

Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers
Minutes from the MCASD General Meeting Sept 17, 2017
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At Trinity Lutheran Church, Roselle, Illinois

NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, April , 2018 AT 2 PM

A secretary is needed Please arrive early to help set up tables & chairs. Thank you.

Executive Board: CHECK LIST

Duane & Robert Bradley, Janice & James Cha, Sue & Ken Davies, Marilyn & Jules Heinemann, Anita Johnson, Darlene Kulpa, Bill Neurauter, Brian Robinson Rich Sehnert, Pat Semple, Christine Steffy, Frankie Terry , John Wood

Delegates: CHECK LIST

Arlington Squares, Tom Long, Loretta Jorousade, Al Gain (Pres); BnB Batavia, Rhea Britton, Terry Mertes; BnB McHenry, Bob/Donna Carpenter; Call & Caper, John Starnowski, Duane Bradley; Chi-Town Squares, Kate Reed; Diamond Circulators, Gloria Clay; Downers Grove Square Thrus, Gordon Delaney; Fox Valley Mixers, Jim/Chris Rakow; Glenview Squares, Dave/Ann Parr; Happy Twirlers, David/Wanda Staron; Importers, Kevin Woerner; Naper Squares, Bev Ainsworth; North Shore Squares, Joy Nachtrab; Oceanwaves, Cherie Arch, Marlene Neurauter; Pollywogs, Barry Johnson; Southside Squares, Cornie Gardner, Janice Harris; Square Spares & Pairs, Ed/Carolyn Stockwell; Swing'n Sugar Squares, Sue Davies; Woodstock Squares, Dorothy Smith, Martin Barcelo; Yellowrockers, Ande Malfese

Guest: Arlene Kaspik, Caller

Call to Order - 2:02 pm by Rich Sehnert

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Request to add profit making for Pumpkin Ball and Sweetheart Dance by Marlene Neurauter, Oceanwaves. Motion to approve agenda as amended by Marlene Neurauter. Seconded by Martin Barcelo, Woodstock Squares. Question from floor to clarify who can make motions. Answer is only delegates. Executive Board and visitors may not. Vote: YES: ALL No: NONE Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Frankie Terry gave corrections, Jules Heinemann presented elections, was not on committee. Feg is FEB. Motion to approve as corrected made by RHEA BRITTON, Batavia BnB Second Frankie Terry, South Side Squares. Vote: YES: All NO: None

Treasurer Report to arrive later during the meeting.

President's Report- Rich Sehnert

Welcome to everyone. Thank you for coming to this meeting. Thank you to the cuers who are present. Introduction of our newest member club – North Shore Squares, Bruce Holmes. Lessons are at Wilmette Park District. Joy Nachtrab is a delegate and noted they have enthusiastic students. Lottie Buckbee formed Zig Zags in the Rockford area. Please start collecting toys for the annual Toys for Tots. Thank you to those attended our Executive Meeting Open House. We hope to do this again on Oct. 14. We need a secretary. We have a large group of Club 50 dancers. We need to make some changes to accommodate. The upcoming Pumpkin Ball will be the same as previous years. The executive board is discussing changes for future balls to include all dancers.

Vice President's Report – Janice Cha

3 new dancer dances for 2017-18. Next is on Sat Dec 2, at Glenview Squares. Caller will be Arlene Kaspik, dance hosted by North Shore Squares. Apologize about overlaps as the new dancers dances were scheduled before we know the clubs schedules. Spare Squares usually does the December dance, Swingin Sugars, February and Call N Caper March. Bobby Poyner will call the March Dance. The flyer is in the packet and in the Chicagoland Directory.

Secretary's Report – Christine Steffy

We have been operating without secretary for one year. This is a volunteer organization. This isn't a hard job and we have a job description. We are wanting to split this into two positions, Executive and general. Without volunteers Need someone to take minutes in December as Christine is out of town.

