

Hill Country Cloggers Board Meeting January 30, 2024

The Hill Country Cloggers held their regular monthly meeting at St. Jude's Apostle Church on Tuesday, January 30, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. by President George Beaudoin.

The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board members who were present at the meeting were George Beaudoin, Audrey Koester, Jackie Lawlor, Christopher Chien, and Barbara Dzembo. However, Alice Grimsley and Tom Poole were absent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting were read by Jackie Lawlor. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Audrey Koester and seconded by Christopher Chien. The motion carried.

TREASURER REPORTS

The Treasurer's Report for **December 2023** was carefully reviewed and analyzed by the Board Members. A motion to accept the report was made by Christopher Chien and seconded by Barbara Dzembo. The motion carried.

Old Business

Chris Bisceglia, Audrey Koester, President Beaudoin, and Fran Beaudoin recently visited the Mechanicville Elks to consider it as a potential venue for our Christmas Party in 2024. However, they concluded that it was not suitable for the event. The same members will be arranging a visit to the following venues: The Century House in Latham, NY, and the Franklin Terrace (formerly known as Mario's on Campbell Avenue).

Furthermore, checks have been issued for the following locations for HCC practices: The Grange, St. Jude the Apostle Church, and Hoosick Falls Baptist Church.

New Business

President Beaudoin has canceled the February board meeting. He has also requested the board to discuss the convention stipend. In 2023, the stipend amount was \$50.00.

The board has decided to provide a one-time stipend of \$50.00 to eligible members who attend a clogging convention this year. To be eligible for the stipend, the member must meet the revised guidelines that were established and sent to all members via email in June 2023. Audrey Koester made a motion to approve a \$50.00 stipend, which was seconded by Christopher Chien. The motion carried.

Stipend Guidelines:

- 1. To be eligible for a stipend in 2024, you must have signed up to be a member of Hill Country Cloggers no later than December 31, 2023.**
- 2. Members must attend at least 5 practices in 2023 to be eligible for a stipend. Starting in 2024, however, members must attend at least 10 practices during a calendar year to be eligible for a stipend in the following year.**
- 3. You must register as a Hill Country Clogger (HCC) and perform as a representative of HCC.**
- 4. You must attend at least one workshop class when attending a convention.**
- 5. You must provide the treasurer with a copy of the registration form and proof of payment no later than 14 days after the convention. Registration sheets with canceled checks or paid receipts from the Internet will be accepted. Handwritten letters will not be accepted.**

A motion was made by Christopher Chien and seconded by Barbara Dzembo to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. The motion carried.