

Attendees:

Pete Levins
Oliver Vogel
Kurt Gollhardt
Mike Keeley
Ed Wilson

Summary for September 20, 2026 ECR Board Meeting

- Call to order
- August 9, 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed & approved
- Financial update
 - Ed reported that 50 out of 90 members had paid dues totaling \$2,950, including \$250 in donations. Ed also provided details on class enrollment, with 9 beginners paying \$1,070 and 19 advanced students paying \$4,640, bringing the total checking account balance to \$25,950. Ed noted that additional income would be limited for the rest of the year since most payments were made in advance, and mentioned outstanding payments of \$6,500 to church callers that would be sent at the end of the month.
- Review of activities:
 - Membership renewals were sent Sept 7.
 - Caller line-up scheduled for Mainstream, Advanced (Sept - Nov) (Kurt)
- Weekend Facility Rentals (Ed, others):
 - Ed proposed flipping the venue search process by first securing callers and firming up dates for next year before looking for venues. He will freach out to callers (e.g., Eric Henerlau) to firm up dates for quaterly dances next year.
 - Ed requested someone else take the lead on facility research, noting that most churches aren't on their Facilitron account system. Pete will begin exploration process (including UUCPA suggested by Jenny Robertson). Mike offered to help with facility visits but noted limited availability due to his upcoming retirement. Oliver also expressed willingness to assist once their schedules clear.
 - Kurt shared information about a Redwood City facility used by another club, noting it cost around \$100 per hour and could accommodate up to 9 squares.
- Mainstream Workshops
 - Kurt sent Pete and Jim Cave a list of proposed workshop dates
- Action item list review:

Ed

- Send a reminder to members who have not paid their dues in another week. (**DONE**)
- Reach out to callers (e.g., Eric Henerlau) to firm up dates for quarterly dances next year.

Oliver

- Send the final bylaws text (with markups removed) to Ed for the website. (**DONE**)
- Send Annette's alternate facility report to Pete (**DONE**)

Pete

- Review the proposed workshop dates from Kurt and contact Jim to finalize and reserve the site. (**DONE** - Saturdays Oct 17, Nov 21 and Dec 19 from 12:00-2:30pm at Mark green Sports Center, Union City)
- Check with Jenny about the Unitarian Universalist church venue in Palo Alto. (**DONE** - *site visit being scheduled; kitchen and part of hall currently under renovation w/ target completion end of year*)
- Review the Zoom email about subscription changes and confirm with Ed that the club has the necessary features. (**DONE**)
- Locate and organize the documentation of Pride festival and merchandise summaries for the collaboration site.

Calendar Review (October - January - *see below*)

Quick recap

The board meeting focused on reviewing financial updates and discussing recent club activities. Ed reported that 50 out of 90 members had paid their dues, generating \$2,950 including \$250 in donations, while the beginner class had 9 students paying \$1,070 and the advanced class had 19 students bringing in \$4,640. The board discussed their disappointment with the low number of students given the high attendance at recent open houses, which resulted in only 9 students total for the beginner class.

The group reviewed plans for finding new venues for quarterly dances, with Ed suggesting they first secure callers and dates before searching for facilities. They also discussed upcoming events including a Halloween dance, upcoming board meetings in October, November and December. A December graduation party will be held Dec 22. Approved Bylaws changes need to be linked on the ECR website.

Calendar Review

September

- Picnic: September 26 1-4:00 Caller: Kurt Gollhardt Tie-Dye: Jenny Robertson

October

- Membership Renewal: October 1
- Treasurer: Send insurance roster & payment to PSDF
- Mainstream Workshop w/ O8s: Saturday October 17 12-2:30pm Union City
- Quarterly Dance: October 31 Caller: Ett McAtee
- Board Meeting: October 18 11am

November

- Tea Dance at Billy de Frank Center: Sunday Nov 15 1:30 - 4:30pm (Caller: Rich Reel)
- Mainstream Workshop w/ O8s: Saturday November 21 12-2:30pm Union City
- Determine Plus Class format and advertise Upcoming Plus Class
- Board Meeting: November 22 11am

December

- Mainstream Workshop w/ O8s: Saturday December 19 12-2:30pm Union City
- Mainstream Class Graduation / Holiday Party: Tuesday Dec 22
- Prepare for Board Elections in February 2027
- Dark Day (Dec 29 - Due to holidays)
- Board Meeting: Sunday December 20 11am

January 2027

- Treasurer: Form 1099 due on January 31
- Advertise Plus Class schedule
- Solicit candidates for Board Election
- Make plans for 2027 Social events
- Schedule Board Meeting