Treasurer's Report – Anita Johnson

See attached May, June, July reports detail expenses and balances. Donna Carpenter motioned to approve treasurers report and it be filed for audit. Seconded by Marlene Neurauter, Oceanwaves. Volte: Yes: All No: None

Insurance Report – Bill Neurauter

Insurance report attached. Add the agency has changed and has a new point of contact. Due to the change, certificates are delayed or corrected. If venue needs their name on certificate, send to BILL. Agency will not accept club requests. Reminder that MCASD book should be at each dance. Each club should have accident forms present.

Discussion on Agenda as it was discovered there are two versions. Rich sent out to Ken Davies, MCASD Printer. Rich needs template sent to him so he can make future agendas.

Webmaster – Brian Robinson

We had a session to teach dance entry tools. If you have questions or need logon, please see Brian/email him. More sessions in the future. Each club should have a

person designated to learn to enter their dances. Swingin Sugars is concerned that this is being opened up to clubs. Each club has access to only their own club dance information, not all clubs.

SCISDA – discussion on who reports FRANKIE TERRY

Yesterday's meeting discussed 2017 convention and future conventions. Next meeting in January with location to be decided. In spring the meeting will be in Decatur.

News Notes – Robert Bradley

Restarting this position with Robert Bradley. He handed out his first attempt of the newsletter. One sheet included in packet. This will post on the website. Remove Wrong way Squares from distribution list as they are not part of MCASD.

2018 IL SD Convention – Bill Neurauter

Bobby Poyner is chair, co-chair is Dennis Wiggins. It has moved back to 4th full weekend of July. Please encourage club members to attend. If low attendance, the convention will lose money. Tom Miller is caller. He is ill and there is an effort to assist him to return to health.

Friendship Awards – Donna Carpenter

Awards are made to 5 clubs with 40 dancers. Discussion that it is harder to get dancers to participate because of the ten dance requirement. Recommend from 10 to 8 club visits. This would be 6 club visits and 2 MCASD balls. This is self-supporting program and the clubs pay for dances.

Historian – Randy Moore, absent

Publicity – Janice Cha

Sample press releases on Shutterfly site. Facebook Page is external people. Group is for clubs to use.

Pumpkin Ball 2017 - Darlene Kulpa

Directors have been contacted with the clubs for their assignment. Clubs have had their assignments confirmed via phone call. Tickets have been distributed. More are available, please let Darlene know. Please keep the envelope with the tickets as it has the starting and ending tickets. Please pick up the tally form and fill out before coming to the Pumpkin Ball. Lunch coupons will be printed for callers/cuers. Flyers are printed and in packets and on SquareDanceChicago. Round dance level 2 & 3 will be 1:30 – 3:00 in round dance hall. All levels from 3:30 – 5:30. Square Dancers Level A and higher, will be in the new dancer hall/food hall. Big hall will be alternating Plus and Club 50. Each club is asked to donate to the raffle. Costume parade this year with judging 3:00-3:30 along with announcements and special tip. Vendors signed up are the chocolate vendor from last year and Honey Candles. No clothing vendor but Swingin Sugar Squares will sell used clothing. Marlene Neurauter and Arlene Kaspik

asked about new dancers. Marlene noted 4 types of dancers, new students, Club 50, Plus, Round, Advanced and DBD. More types of dancers than rooms. Someone will be disappointed. Sweetheart Dance used to be just cakes. Extra food has been added possibly causing a money loss. Pumpkin Ball discussion, will new students know enough to attend. Question on who is the new dancer (free) vs Club 50, etc. Nothing for beginning dancers. All attendees pay. Arlene noted the new dancer hall has been crowded. Realized that with not enough rooms something has to go. Last year there were more new dancers. It is noted that the flyer does say new dancers/students are free. Donna Carpenter asked if they are in class thus new dancer or finished a program. Club 50 dancers completed a class. Darlene realized she has 4 weeks to solve this problem. The room in the basement is useless. Ann Parr, Glenview Squares, said we would miss an opportunity if we exclude students. Last year it rotated students, Club 50 and mainstream. Duane Bradley questioned if each club should give their student list to have at the door for check in. New dancers/students have had their own check in table. It was discovered that the Tally Form is incorrect, Advance sales is \$8 not \$6. Marlene wanted to note that we shouldn't push the existing dancers into a small area. RAFFLE request a basket of goodies or gift certificates. Let Marlene/Bill a week ahead what your club is bringing so they have enough space ready.

