

Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers

Minutes from the MCASD General Meeting December 4, 2016



At Trinity Lutheran Church, Roselle, Illinois

NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, April 23, 2017 AT 2 PM

Please arrive early to help set up tables & chairs. Thank you.

MCASD Executive Board: Robert Bradley, Duane & June Bradley, Janice & James Cha, Ken Davies, Pat & Jim Glass, Jules Heinemann, Darlene Kulpa, Anita & Barry Johnson, Thom Maxwell III, Bill Neurauter, Brian Robinson, Rich Sehnert, Pat Semple, Christine Steffy, Frankie Terry, John Wood

MCASD Delegates: Arlington Squares – Carol Gutkowski, Donna Dragic; BnB Batavia – Rhea Britoon, Terry Mertes; BnB Flossmoor – Flora Haynes; BnB McHenry – Donna & Bob Carpenter; Call and Caper – John Starnowski; Chi-Town Squares – John Woods (Sub); Diamond Circulators – Gloria Clay; Downers Grove Square Thru – Sally & Paul Vargo; Fox Valley Mixers – Chris & Jim Rakow; Glenview Squares – Terry Kosobud, Brian Robinson; Happy Twirlers – Wanda & David Staron; Importers – Tom Steinke (Sub); Naper Squares – Beverly Ainsworth; Oceanwaves – Marge White, Marlene Neurauter; Polywogs – Barry Johnson; Southside Squares – Cornie Gardner; Square Spares & Pairs – Ed Stockwell; Swing'n Sugar Squares – Sue Davies, Pam Brown; Woodstock Squares – Martin Barcelo; Yellowrockers – Andy Malfese

Meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm by Frankie Terry

Pledge of Allegiance

Toys for Tots

The Marine representative has arrived. Delegates assisted in loading Toys for Tots donations. They expressed their thanks for the toys. These gifts will make the children happy and bring joy to the families.

Approval of Agenda

Add new 'Open Forum' to agenda. Donna Carpenter motioned the agenda be approved. Terry Kosobud seconded. Vote: All in favor yes.

Approval of Minutes

Donna Carpenter motioned the minutes be approved. Marlene Nuerauter seconded. Vote: All in favor yes.

Treasurers Report - See attached report

Anita Johnson noted that the Convention Report is not finalized. There is more expenses/income items coming in. The convention made approximately \$4260. 85% to SCISDA, 15% to Host (MCASD). Aug, Sept Oct reports attached.

Bob Carpenter motioned the report be accepted subject to audit. Terry Kosobud seconded. Vote: All in favor yes.

Presidents Report

We need a secretary - currently two people doing double duty.

Volunteers did such a great job last year at WTTW pledge drive and were asked to come back on Monday Dec 5th. Watch and call in tomorrow to donate.

MCASD will have a brick for St Jude due to the trail in dance. Once installed, we can take a tour. If interested, we can arrange a trip down. A tour of St Jude and then see our brick. Finish up with a dance at a local club in Memphis TN. Toys for Tots is glad we were able to support them again.

VICE PRES

Update on new dancer dances. First was end of October at Golf Mill shopping mall. Novelty place and outreach. 65 people came, many shoppers stopped to see what was going on. Flyers (20) were handed out but we didn't take names. Happy Twirler and Glenview had the most new dancers, Spare Squares provided snacks. Southside Squares travel the most, Glenview provided most angels. Excellent PR and a lot of fun. Energy was high, Bobby Poyner was calling. Wide array of dance ability - from 3 weeks to 2 months. Next new dancer dance Evergreen Park, Jan 27, 2017 Friday. Herschel Tolsen is calling. There is a conflict due to a last minute date change. Hopefully because of the distance between the other club is far so we don't think it will affect these dances. Please come to the new dancer dances. It is critical we show the new dancers how much fun it is. Increases chance the dancers will be retained and join a club. Last New Dancer Dance is in March at Downers Grove.

Secretary

Need a secretary.

Insurance – report attached

Insurance coordinator on membership form should be who at the club is to receive the insurance certificate. If any club has more insurance needs, please let him know. Copies of all forms should be present at every dance your club has.

Webmaster –

Most of the dances are entered. Please check your club's dances and let him know any changes.

SCISDA

Bill Neurauter gave the report. Last meeting in Morton IL. Next meeting is the first Saturday in February in Morton. 2017 Convention will be 3rd weekend, July 21 -23, 2017. Amtrak goes to Springfield, 3 blocks from hotel. 2018 and 2019 will be at convention center in Decatur on the normal weekend. Please put your 2017 Convention Registrations forms out at dances. Bill has copies if needed. If you run out, send an email to Ken Davies to request more.

