

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



March 17, 2018 MCASD EXECUTIVE MEETING  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Roselle, IL

Attendance Janice Cha, Bill Neurauter, Christine Steffy, Frankie Terry  
Guest: Marlene Neurauter

Open of meeting – Janice 10:15  
Pledge of Allegiance

Establishment of quorum – not present 5 members of Exec Committee Board

Discussion on committees, officers, directors and who counts to make a quorum. Discussion on History, Auditor, and Friendship. Would it make sense to keep their positions but change so they aren't members of Exec Committee Board thus count in the quorum. Review of constitution states all appointed committee members are expected to attend and part of exec committee board. A change to the constitution would be required to reposition them and make them committee outside of the exec community board. These positions are staffed by people willing to do the work but unable to attend.

No approvals can be done.

Minutes – discussion only – no changes

Discussion on using conference call for meetings. This would help with a quorum. Bill noted it worked well for SCISDA.

Treasurers report – we discussed the Sweetheart Dance report. We think 274 club tickets sold, 31 sold at door, 25 new dancers (no charge).

Discussion on check-in. It would help to have three tables in a row – less confusion and no opportunity for people to skip paying. Print signs: New Dancers, Pre-Sold Tickets, Ticket Sales. Review of Constitution/By Laws. Nothing in there regarding the hours of the Pumpkin Ball and Sweetheart Ball. Discussion on we can change hours. Hours of 2:00 – 5:00. What about changing to a Saturday night – more like a May Fest event. Maybe start this 20-21 season since clubs have callers scheduled. Do we want

to radical change? We could make Pumpkin Ball a 'Bewitching' type, Sweetheart more formal. This can be discussed at next Exec meeting then present to clubs.

No report from president

VP – next new dancer dance is in April in Downers Grove.

Secretary – discussion so hard to get volunteers not only for MCASD and clubs.

We have one person from North Shore Squares who volunteered to redo the Club Information Form. This form is due with insurance form. Insurance forms are due in May. Bill has to have this submitted for SCISDA. Insurance certificates are issued in August. Insurance rate is determined by total dancers and affiliate. Approximate cost is around 4-5K for insurance for the state.

Bill will send notices for 18-19 dance season by email in the next couple days. We need to have clubs send their forms back by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Directors need to check with clubs to ensure their clubs have sent their forms back. We need a nemail to the directors to tell them their responsibility in this.

Grant update – report attached.

Checks are sent for those whose report have been submitted. Turn out of new dancers hasn't been good. Clubs with new dancers are not remembering to promote these dances, distances, clubs doing the dance are not promoting to other. Clubs aren't happy with this program. This year's grant may not seem to giving value to clubs as we'd hoped. Perhaps the grant program should be re-evaluated. No grant program planned for the next year.

MCASD Logo.

Examples were sent after Dec General Meeting. Then another design came out with a new logo by someone out of MCASD. We aren't going to review those as they were not part of the logo the board approved. Discussion on what happened in December's meeting. Some of our new delegates were surprised by some of the outburst. The emails sent after January executive board were confusing and not what was approved by the board. Discussion on logo options. Janice will re-send to delegates. Logo represents our association to the rest of the country, not individual clubs. Executive board members need to give the same answers and recommendations.

Election

VP – Discussion of Jules Heineman

Secretary –

No slate of candidates can be presented because of no quorum.

James will do the presenting at the general meeting.

We will need nominations from the floor.

If no nominations, then we need a discussion on the future of MCASD.

What would the square dance world look like without MCASD.

No Sweetheart & Pumpkin Balls

No insurance for the clubs, clubs will have to find their own insurance or fold. Over \$1000 – venues require insurance.

USDA would offer \$5.00 per dancer and how do you obtain the ability to get it from them. Maybe they would have to be a member of USDA to obtain it.

No interaction between clubs. No stealing/retrieving.

No grant program or similar program.

No website for area – links to other area clubs.

No FB publicity

No publicity for area

A weaker or non existence convention

Offer advise to clubs for lessons, publicity

Toolbox for clubs

The email for the General Meeting should request clubs to consider delegates to find volunteers to nominate with these points.

No nomination means we need to dissolve due to state requirements that apply to non-profit organizations.

VP Duties – New Dancer Dances, fill in for President when needed

Secretary – 5 executive and 3 general meetings, two people could take over.

Discussion that people who want to just come and dance for fun. They don't want to get involved. If no one gets involved, there is no organization.

Everyone left at 12:01 pm