Roll Call

Unfinished Business

Only delegates can vote/motion. Directors may not.

Reminder that All Printing Request has a 2 week deadline prior to the meeting. This must be maintained.

New Business

Grant 2017

Thank you to all the clubs who are taking part of this program. Previous years was for lessons promotion which excluded clubs. This year is for dances so all clubs can take part. Reviewed that the grant funds dances that are held that are a Club 50/Mainstream dancers. There are 12 clubs participating with 8 dances in fall, 18 dances in spring, total is 26 dances. A list is being compiled and being handed out to her club. This is on the Shutterfly site. Anyone can use this list to distribute to their newest dancers. By targeting the newest dancers, it helps them gain confidence. It is scary once these dancers go out on their own without angels.

New Year's Eve Dance (Fox Valley, Yellowrockers, Downers Grove) will have a new dance levels: Club 50, Mainstream level and Plus. Not for yearlong students. If they not completed Club 50 they may not be able to dance.

Use the SD Revival site, make sure delegates emails are given to received weekly reminders.

Open Invitation to Oct 14 MCASD Exec Board Meeting. Pot Luck will be served after the meeting. We had 8 visitors in August. All are invited to attend to see what happens. Meeting is held in Arlington Heights at Elk Grove Township center.

Rich Sehnert noted that the purpose of MCASD is to promote SD. We have promoting new dancers. Janice Cha ran a new program to start new Caller School. It would be nice to have to have a dance that featured the new callers. Next New Caller training in November. Barry Johnson, Anita Johnson and Arlene Kaspik are assisting Janice Cha organizing this program.

OPEN FORUM

Rich Sehnert presented Janice Cha plaque as a thank you for what she has done. For outstanding work and dedication for keeping SD alive. He noted this is from him and not MCASD.

Ken Davies, Swingin Sugar, noted an update for Chapter 19. Next Exec meeting Jan 20, 2018.

Ed Stockwell, Square Spares & Pairs, has their first Dance is Sept 23. They have two halls; PLUS and Beginners hall at student level.

Duane Bradley, Call & Caper, no flyers today. Flyer in the Directory.

Marlene Nuerauter, Oceanwaves, first dance is Wed Sept 20, Mike Richard and Ron Ashenton as cuer. June Bradley is ill and asked for well wishes.

Joy Nachtrab North Shore Squares – Introduction of club;- Bruce Holmes started offering two Club 50 classes in Wilmette and Kenilworth. About 32 people took the four classes. Glenview Squares assisted as angels to get these classes going. Ten dances were held over the summer. After a query, the process of creating the club was done. Much work was done to create this and continues to be done. They are excited and enjoying square dancing. 29 members. There are two classes now with 36 students. 18 per class. Current members and Glenview Members are angels. Club 50 dancers are learning Plus. They aren't participating in stealing retrieving yet. First dance is Nov 11, 7 pm. NSS are looking into a venue change – hold flyers in parkettes until they confirm. Asking if any club is interesting in purchasing badge holders. They have an opportunity for a deal but more than what they need. Perhaps clubs could get together as a co-op. Discussion that if clubs come to dance, it would count as a visit.

Kate Reed, Chi-Town, last weekend was Chi-Towns Blast, four dancers finished. Great Chicago Cross Fire is Oct 6 -8 Mainstream to High C. Individual days are available

Marlene Neurauter, Oceanwaves, announced packette of passes for new dancers. Anita has these in progress and they will be out shortly.

Bob Carpenter, McHenry BnB, also IL State Historian, said he received a gift from Jean Morris were once MCASD president. She had the MCASD 1 vanity State of IL Plate.

Motion to adjourn – Rhea Britton, Batavia BnB, Marlene Neurauter All YES no: none
3:52 pm