

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



Aug 6, 2016 MCASD EXECUTIVE MEETING

**Present:** Frankie Terry, Janice & James Cha, Christine Steffy, John Wood, Anita Johnson, Pat & Jim Glass, Sue & Ken Davies, June & Duane Bradley, Bill Neurauter, Robert Bradley, Jan & Mike Morse  
Minutes taken by Christine Steffy

**Call to order** by Frankie at 10:02 am

**Pledge** led by Frankie Terry

Review to see if we have a quorum. A quorum is satisfied.

**Approval of agenda** Pat Glass motioned approval of agenda. Sue Davies seconded. Vote: all yes no: none

**Approval of minutes** Add Cuer is Flora Hayes instead of Howard. Duane Bradley spelled wrong. Minutes from May will be updated. Christine Steffy motioned approval of minutes as amended. John Wood seconded. Vote: yes – all no: none

### **Treasurer's report**

Report given and attached. MASCD report – Mar – July reports. Mar to July, not a lot of difference in balance. Some small expenses and income, as in reports. Convention expenses are separate. Convention report thru Aug 6. Deposits were done in beginning of August. Report date is 8/31 but really 8/6. Expenses paid are flooring, sound and caller. So far, income around \$6K. Some expenses not turned in yet and listed as estimates. Once invoices are received and paid these will be updated. All golf outing checks were made out to the convention not to MCASD. Hopefully the bank will accept. Profit around \$4342 with a portion to SCISDA. Around 673 registrations with 602 paying dancers. 49 leaders, 23 spouses.

Motion to approve Treasurers report was made by Pat Glass. Sue Davies seconded. Vote: all yes

### **President Report.**

Thanks for making the Trail-In dance successful. Total \$2661 donated. Amounts were received in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20. In one hour we had collected. Matching grant of \$500 (anonymous donor). By the end of the night, we were close to \$2500. Frankie went around asking for more donations and by the end of the evening was \$2561. A check was presented to the reps from the St Jude Foundation. Among the donors was a hotel guest gave \$90 because they had a relative who used St Jude services. The donation will get us a 12x12 brick with 5 lines, 20 characters per line, 100 characters total. We need ideas what to go on the brick by October. Anita has the money allotted for the donation. Discussion on the variety of attendees from multiple states but Illinois sponsored the convention. A decision will be made at the next Executive Board on Oct 8, 2016.

### **Vice President Report**

New Dancer Dance flyer with dance dates and locations is ready. Thanks to Ken & Sue for printing at the last minute. One of the dances will be on Oct 29, 2016 at Golf Mill Mall (no charge venue). The exact storefront location in the mall will be known later and given to clubs. We need angels from all clubs. Please note that this dance is earlier than most due to mall hour restrictions. The New Dancer Dance on Jan 28, 2017 is hosted by Swingin' Sugars. The New Dancer Dance on March 25, 2017 is hosted by Call & Caper, Naper Squares, in Downers Grove. Dances will be alternating class and Club 50 level. This will bring in more people. With clubs in transition, we don't know the teaching level.

**Secretary**

Need a fill in for Sept 18<sup>th</sup> General Meeting as secretary. Christine is fill in. We need someone to take this position.

**Insurance:**

There are 20 clubs in MCASD, 18 who buy insurance. The number of Square Dance Members in MCASD is 640. Down from last year's number of dancers. The SCISDA membership list is updated. Bill noted that we need a SCISDA delegate to replace Rich Siehnert (now Central VP). Frankie suggested Thom Maxwell will be representative for MCASD to SCISDA. Two representatives to SCISDA are required with alternatives. Discussion how delegates are decided. Discussion of requirements. Must be a MCASD executive board member. Jim Glass, Duane Bradley nominated Ken Davis to representative. Frankie nominated Janice. More discussion on who is being nominated.

Regular representative is Frankie Terry.

MCASD has two votes and we need two delegates. We may have alternatives in case one can't go. Because of Rich's new position in SCISDA, he cannot be our second delegate.

Discussion as to how to proceed – does the board vote or is it an appointed position. The MCASD Bylaws was consulted and it reads that MCASD President appoints non elective director position. (Chapter 5 lists SCISDA directors.)

