

## ***Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers***



Nov 18, 2017 MCASD EXECUTIVE MEETING  
Elk Grove Township Hall, Arlington Heights

Attendance: Duane Bradley, Robert Bradley, Janice Cha, Sue & Ken Davies, Pat & Jim Glass, Marilyn & Jules Heinemann, Darlene Kulpa, Bill Neurauter, Pat Semple, Christine Steffy, Frankie Terry

**Call to order** – 10:03 am by Janice Cha

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Approval of Agenda**

Marilyn Heinneman moved the agenda be approved as is. Frankie Terry seconded. Vote: Yes: All No: None Motion passed

### **Approval of Minutes**

Darlene Kulpa motioned approve October minutes as is. Sue Davies seconded. Vote: Yes: All No: None Motion passed

### **Treasurer's Report**

Anita Johnson was not present but had submitted a report. Frankie Terry noted the increase of income from Pumpkin Ball. Discussion regarding the ball and the impact of increased sales and/or increased price created the additional income. There were 34 new dancers, 13 from North Shore Squares. Sue Davies motioned to approve report, subject to audit. Frankie Terry seconded. Volte: Yes: All No: None Motion passed.

### **President Report**

Rich Sehnert's report was read. Due to holiday weekend, he was unable to attend. He did wish all an enjoyable holiday. Last meeting we voted to present a new logo for approval. He suggested we ask for comments at the general meeting. Toys for Tots will be gathered for donation at general meeting. Directors please remind your clubs to bring their donations. Channel 11 asked for volunteers atr their Pledge Drive, Sun Nov 26, Thur Nov 30 and Sun Dec 3rd. We did it twice last year and our logo is displayed. Rich recommends we do this at least once a year. Another opportunity will come in January as it is too late to organize this now. Frankie will let us know the next opportunity and we need 10 or more people. Pledge central is around the north side of Chicago. Thom Maxwell III had sent an inquiry to ask if we would consider teleconferencing our meetings. A free account can be set up. Conversation from

board regarding teleconferencing. Proper Equipment would be required and commitment by the attendees. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

**Vice President** Janice Cha

First New Dancer Dance is Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> in Glenview. It will be a fun night at the Book Market. North Shore Squares will be host. Please consider bringing your dancers. Reminder that the supplies from MCASD need to be brought. Also, no kitchen is available.

Secretary – we need a secretary. 2 years of asking and we don't have a volunteer for secretary. Pat noted we need to do something different to get a secretary. We've asked for 2 years and everyone is comfortable with Christine is doing this. We've talked in the past about splitting this into Executive Board Secretary Board and General Meeting Secretary. Perhaps Carolyn can review job description to update as many tasks have been given to others. Another option is to hire one which would be costly. Darlene will take notes at the December General Meeting. Discussion on how people talk at meetings. Whoever presides over the meeting when recognize the talker, reminder please wait for the microphone, please state your name and club. Start meeting with reminder of Basic Meeting Etiquette. Need PA system at meetings – Randy has not been at meetings. Rich/Janice should ask how best to get the equipment to someone else who will bring it to the meeting and store it.

**Insurance** Bill Neurauter

Clubs are late sending information to Bill so he can get proper insurance coverage to the insurance company. Janice will add to the Shutterfly calendar.

**Webmaster** – no report

Discussion regarding photos of board members. Perhaps get updated info and photos. Looks bad to only have a few on the site. We should email directors to send a photo or we can take photos of board at general meeting. Another workshop will be presented at the Dec general meeting for clubs to add their dances into the data base.

**SCISDA** – Frankie Terry

No new news.

**News Notes** – Robert Bradley

He will send an email to club presidents to request info. He will publish at General Meetings.

**Friendship** – no report

Discussion regarding the Friendship Award changes. Last meeting Donna Carpenter reported she would work with Ken Davis on changes to Chapter 13 and order form. These should be reprinted and distributed at the General Meeting. Ken will reprint Chap 20 (FORMS) as single sided to allow easier update of forms.

Reminder that Donna took this job but said she would not come to exec meetings. Board to review which board positions are board level and which should be considered committee.

**Historian** – no report

### **Pumpkin Ball**

The Pumpkin Ball went well and made money. It was noted that the odds of same person winning both split the pot prizes is astronomical. One person won both – two people picked from barrel and the barrel was turned often. Darlene discussed challenges of being a chairman. Favorable comments about parade and Costume judging were made. Many comments from people on how they were having a good time. All Skate Tip had 20 squares after announcements. Round dance round had 19 couples early on. Plus hall did not have rounds and no negative comments. New Dancer hall at many more squares – one time 11 squares in New Dance while Plus had 3 squares. Next year the dance will be Oct 28, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

Discussion on length of dance and decided we will discuss again in January. We need to think about the timing of the day – how long, when to have custom parade, how/when to get everyone together, how to plan who dances where.

**Publicity** Janice Cha

ChiTown does monthly FB postings for their Intros Party.

**Sweetheart Dance** Frankie Terry

Flyer have been distributed. Contracts are out for 2019. Reminders will be sent to callers in January. Flyers and tickets to be in packets for general meetings. Website is updated with correct price. Frankie asked Ken Davies to print 450 tickets. Same design as last year with new dates and rates.

**Grant Update** Janice Cha

There are 18 dances scheduled. Some have occurred, and submissions were sent. Most are next spring. As directors, ask their clubs to get their new dancers out to these.

### **Logo**

We need to bring to general meeting for clubs to discuss and vote to change. A flyer with comparison of logos will be sent to all delegates. Also included is an article of logos. Reminder that only delegates can discuss and vote.

We should have the seating at the general meeting with delegates in one area, board members another area. Executive Board should put a united front that this is what the board proposed. We should not have two positions.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion on meeting Venues. The current meeting place (Elk Grove Township Center) is being sold. Trinity Lutheran Church in Roselle is available for \$35. No contract – his word is his bond. We discussed how many meetings we wanted. Discussion on November meeting. We will meet in Jan, Mar, May, Aug, Oct, Nov. We need the November meeting to review Pumpkin Ball while it is fresh in our minds and get ready for Dec General Meeting.

We try to 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday except Nov is 2<sup>nd</sup> due to Thanksgiving.

### **IL 2018 Convention**

No updates

### **Open Forum**

Positions – add to agenda for January – discussion of positions, which are board which should be committee.

**Adjourn:** Duane Bradley motioned we adjourn at 11:48 am, Pat Semple seconded. Vote All yes, No none, motion passed.