dances. Rachael is willing to help if needed.
    - ii. Alternate schedules have been put out for the last 3 weeks of dance.
    - iii. Google questionnaire helped with planning for next season.
    - iv. Ballet exam info has gone out, tentative date June 3rd.
    - v. Junior teachers have been talked to and Jodi and Reanna are looking into training available in the next few months.
    - vi. Reanna will start reaching out to dancers to find interest for next seasons future assistants.
    - vii. Reanna has begun to reach out to outside choreographers, so far Kara has agreed.
    - viii. Year end party: Jodi and Reanna are available Tuesday June 4th.
  - b. **Fundraising:**
    - i. Raffle is ongoing, chance to win 3 prizes this time.
    - ii. Made \$3894 from the Calahoo fundraiser.
    - iii. Some donation letters have been handed out. CNRL Calgary donated \$300, Eben Construction donated \$500
    - iv. Chelsea motions to order a backdrop for up to \$500. Karlene 2nds
  - c. **Costume/Apparel:**
    - i. Our apparel company this year Heartstrings by Michelle has a very touching backstory. SLDCS has been given the honor of choosing this year's quilt

recipient, someone we know who has been impacted by cancer. Please read Michelle's story below.

1. *We are all tied together by Heartstrings. My Story: My name is Michelle Madson ~ owner, entrepreneur & cancer survivor. My inspiration came from a life changing diagnosis ~ cancer. This diagnosis changes lives forever, whether you are fighting the battle or supporting someone fighting the battle. I will be forever grateful that the biggest effect it had on my life was my perspective. I wanted to do something to honor those affected by cancer. Together with my mom, we created the Quilt Project ~ spreading love one quilt at a time. Portions of all sales of my creations are used towards creating handmade quilts that we donate to those affected by cancer. We want people to know that they are not alone.*

- ii. Apparel has arrived and all orders are complete.

**d. Performance:**

- i. Recital schedule is out, tickets are on sale online only.
- ii. A lot of parents have requested we not do back to back festivals next year.

**e. Treasurer Report:**

- i. Working on reports and year end financials. **TABLED**
- ii. Credit card limit is \$5000 at Servus. We've discussed putting in an application for an ATB credit card. ATB will allow us to put money on the card when a payment is coming out that is above \$5000, Servus does not allow this.

**f. Registration:**

- i. Registration for the 2024/2025 season is now open, and we have about 20 dancers registered to date.
- ii. Ballet Exam registration will close today and will be billed out this week.
- iii. Veronica will be reaching out to any overdue accounts asking that they have their remaining balance paid out by May 15th.
- iv. Working with Reanna to get the extra number dance applications out.

**g. Communications:**

- i. Finalizing May newsletter, with info about AGM and recital.
- ii. April will send the festival info for Heartbeat to be sent out.

**h. Vice-President:**

- i. Karen will be touching base with parents to let them know if they have completed their time or not.
- ii. Photo shoot for the grads, Karen looked into Danny Petersen, his cost is \$600
- iii. Karen motions to spend up to \$150 per graduating dancer, this year and going forward. Karlene 2nds.

- i. **Secretary:** We looked over the dancers' code and it was approved. This will be read by their instructors and signed by the dancers on the first day of dance.

- j. **President:** We received an email from our landlord regarding dirt work that needs done. Julie will ask if it's possible to hold off the dirt work until after May 24th.

**4. Discussion Topics:**

- a. **Action List** - completed Sable will talk to Kris about lookin at the cameras to see if they can connect to the tv in lobby.
    - i. A local person may be interested in teaching tap to littles, we will look into this more.
  - b. **Budget** **TABLED**
  - c. **Rules & Reg** **TABLED**
  - d. **AGM** - Wednesday June 5, bring festivals up at AGM.
  - e. **Finalize Jr Teacher**- We would like to be able to reimburse the cost of training for any dancer who takes training and completes the year assisting or Jr. teaching. Also gift assistants/demonstrators a free costume as a thank you.
5. **Round Table:**
- a. We need to discuss the possibility of having a parent rep to help with running numbers in the rehearsal hall for future festivals.
6. **Next meeting:** June 5th @ 6pm
7. **Adjournment of meeting:** meeting adjourned by Julie at 8:45pm