

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

Minutes from the MCASD General Meeting April 17, 2016  
At Trinity Lutheran Church, Roselle, Illinois



### **NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, September 18, 2016 AT 2 PM**

Please arrive early to help set up tables & chairs. Thank you.

The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm by Frankie Terry, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Terry Kosobud moved to approve the Agenda. Sue Davies seconded. The Agenda was approved unanimously.

Darlene Kulpa made one correction to the Minutes from the December meeting. The year 2027 needs to be changed to 2017 in the section referring to the Sweetheart Dance. Jan Morse moved to accept the minutes as amended. Terry Kosobud seconded. The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Anita Johnson gave the Treasurer's Report. There has been little change in our accounts since November. We started with a balance of \$19,400 in November and ended with \$19,731 in January. Terry Kosobud moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Marlene Neurauter seconded. The Treasurer's Report passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** The main focus of MCASD is to attract new dancers to the activity. The information on the Toolbox page of Square Dance Chicago can help all clubs to accomplish this. If you have an idea for the Toolbox, please add it. We all should keep an open mind to any discussion on what clubs are doing to increase membership.

**VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT:** The total number of attendees for the three New Dancer Dances held this past year are: 60 total New Dancers and 100 Angels. Next year, we are hoping for more New Dancers to attend these dances.

**INSURANCE:** Marlene Neurauter has printed copies of the instructions for membership renewal and insurance, which were emailed to clubs in March. The Square Dance Chicago website also has these forms under the FORMS tab. Insurance certificates are good for all club events no matter the location that they are held.

**WEBMASTER:** No Report. Marlene Neurauter said the link on the home page for DANCES TONIGHT, is a great addition to the website.

**SCISDA:** There will be a convention in 2017 in Springfield, IL. There is an association and co-chairman that have been assigned.

Christine Steffy said that officers are needed for SCISDA. The webmaster for the Illinois website is Jim Winslow and he has not been able to keep the site current due to his involvement with the 65th National Square Dance Convention this summer.

**NEWSNOTES:** Jan Morse can be contacted for Newsnotes at [janmorse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janmorse@sbcglobal.net) or at [janmorse2012@gmail.com](mailto:janmorse2012@gmail.com).

**STATE CONVENTION:** 400 people have registered for the convention so far. Only 1/2 the rooms at the hotel have been reserved. Clubs need to be sure that their members have the registration forms and are registering and making their hotel reservations.

**DANCER ACTIVITY BADGES:** Clubs MUST send in their orders by July 15 so the badges can be passed out at the September meeting.

Donna Carpenter then asked if clubs had a MCASD Member Plaque and if they were receiving the small date badge for each year they were members of MCASD. Since so few clubs were aware of this, Donna moved that the Association date and Member Plaque be discontinued. Sue Davies seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**HISTORIAN:** Randy Moore thanked the person who brought the Around the Corner magazines.

Bob Carpenter found some items of historical significance. One was a MCASD Sweetheart Dance flyer from 2/11/67. The other was a Metro Newsletter from 11/18/62, which had preceded Newsnotes for the organization. There were also old convention program books from the late 70's thru 1982.

**GRANT UPDATE:** The grant has been renewed to any club offering lessons and promoting Square Dancing. A requirement for this year is that the club must have a website presence. Four clubs have submitted their application already. The Toolbox has many ideas for promoting lessons.

Donna Carpenter questioned the requirement that clubs have a website. She said that there could be clubs that would like to participate that don't have a qualified person who is able to do that. Janice Cha and Christine Steffy are willing to help a club in that situation.

Denise Hopkins asked if SCISDA will be matching the grant from MCASD, again. And the answer is yes, they will. Also, SCISDA is offering the grant to any other clubs at the state level.

**PUBLICITY:** Christine Steffy said that SQUARE DANCE CHICAGO is the answer to any question you might have. There is a lot of new info there.

Marlene Neurauter said someone is coming to Oceanwaves to take pictures at their dance to do a story about Marlene's recovery after having a stroke.

**SWEETHEART DANCE:** The dance made a profit of \$1170.93 this year. Many more people attended this year than last year. Frankie Terry encourages all clubs to pre-sell the tickets to their club members this coming year.

**PUMPKIN BALL:** Darlene Kulpa is not able to be chairperson this year. With no one volunteering to do this, Frankie will have to assign someone to that duty.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** A letter from the Marine Corps Reserves was read, thanking MCASD for the many contributions to Toys for Tots last year.

