

Grand River Squares
Board Meeting
3/19/13

President: Peter Huschilt
Vice President: Kim Kennedy & Michelle Montague
Treasurer: Birthe Johannesen
Secretary: Kim Wood
Officers Present: Peter, Michelle, Kim, Birthe, Kim
Others Present:

Meeting was called to order at Park Church at 6:03pm

A) Treasurer Update

➤ Beginning Balance	\$6268.78
➤ Caller fees	-\$300
➤ Park Church (Dec/Jan/Feb)	-\$300
➤ Latvian Hall Down Payment	-\$500
➤ Decorations	-\$21
➤ Misc	-\$70.28
➤ Deposits	\$3816.96
➤ Ending Balance	\$8894.46

B) Caller Issues

- Payments for Travel Expenses
 - Peter suggested a procedure be established where the board members approve stipends for gas on a per caller basis.
 - The board agreed that we will add a standing agenda item at our board meetings to review and determine which callers will receive a gas stipend.
- Booking Fly-in callers
 - Kim Kennedy said he needs to know how much we are going to pay fly-in callers before he contacts them to book because that is one of the first questions they ask. It was requested that the fly-in budget be done in advance of booking callers.
 - Birthe asked that we get an updated budget for this years fly-in

C) Outreach for New Membership

- It was suggested that we contact old members about fly-in this year since it is our 25th anniversary. The hope is that we would rekindle interest in some of our past members.
- It was also suggested to bring friends to fly-in and group dances to recruit new members.
- There was a brief discussion about forming a committee to reach out to the community to generate interest. Concerns were raised that this would require quite a commitment from the committee volunteers and from the squares as a whole to dance at these outreach events. It was pointed out that we are having difficulty filling fly-in committee positions.

D) Summer Dance location

- Michelle will call and get a price to rent the Wealthy Street Theater again, she will compare that to last years rent and report back.

E) GR Pride Weekend (June 15th)

- The event has moved to the Calder Plaza this year
- We are looking to partner with the Renegades again to share the expenses of the floor and booth, and to share the sound system. The renegades are looking into the possibility of getting a bigger booth and larger dance floor. The board voiced concerns as to the need for these additions and requested pricing before making that decision.
- Kim Kennedy will contact Ken Burke to book as our caller for the event
- We need to address supplying water for the event
- Peter will get with Jerry and Don from the Renegades for more details.

F) Lansing Pride Weekend (August 24th)

- We discussed the possibility going to the Lansing Pride weekend and setting up a booth. This was tabled to be discussed at a later date.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:51pm

Respectfully submitted
Kim Wood