

**Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers**  
**Minutes from the MCASD General Meeting April 23, 2017**



At Trinity Lutheran Church, Roselle, Illinois

**NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, Dec 3rd, 2017 AT 2 PM**

**A secretary is needed by this date to take minutes.**

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

Executive Board:

Janice & James Cha, Sue & Ken Davies, Pat & Jim Glass, Marilyn & Jules Heinemann, Thom Maxwell III, Randy Moore, Bill Neurauter, Rich Sehnert, Pat Semple, Christine Steffy, Frankie Terry

Delegates:

Arlington Squares, Carol Gutkowski, Donna Dragic; BnB Batavia, Janice Mitchals, Terry Mertes; BnB Flossmoor, none; BnB McHenry, Bob/Donna Carpenter; Call & Caper, none; Chi-Town Squares, none; Diamond Circulators, Gloria Clay; Downers Grove Square Thrus, Paul/Sandy Vargo; Fox Valley Mixers, Jim/Chris Rakow; Glenview Squares, Dave/Ann Parr; Happy Twirlers, David/Wanda Staron; Importers, none; Naper Squares, Andrew/Linda Neff; Oceanwaves, Marlene Neurauter; Pollywogs, Barry Johnson; Southside Squares, Cornie Gardner, Janice Harris; Square Spares & Pairs, Ed/Carolyn Stockwell; Swing'n Sugar Squares, Sue Davies, Pam Brown; Woodstock Squares, Dorothy Smith, Martin Barcelo; Yellowrockers, Terry Moye

Call to order at 2:02 pm Frankie Terry

Pledge of allegiance

Approval of agenda Motion to approve agenda as is by Marlene Neurauter, Seconded by Ann Parr, Vote: All yes

Approval of minutes Motion to approve with corrections by Donna Carpenter, Seconded by Bob Carpenter, Vote: All yes

Treasurer's report

Reports for Dec 2016, Jan, Feb 2017 is in delegate packs, attached to minutes. Motion to approve subject to audit by Marlene Neurauter, Seconded by Donna Carpenter, Vote: All yes

### Presidents Report

Frankie Terry expressed thoughts on her experience for the last three years. Her partner passed two weeks prior to her first meeting. Luckily previous experienced board members assisted her learning what learned and "Thank You". Attached Green sheet list what this current board has accomplished. Wish well with new leaders. Noted that we need new students who stay dancers.

### VP report

Janice Cha thanked Frankie Terry for all her efforts. There was a steep learning curve at first. A lot has been accomplished in the last 3 years. The last new dancer dance was in Downers Grove with Bobby Poyner calling. MCASD hosts these dances to encourage new dancers and students to dance. There were 72 attendees, 20 new dancers from 6 clubs. 30 angels, 22 from the host club. A small profit of \$70 was made. We look forward to new season.

### Secretary – No report

We need a secretary. This can be split into two positions – one for General Meetings and one for Executive Meetings.

### Insurance

Bill Neurauter presented his report, as follows. Renewal Membership forms were sent and a few clubs have sent these in. Hard copies are available today.

### SCISDA

There was a Convention Meeting in April. SCISDA also needs two secretaries, recording and corresponding.

### Webmaster

Christine Steffy reported that work is being done to allow clubs to maintain their own dances in the data base.

### News Notes

Robert Bradley is taking this position. Please send information to him to get club info out.

### 2017 Convention

Marlene Neurauter reported that presidents were sent information in the mail regarding Well Wisher and Ad Form for program book. Donations of \$5 for bold, \$1 for the listing. Clubs should send a legible list to Marlene. Volunteers are needed. Please ask club members to spend 2 hours to help. Clubs are again asked to donate Raffle Baskets. Send your theme to [r.leesman@comcast.com](mailto:r.leesman@comcast.com). Income from convention helps cover insurance costs to help clubs in the state. For free floor space, we need to sell 400 rooms. So far there 329 room nights reserved, need 77 more room nights. Encourage club members to come and spend a night.