Frankie appoints Janice Cha as the second delegate to SCISDA. We still need an alternate. Bill suggests Ken. But Ken is past president advisor position for SCISDA not sure if he can do both. SCISDA bylaws were consulted. Tabled until we have clarification from SCISDA.

Golf Mill needs insurance certificate for New Dancer Dance and Glenview Squares. Form is in handbook.

**Webmaster** – No Report

**SCISDA**

Discussion took place during the Insurance report

**Newsnotes** – No report.

**Sunshine** – birthday and anniversaries were recognized.

**Pumpkin Ball**

Cornie Garner will take the place of Darlene. Marlene will get the soda, Cornie and Frankie will take care of the Food. Flyers for the Pumpkin ball by Bobbie. Bobbie is working to line up the callers. Sound is still being researched. There will be three halls – Club 50/New Dancer, Plus and Rounds.

**Sweethheart Dance**

A caller search is being conducted for 2018. Featured Callers will be Arlene Kaspik and Ken Burke, Flora Haynes will be cuing. Dance date Sunday Feb 19, 2017.

**Publicity**

Two seminars were presented at convention. Grant participates were required to attend. The Toolbox has been updated with new documents. Flyers were handed out at the convention with the toolbox address.

**Convention.**

673 registered. 49 dance leaders, 13 states as far away as California, FL, CO, OH, TN, MN, etc.

Thankful to a great team of volunteers. Firsts: New Caller Seminar. New people picking a microphone to attempt to call. One wrote a song and did a singing call. Smart Phone app – first state to have this. First to have a FAQ sheet. First to get a grant to bring in live musicians (Contra). First in recent years to have two halls for the

Trail In. Brought in 15 new people to the Intro. Names and contact information was taken and will be referred to Naper Squares.

Highlights. There were new vendors - thanks to Denise Hopkins. Education sessions had amazing attendance. There were 70 in the Club 50 session. Staying Alive had 50 people. June Bradley said she felt it wasn't fair to be required because she heard Jerry Story at the National Convention. Our session was from two clubs that actually did this and what they did. Anita suggested that dancers shouldn't have to miss dancing to attend. A suggestion that required Education should be at a MCASD function. Discussion that the mission of SCISDA and MCASD is to make square dancers stay alive. Long standing members can sacrifice and let the newer dancers dance. Reappearance of SCISDA Quilt was a highlight. Ozzie brought his museum up to show. Photos are on the convention website. Tom Michaels did an amazing job at this. List of raffle prizes is also on the website. Comment on Club 50 dance tips that many were breaking down. Caller made an upset comment and then smoothed it over. Break downs happen. Discussion on Club 50 and extended calls. Callers don't have time at the convention to workshop but callers are workshopping the extended at club dance patter. When Club 50 teaches from multiple position, it is easier. New dancers don't understand that there is a problem from the opposite position. Long time dancers try to do it 'the right way'. Discussion on Callerlab and callers who know Club 50. Great that we had a venue for new dancers so encourage them to enjoy.

**Grant Program:**

Report sent 7/1/16 – after June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Copy of report attached. Four clubs have added new websites. Toolbox is being updated with new tools. Home page on revival site has the photo of Darlene's Yard Sign. Someone at Callerlab saw it and has included this in their website. A list of Intro Parties and Lessons will be made and put on the website.

**Extended Discussions not on agenda:**

Ken noted that the ByLaws with new amendments and bylaw changes need these typed. Ken will merge the voted and passed changes to the ByLaws. Proofing of changes to be done James and Jules. Ken will send to them.

Ken said he usually passes out the club contact list will be handed out at the General Meeting instead of being mailed. Bill will talk (email) to each club to review changes of contacts. He will send this to Ken.

Discussion - Ken will update the list and send list to secretary for minutes to be emailed out. Discussion on printing of documents for the General Meeting. Ken needs everything in time for printing.

List of Directors should be updated to reflect this year's club.

**Adjournment** - 11:30 Pat Glass moved for the meeting to adjourn, Sue Davies second.