

GRAND RIVER SQUARES BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 20, 2016
Peg & Karen's house, 3 PM

PRESENT: Dave Eppelheimer, Brandon Heitzmann, Peg McClure, Karen Kania, Chuck Novak, Carol Bauer, Dave Fallen, Jim Malloy

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Dave Eppelheimer at 3 PM.

PRESIDENTS' REPORT:

Dave Eppelheimer reminded the Board that the By-Laws state it takes three officers for a quorum for voting purposes. We were reminded that we could still have a Board meeting and discuss things, but no votes could be taken when there is not a quorum. With medical issues impacting several Board members, the Board needs to let Dave know if they will not be able to attend a scheduled Board meeting.

Upcoming Elections: Brandon Heitzmann reminded the Board that election of officers is coming up soon. We hope that Dale Shannon will chair the Nomination Committee; Dave Eppelheimer will ask him. Nominations for officers should be made no later than two weeks prior to the date of the election, which will be at the end of October. These are one-year terms for each office. Any person can run for any office, but don't ask new people to serve.

VICE-PRESIDENTS' REPORT:

Karen handed out a chart of our dances, callers and the locations. It was discussed and decided unanimously by those present that our November dance, which will be with club callers, will start at 6:15 PM in order to give each caller (Chuck, Jim and Dale) three tips, with a joint tip by all callers at the end of the night.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The money from Tuesday night workshops and from the last dance has been taken care of by Dave Eppelheimer and he will turn it over to Birthe Johannesen, who was absent due to illness.

CALLERS' REPORT:

Four people are learning mainstream, nobody is learning plus, Kathryn Kuhn is learning A-1 and Marty Rodriguez is learning A-2.

FLY-IN REPORT:

Dave Fallen reports doing more advertising, with the IAGSDC receiving flyers. All chairmen have been appointed.

Carol Bauer and Julie Kuhn are in charge of the Sunday continental breakfast and have been discussing what to serve. Since the GRS club is trying to be "green", we will have

people take home approximately ten sets of plates/silverware to run through their own dishwashers and return them to the Latvian Hall in time for breakfast on Sunday. We will have a sign-up sheet for those taking the plates/silverware. Carol and Peg/Karen have large coffee pots.

Dale Shannon is planning the decorations.

OLD BUSINESS:

Inclement weather: If GR Public schools are closed, there will be no dance. If Park Church closes, there will be no dancing. Dave Fallen will post the cancellation on the club website as soon as possible, hopefully by 3 PM. Brandon Heitzmann will call those without computers or who want to be notified by phone.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pay Pal: Can use to pay for club membership or fly-in. Discussion regarding whether people can use it to pay for dances.

MOTION by Dave Eppelheimer and seconded by Karen Kania to accept credit cards for club dances, but charging that person \$7.60 to cover credit card surcharge. Motion failed.

After further discussion, MOTION was amended by Karen and seconded by Dave Eppelheimer to charge \$8.00 per person for the dance if using a credit card. Motion carried.

Reconsidering the Dance Schedule: Dave Eppelheimer stated there needs to be more mainstream level floor time. Are we meeting the needs of the club? Karen wondered whether we should change the focus to dancing rather than teaching. She also made the suggestion of having two nights of workshops and two nights of just dancing each month. Callers will discuss other this and concepts tonight at the church.

Contracts for Club Callers: Callers hired for monthly dances should have a contract. Peg and Karen will work on that.

Art Prize: Impact on Tuesday dancing. Will have to use different room(s) for dancing.

Club History: IAGSDC would like Grand River Squares' club history, Chuck will work on this.

Michigan Council Delegate: Carol Bauer will represent GRS at the Michigan Council meetings instead of Chuck Novak (this was discussed at dinner later).

Saturday Dance Schedule: Chuck worked out a new dance schedule order, which was tried at the last dance on September 17, with mixed results. He will try the same schedule one more time, front-loading basic/mainstream and plus. He will work on this further.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 18, 5:30 PM at Park Church.

This meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Bauer,
Secretary