### Friendship Awards

Donna Carpenter reported that forms for dancer activity badges. Due no later July 15<sup>th</sup>. No late forms accepted.

### Historian

Randy Moore reported he hasn't had a chance to update books with article donations.

### Publicity

Janice Cha reported that we continue to promote square dance. Please send her any flyers for Intro parties to publish on line. She can review websites for assistance.

### Sweetheart Dance

We made a profit this year. The floors and rooms stayed full. New dancers commented on how much fun. Next year will feature Tom Manning, Barry Johnson, Ron Ashenton. Sign ups are today for next years Pumpkin & Sweetheart Balls.

### Break

Roll call

No Unfinished Business

Nomination Committee is Janice Cha, Ken Davies and Duane Bradley (absent). Express need for volunteers to step up for these offices. Jules Heinemann announced the nominations.

Open Positions: President & Secretary

These are now a two year term, open on odd years.

Ken Davies has volunteered for president.

Nominations from Floor: Cornie Garnder nominated Rich Sehnert. He is present and willing to serve.

Show of Hands

11 Ken Davies Rich Sehnert 19

Realized there are 2 more that voted than allowed. Discussed who is allowed to vote.

Did a roll call of clubs.

Final result: Ken 9 Rich 19

Rich Sehnert was elected President

### Secretary

No One

### 2017 Grant

Marilyn Heinemann reported that the past year's focus has been to get new students. Clubs used the internet and other tools to get new students. Direction the next year is to provide dances for the new dancers. New dancers get out there and dance but become frustrated. Grant is for clubs to hold a Mainstream or Club 50 dance. It can be a regular dance night just at the Mainstream/Club 50 level. Delegates are to take this

back to their club to ask if their club is willing to host a Mainstream/Club 50 Dance. Copy of application and program was available. First deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Send information on dance after the dance. There are funds for up to two dances. Not valid for MCASD New Dancers Dance. It needs to be noted as a Mainstream/Dance. The purpose is to get experienced dancers to come out and dance with new dancers to help them. Regular dance format for those who have rounds; Rounds and Mainstream/Club 50. Stealing and Retrieving is allowed as these are regular dances. Students (non-members) are not eligible for stealing/retrieve. Forms are on Shutterfly site which you can get to from Square Dance Chicago.

#### Caller School

New initiative this year. First class was in early April. Tom Miller spend 3 days teaching 10 dancers most with no calling experience. By the time finished on Sunday, they did basic patter and singing. A workshop was done Apr 22. Jack Pladdy's spend an afternoon workshop for 6 new callers. We are looking forward for future workshops. We need angels to help at these workshops.

Pat Semple presented an Open Invitation to the next Executive Meeting, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Square Dance is the state dance. Come and watch the meeting, review the duties, job descriptions. A Pot Luck Lunch will be served.

#### Open Forum

Bill Neurauter requested he needs membership forms before May 24 because he is scheduled for surgery. No GOLF event at the state convention.  
Sue Davies requested everyone return plastic bags before you leave.  
Rich Sehnert expressed his thanks for support from MCASD members.  
Thom Maxwell III also expressed thanks to MCASD & SCICDA grant for caller school. He learned a lot at both the school and workshop. Thom is grateful for the support.

#### Announcements

Southside Squares Dinner Dance June 3.

Swing Sugars Spring Dinner, Thursday May 25. Summer workshops on Thursday Jun 8<sup>th</sup>.

Glenview Squares Dinner Dance May 19. They will also hold Summer Dances.

McHenry BnB 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance, Aug 18.

Square Spares & Pairs will host a lunch Saturday June 10.

Oceanwaves – Summer dances will be hosted by Oceanwaves and Yellowrockers. There will be three dances during summer.

Ken Davies reminded clubs about the Chicagoland Directory. Email with forms for the directory. He needs to know how many books by club (1 per couple, 1 per single).

Needs to be on half sheet. Must be in Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. \$45 per page

MCASD recognized all the work Ken & Sue Davies puts in for printing.

Woodstock Squares will have a New Dancer Dance in June.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Carpenter, Seconded by Cornie Gardner Vote: All yes