**Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers – MCASD**

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes-via Zoom**

**Saturday, January 16, 2021**

**Attendance:** Frankie Terry, Robert Bradley, Darlene Kulpa, Marilyn Heinemann, Larry Campbell, Christine Steffy, Jules Heinemann, Pat Semple, Duane Bradley, June Bradley, Bill Neurauter, Janice Harris, Jim Glass, Pat Glass, Ken Davies, Sue Davies.

Frankie Terry called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

**Approval of Agenda:** C Steffy motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion on “opening up square dancing”. Second by D Kulpa. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve by L Campbell, second by C Steffy. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Report sent to members prior to meeting. Only activity was $.56 interest on bank account. The CD interests update quarterly. Motion by C Steffy with second by D Kulpa to file report for audit. Motion passed.

**President’s Report:** Frankie received a Thank-You from Toys for Tots for our support. Frankie called Trinity Church to check on any changes in building use. Tom of Trinity will call her back with response.

The National Square Dance committee is still planning on holding the convention in June 2021. Tom Manning contacted Frankie concerning status of Illinois State Convention. It was referred to SCISDA members. SCISDA plans on meeting January 16 at 2 pm. MCASD requested a flyer from SCISDA committee members that could be posted on MCASD website concerning status of convention. They agreed to send a flyer to C Steffy or B Robinson for posting.

Executive committee cannot plan for Pumpkin Ball until we receive response from Trinity Lutheran.

**VP Report:** No Report

**Secretary:** Our zoom subscription ends in June. We will need to decide whether to renew or not. Will be discussed at later meetings.

**Insurance:** Bill usually sends renewal information to clubs in March. Due to COVID-19 situation, Bill agreed to delay sending any information until April.

**Webmaster:** Brian added a link under announcements for upcoming MCASD meetings on squaredancechicago.com. There is also information of meetings in the calendar under dances tab if you look by month.

**SCISDA:** Meeting is scheduled for January 16 at 2pm.

**Newsnotes:**  NR

**Friendship:** NR

**Historian:** NR

**Sweetheart Dance 2021:** Cancelled

**Publicity:** D Bradley reported that they have not met in almost a year. There were questions about the new website and needing time to prepare for launch. Duane will send new website template to all Executive Board members.

**Old Business:** J Heinemann and P Berg are nominations committee. They will contact President and Secretaries to see if they would like to continue another term. They will also scout for others to fill positions if needed.

**New Business: “**Square Dance Start-up” discussion

* various clubs’ plans for future dances and lessons
* viability of clubs
* caller interaction with dancers
* New Square Dance Etiquette
* SSD Social Square Dance – shortened time period for lessons will help bring in new people and be a good angel review.
* USDA site “Beyond the Dance Floor”
* Specific target topics for clubs to consider: start dates, callers, bringing back own club members, venues, volunteers, health/safety needs, food/water, mingling during breaks, types of lessons and dances

C Steffy created a list and will send it to board members for their consideration and additions. Discussion and formulation of a document to be sent out to all clubs well before the April General Meeting will be finalized at Exec. Board meeting in March. All clubs will need time to discuss with their members and be able to discuss at April meeting.

Motion to adjourn by D Kulpa, second by D Bradley. Meeting adjourned at 10:58.

Minutes submitted by

Marilyn Heinemann, Co-Secretary

**Executive Meetings: Saturdays: March 20, 2021, May 15,2021**

**General Meeting: Sunday: April 18, 2021**