**Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers**

**Executive Board Minutes**

**March 16, 2019, Roselle, IL**

Meeting called to order at 10:10am by Darlene Kulpa, secretary, due to the absence of the President, VP and Treasurer.

**Agenda:** approval of agenda with noted changes. Some board members needed to leave early so items requiring a vote were moved up on the agenda following officer reports. DBradley moved to accept agenda as modified, seconded by JHeinemann. Passed unanimously.

**Attendance:** Jules and Marilyn Heinemann, Christine Steffy, Frankie Terry, Pat Semple, Duane Bradley, Darlene Kulpa, Ken and Sue Davies,

A quorum was met.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the October 20, 2018 Executive Board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by DBradley, second CSteffy. Motion passed.

The November meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. The January meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

**Treasurer:** Report was emailed to members this morning. CSteffy moved to postpone discussion of treasurer’s report. Second by DKulpa. Passed unamimoulsy

**President’s report:** Rich Senhert was absent due to work. He sent a written report.

1. Caller Grant. 2. MCASD Audit was completed 3. The board needs to clarify voting and non-voting board members, decide on changes, and vote on the changes. 4. Clarify steal/retrieve participation by clubs 5. Issue that occurred at the Sweetheart Dance 6. Upcoming New Caller Dance, also need flyer. 7. Potlucks?

Items from president’s report were discussed later at meeting.

**VP Report:** New dancer dance – no new students attended. The weather was icy and snowy.

**Secretary:** Darlene K will take minutes at next Exec. Bd meeting, May 18

**Chicago Caller School** will be held March 22-24. Tom Miller-instructor. Previous students will attend, as well as new students. Discussion on offering scholarships to students.

SDavies made a motion, seconded by FTerry that MCASD provide a scholarship to enrollees to the Chicago Caller School with the following stipulations: Caller School scholarship will be open to new, first time students that have not previously received a scholarship. They must be members of MCASD clubs.

Students apply for grant of $100 after completing the Caller school weekend.

8 ayes, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

**MCASD membership and insurance fees:** DB moved to reduce rates of membership and insurance to $5 each per club for this next year. FT seconded. Aye 1, opposed 7 , 1 abstention. Motion failed. Discussion of merits to reduce $. Small clubs may need $ assistance.

CSteffy moved that clubs with 15 or fewer members have a reduced membership ($5) and insurance fee($5) totaling $10. DBradley seconded. Unanimous approval.

**Discussion on getting professional marketing assistance**: Acknowledge we need to do something, concern with the cost. Possible source of information is Mike Hogan’s info. On Caller Lab site.

Board looking for volunteers from a cross section of MCASD Clubs to be on a task force to implement a Marketing strategy.

**\*\*This needs to be an agenda item for General Meeting on April 28.**

**Executive Board Reports:** Insurance, Webmaster SCISDA, Newsnotes, Friendship Awards, Historian

NO Reports, members not in attendance.

**Pumpkin Ball:**  Due to a large church event at Trinity on Halloween Sunday that conflicts with our Pumpkin Ball, the board agreed to change the date of the Pumpkin Ball for 2019 and 2020 to the third Sunday in October.

**Items from President’s Report:**

1. Covered above
2. Board requests audit results to be submitted to the board members
3. Moved to May meeting
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5. Discussion of issue at the Sweetheart Dance. Executive Board agreed that MCASD is open and welcoming to all dancers. Board recommends that the President send a letter to both parties and the topic will be discussed further at the May board meeting.
6. The new caller dance was approved at October meeting. The date will be Sunday, May 5 in Roselle. Janice Cha volunteered to produce a flyer.
7. Board informal consensus that we eliminate pot lucks at board meetings.

**Next Executive Board Meeting:** Confusion of next meeting date. Frankie will book both May 18 and June 8 with Trinity. We have many issues to discuss and there is concern that we again may not have a quorum.

MHeinemann moved to adjourn, FTerry second Adjourned at 11:45.

**Important Dates**

MCASD Executive Meetings: Saturday, May 18, 2019

 Saturday, June 8, 2019

MCASD General Meetings: Sunday, April 28, 2019

Pumpkin Ball 2019

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Heinemann, MCASD Co-Secretary