**ROLL CALL:** All clubs were present except B & B Flossmoor.

**BY-LAW REVISIONS:** Jules Heinemann explained that the bylaw committee reviewed the bylaws, wrote the proposed revisions, presented them to the Executive Board and at the December General Meeting. They were then rewritten incorporating the changes that were suggested in December. The bylaws were then sent to the delegates and club presidents in January.

Donna Carpenter said that she thought the revised bylaws needed to be presented at one General meeting and voted on at the next. Jules answered that this is what did take place and the only changes made were the ones that were discussed at the December meeting.

A ballot was distributed to each of the voting delegates of each club at that time. Jules then read each of the present bylaws and the revised bylaw taking its place. There was discussion on each of the changes. It was moved and seconded that the Constitutional changes should be voted on before the meeting break. This passed by a vote of 27 Ayes; 4 Nays; and 1 Abstention. The two Constitutional changes were also read and discussed. The ballots were then collected and a break was taken while the ballots were counted, by Jules Heinemann, James Cha, and Carolyn Lopez.

When the meeting resumed, it was announced that all bylaw and constitutional revisions passed and the results of the vote on each bylaw and constitutional change were announced.

By-Laws, Art II, Sec 5 Election of Officers	Yes: 23	No: 9	Abstain: 0
By-Laws, Art1, Sec 1(b) Powers & Duties of Exec Cmte.	Yes: 25	No: 7	Abstain: 0
By-Laws, Art. 1, Sec. 3(b) Secretary to maintain list of Delegates & Members of the Executive Committee	Yes: 31	No: 1	Abstain: 0
By-Laws, Art III, Sec 4 General Meetings, Delegates Present	Yes: 31	No: 1	Abstain: 0
By-Laws, Art III, Sec. 8 Meetings: Quorum equals 40%	Yes: 30	No: 0	Abstain: 2
By-Laws, Art. III, Sec 10 General Meetings: Roll Call of Delegates	Yes: 25	No: 7	Abstain: 0
By-Laws, Art. IV, Sec 2 Representation of Member Clubs	Yes: 32	No: 0	Abstain: 0
By-Laws Art. IV, Sec 3 Delete Language excluding callers & cuers as delegates	Yes: 27	No: 5	Abstain: 0
By-Laws Art. V, sec 3(b) Member Clubs' participation in fund raising	Yes: 21	No: 11	Abstain: 0
By-Laws Art. V, Sec 4(b) Restrictions on Membership	Yes: 28	No: 4	Abstain: 0
Constitution Art. III, Sec 3 Terms of officers changes to two years	Yes: 24	No: 7	Abstain: 1
Constitution Art. III, Sec. 8 Delete conflict of interest provision	Yes: 24	No: 8	Abstain: 0

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Jules Heinemann then presented the slate of candidates:

President - Frankie Terry

Vice-President - Janice Cha

Secretary - No candidate

Treasurer - Anita Johnson

Jules then asked three times for each office if there were any nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were offered. Jules closed the nominations from the floor. Duane Bradley moved to elect Frankie Terry as President. Marlene Neurauter seconded. There were 31 Ayes; and 1 Abstention.

Marlene Neurauter moved to elect Janice Cha as Vice President. Terry Kosobud seconded. There were 31 Ayes and 1 Abstention.

Sue Davies moved to elect Anita Johnson as Treasurer. Marlene Neurauter seconded. There were 32 Aye votes.

**WEBSITE:** Christine Steffy requested that all club information about next year's dance schedule be sent in an Excel Spreadsheet. The lessons will no longer show up on the calendar on the Square Dance Chicago website, but will be listed on a separate lessons page. Clubs should check that page to be sure the information is correct.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Janice Cha talked about the proposed MCASD discount for members. Donna Carpentr is opposed to this idea and said all dancers are welcome at B & B McHenry. Janice explained that the model of this is the Botanic Garden or the Art Institute, where members get discounts or benefits because they are members. Rhea Britton said that different people are able to commit to different things. Marlene Neurauter said that she had talked to some independent dancers who said they would be willing to pay an extra amount at the door. Bill Malfese suggested offering an Associate Membership to people who don't want to become fully involved. Duane Bradley also said that this discount could cause confusion at the check-in desk. Duane moved to reduce membership dues and insurance to \$5 each. There was no second and a vote was not taken on this motion.

Announcements from various clubs were made.

Darlene Kulpa moved to adjourn. Sue Davies seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn & Bob Lopez

