

Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers



MCASD Executive Board Meeting January 9, 2016 At Elk Grove Township Hall, Arlington Heights

Next Meeting Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 10AM

PRESENT: Frankie Terry, James & Janice Cha, Bob & Carolyn Lopez, Brian Robinson, Jan Morse, Jim & Pat Glass, Christine Steffy, Jules & Marilyn Heinemann, Ken & Sue Davies, Pat Semple, John Wood, Denise Hopkins, Rich Sehnert

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Frankie Terry, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Christine Steffy moved to approve the agenda, Brian Robinson seconded the motion. The agenda passed unanimously..

The minutes were corrected from "the food is donated" to "food is purchased." Christine Steffy moved to accept the minutes as amended. Brian Robinson seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The treasure was absent, so the treasurers report was filed for audit.

President's report: The banner is missing from the Sweetheart dance. Tom Troyke is looking for it but it will need to be replaced if he cannot find it. Marie and Curtis Bremer sent their MCASD vests to Frankie Terry. Board members wore these to MCASD dances and events in the past. This should be considered in the future to identify MCASD board numbers at MCASD functions and the National and State Conventions. Denise Hopkins found a vendor, 4imprint.com, who could embroider the MCASD emblem. Frankie will try to find a location where more vests can be made and she will try to have an answer by the next meeting.

Vice-President report: The next new dancer dance will be held January 30 in Burbank, Illinois with Herschel Tolson as the caller. A list of all the new dancer dances is on the Shutterfly site and also SquareDanceChicago.com.

Secretary report: Bill Neurauter was unavailable for this meeting due to a previous commitment.

Website: Brian Robinson had nothing to report. Clubs should fact check their information on the Square Dance Chicago website and get any corrections to Brian. If it is an urgent correction please call him.

News Notes: Jan Morse had nothing to report.

Sunshine report: Pat Glass sent three birthday cards, two anniversary cards and several get well cards since October.

John Wood was introduced as a new board member.

Sweetheart Dance: For 2017 only one contract has been returned by the callers. Frankie is still waiting for contracts to be returned from Ken Burke and Flora Haynes. Pat Glass sent letters to

the presidents of every club asking for their sweetheart couple. She has received responses from nine clubs at this time. It was agreed that corsages, boutonnieres, and the bouquet for the sweetheart couple will be purchased for the Sweetheart Couples this year. Frankie questioned how to price the food at the Sweetheart dance. She was not sure what to charge for the fruit and veggie tray. It was suggested that cups be provided for fruit and veggies and charge a certain price per cup. Bobby Poyner will again do the program and the Glasses will send Sweetheart Couple information to him.

Pumpkin Ball: Nothing to report. Darlene Kulpa was absent.

Publicity: Christine Steffy suggested buying a square dance lesson domain. Denise Hopkins has bought the site, "square dance lessons" which redirects anybody to the Arlington Square dance site. Christine suggested buying "square dance Chicago lessons" domain. The fee for this would be five dollars for the first year and \$15 per year after that. Christine Steffy moved to buy the domain name. Rich Sehnert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Three clubs are starting lessons again in January and Christine and Brian hope to keep the lesson page more dynamic by keeping the information there more current.

Jules Heineman then presented the 10 by-law changes that are going to be presented at the April General meeting. He will present them individually and take a vote by the Board of Directors for each by-law change. There was discussion of each change, deletion or addition before voting by the Board of Directors.

Chapter 4, Article 2, section 5 Election of Officers. Christine Steffy moved to add section 5 to article 2. Pat Semple seconded. This was approved unanimously by the Board of Directors.

Chapter 4 Article on the Duties of the Executive Committee to Appoint and Release Directors. In addition to the President appointing all non-elected members of the Executive Committee, the four Elected Officers of the Executive Board must speak to any non-elected member who has been recommended for release from the committee. If no resolution is reached, the four elected officers can make a motion to the Executive committee to release that member and the committee shall vote on that motion. Ken Davies moved to accept the article. Christine Steffy seconded. There were 15 Ayes, 2 abstentions and zero Nays.

Article 1 Section 3 Duties of Secretary. The secretary needs to keep an accurate record of proceedings and maintain and update an accurate list of all delegates and executive committee members. Marilyn Heinemann moved to accept the article. Pat Semple seconded. This article passed unanimously.

Article 3 Section 4 Quorum for a General Meeting. The quorum was defined as 30% and also the number of delegates from any on club to be present was defined as one. Brian Robinson moved to except the article. Janice Cha seconded this article passed unanimously

Article 3 Section 8 Meetings. Jan Morse moved to accept the article. Sue Davies seconded. This article passed unanimously.

Article 3 Section 10 Quorum at General Meetings. This additional section was added to define

what happens when a quorum is not present. Brian Robinson moved to accept the article. Janice Cha seconded. This passed unanimously.

Article 4 Section 2 Club Representation. Notification of Alternate to replace Delegate. Janice Cha moved to accept this article. Brian Robinson seconded. This article passed unanimously.

Article 4 Section 3 Remove this section so that callers and cuers can become delegates. Marilyn Heinemann moved to accept the article. Pat Semple seconded. There were 16 Ayes and one Nay.

Article 5 Section 3B Working Events. Marilyn moved to accept the article. Pat Semple seconded. This article passed unanimously.

Article 5 section 4B Redefines membership in a club for callers and round dance leaders. Brian Robinson moved to accept this article. Christine Steffy seconded. This article passed unanimously.

If the by-laws pass, there will need to be two amendments to the constitution, one changing the term of officers from one year to two years. Brian Robinson moved to accept this amendment. Sue Davies seconded. This amendment passed unanimously.

Article 3 Section 8 of the constitution would need to be deleted. Christine Steffy moved to accept this deletion. Brian Robinson seconded. The vote was 16 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 1 abstention.

Frankie thanked the committee for all the time they have worked on revising the by-laws. The By-laws will be emailed to the Executive Committee, then, emailed to delegates and presidents. And also sent by snail mail to Club Presidents.

Grant Proposal: The grant committee is working on updating the application for this year. The biggest change is that clubs will have to do more on-line with a website or do more outreach. There are three clubs that will need to create a website. Denise suggested a Facebook page.

STATE CONVENTION: Rich Sehnert said there would be more to report after the 2016 convention meeting the following week.

Christine Steffy moved to adjourn. James Cha seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:29pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn & Bob Lopez
MCASD
Secretary