Newsnotes – no report

2016 SD Convention – No need for report

Friendship

Donna Carpenter will administer the Friendship Awards. Around 6 or 7 clubs received awards in April. A discussion of what is Friendship awards. It is listed in the MCASD book. A club who goes out 10 or more times qualifies for the club award. Individual can receive if then attend dances. For the Individual award, visits to new dancer dances/association dance qualify. When going to club dances, they must be with at least 6 club members on a visit. You must tell your banner chairman. It is up to the club to submit the form for awards.

Historian – no report

Publicity

Toolbox is on the Square Dance Revival Site. Calendar is maintained to show meetings and new dancer dances. Callerlab has taken two of our postings and highlighted on their site.

Facebook – one club is having issues, feel free to use the Chicago Square Dance FB group to promote your club dances.

The MCASD PAGE is an outreach Page for new people.

Pumpkin Ball 2016

Cornie Gardner chaired this while Darlene Kupla was out of town. Advanced ticket sales 1506, at the door was \$241. Vendor fees was \$80. Income \$2489. Expenses were \$1022.22, net profit 1466.78. There were 13 raffle items. It was noted that last year we had 18. \$215 profit on raffle.

Sweetheart Dance 2017

Tickets will now be \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door. Price increase due to rising cost.

Contract for 2018 is Tom Manning, Barry Johnson, Ron Ashton.

Ken Burke, Arlene Kaspik, Flora Haynes will be 2017. Letter to club requesting name of their sweetheart couple was sent and is in your pack (pink sheet). Remember we need sweetheart couple asap. A reminder email will be send out for raffle baskets.

The directors will contact clubs for their job at the ball along with the job duties.

Ken noted that the printing cost flyer is In the delegate packets.

Break

Roll Call

Grant Update

Grants to assists clubs is one of the most important tasks accomplished in the last two years. Notebook of Grant Program was passed around. The final submission from 10 clubs has been received, 1 club still needs to mail their materials. Letters to MCASD and SCISDA for approval to disburse the grant monies. It was noted that it has been a difficult year for lessons. Two clubs had to end lessons due to no students. The purpose of the grant money is to encourage clubs to try new things. Some clubs did so, some did not. It is noted that there doesn't seem to be a direct link between spending money and

getting results. Executive Committee will discuss if/how to continue the program. Some clubs did more, some did the same as past.

CLUB 50 Lessons now are offered by Glenview Squares, Woodstock Squares, McHenry BnB and Happy Twirlers. We urge clubs to consider Club 50. Jerry Story noted that the current method (teach Basic to Plus), has not worked well. Many new dancers drop out because they don't want to break a square down. Club 50 does require changes to the club including where will the students dance, can you host two starts, can you find callers who can make Club 50 both fun for new dancers and Plus dancers. We have found new dancers are so happy to dance and not break a square down.

New Business:

Open Forum – club issues to be discussed.

Glenview Squares started a fFun Mannequin Challenge. Woodstock Squares continued. Jules Heinneman sent ideas to Janice Cha. One idea is to rally the SD community to do something to benefit others. Haiti is still suffering from the impact of the earthquake. A unique straw has been invented to make safe drinking water. It costs \$10.00. Clubs could host dances to fund the purchase of these straws to send to Haiti. It needs to start with one club to get donations then challenge another club to 'Bigger & Better". We would need to video tape and try to publicize. It would work if we can get this in the newspaper and on tV. Perhaps clubs could think about playing in this game. Information on the attached sheet.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Downers Grove Square Thrus will be changing to First Friday of the month effective SEPT 2018.

Oceanwaves – They will dance this Wednesday instead of 3rd Wednesday. Theme is Cookie Night.

Glenview Squares will do a demo dance on Dec 27, 2016 at the Bookmarket in Glenview. Tickets are available for their May Dinner Dance.

Square Spares and Pairs will have a Beginner's Dance room at all dances until May.

Shamrock Shuffle will be Sunday, March 12, 2017. Ozzie Pearl with call with a live band.

Swing'n Sugars has a pot luck dinner at 6:30 pm this Friday.

Arlington Squares will start lessons on Tuesday Jan 3rd and Thursday Jan 5th, 2017. Arlington Heights Squares has a decorated wreath on display at the

Arlington Heights Historical Society Christmas Display. Their wreath won 2nd Place!

Fox Valley / Batavia BnB – cancel tonight’s dance due to snow.

Adjourn – Terry Kosubud motioned we Adjourn. Cornie Gardner seconded.
Vote: All in favor Yes. Meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm.