

GRAND RIVER SQUARES BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 14,, 2017
Peg & Karen's house, 1 PM

PRESENT: Brandon Heitzmann, Peg McClure, Karen Kania, Birthe Johannesen, Carol Bauer, Chuck Novak, Jim Molloy

Co-Vice President Peg McClure called the meeting to order at 1:14 PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Carol Bauer read aloud the minutes from the June 12, 2017 Board meeting. No changes were requested. MOTION by Karen Kania to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Birthe Johannesen; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Birthe Johannesen reported income of \$105 from Tuesday nights and expenses of \$119.84 for flowers for two people. July starting balance was \$11,618.29; July ending balance was \$11,603.65.

Regarding the discrepancy between balance in our account and the spreadsheet, part of this is because statements are not available at the same time. Birthe talked to David Fallen about PayPay, and he will no longer make entries onto the spreadsheet. Another discrepancy was because a fee from Wufoo had not been entered. Another \$3,000 has been transferred to Bank of America. The old account can probably be closed after the next statement.

Atlas Supply is under new ownership and they no longer carry the matching plates we wanted. Similar ones from them would cost over \$200. Online sources will be investigated.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Brandon Heitzmann thanked everyone for their support. He asked if there was unfinished business; none was reported.

CO-VICE-PRESIDENTS' REPORT:

Peg McClure announced we are cancelling our September 16 dance as that is the day of Dave Eppelheimer's memorial service and Celebration of Life. Caller Arlene Kaspik has been notified.

Kris Jensen has agreed to call for the 2018 Fly-In but has not yet signed a contract with the new fee.

2019 Fly-In: Proposed dates are April 26, 27 and 28, the week after Easter. Chuck and Jim Molloy will check with GCA to come up with other possible callers.

Karen reported that Chicago does a Thursday dance once a month with an open invitation with the hopes of getting new club members. It also is intended to give people who are not ready to make a commitment an opportunity to dance. The caller decides what to call but it is supposed to be an intro dance session. Originally she reported that the dance was free but that's not true, costs \$8.00 for the experience.

CALLERS' REPORT: They have not met since our last Board meeting but will do so in the next couple weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dance Fee: Karen recommended raising the fee for Tuesday night lessons as she felt we

needed more discrepancy between members and non-members. MOTION: Peg made a motion to change the Tuesday night fee from \$4 to \$5 for non-members. This was seconded by Birthe. In discussion, everyone was agreeable, and the motion carried. This will begin on September 5, 2017.

C-1: Four people are interested in beginning a new C-1 class. Jim Molloy requested that he be the only teacher for C-1 until he leaves for the winter, then Gerry can take over. The new class will start September 12. There was some question as to how to divide up the time (20" for lessons and 20" for dancing?) and Karen mentioned we should include some time for the more experienced C-1 dancers also.

2018 Fly-In: Scott Sorensen, via phone call with Carol Bauer, reported the bi-monthly flyer delivery was on schedule. He had been quoted a hotel rate that was only \$5 less than their standard rate. There is a link on the website to other hotels. (Karen said she could get a better rate at the Country Inn & Suites through her contact there). Karen had reserved the Latvian Hall. Scott and Robin will start looking for Chairmen soon; Julie Kuhn and Dale Shannon both have agreed to Chair a committee. Scott and Robin plan to discuss the Fly-In budget soon but right now it is overall on schedule according to the club guidelines.

The question was raised as to whether we have a Facebook page; yes we do, but there is limited access to it at this time. Bob Hazen has a closed format. Birthe asked if we could make the Facebook page more interesting.

Tuesday nights:

Jim Molloy reported that on Tuesday nights, A1 was mostly dancing and A2 was some teaching. Jim suggested putting a schedule on the website for which weeks were dancing and which ones were teaching.

MOTION by Karen Kania to "change the structure of Tuesday nights to address needs of the club members and not offer a mainstream class this fall." Motion was seconded by Birthe.

After discussion, Karen made a MOTION to cancel the previous motion, seconded by Brandon, and instead "look at the levels of our dancers and address their needs". Jim Molloy will check with Dave Fallen to determine what levels everyone dances. Another suggestion was to offer mainstream lessons but close them to new students after a certain date.

Chuck brought up the question of how to attract the gay population to square dance lessons at our club. One way could be putting information on Meet-Up to gain the attention of gay groups and dance groups.

Club shirts: Chuck has not looked into this yet.

Equipment: Jim Molloy obtained quotes on various pieces of equipment. A priority would be for a smaller, more portable speaker and amplifier which would cost approximately \$399. This will be discussed at the callers' meeting to decide whether it has enough power. The callers will send their recommendations to the Board via e-mail after their meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

No flowers were sent to Rick Magnuson after his foot surgery. We will correct this oversight and send him an Edible Arrangement in the near future.

Park Church: Chuck wondered whether we had a contract with Park Church for the coming year yet. Also need to check how Art Prize will affect our lessons there this fall.

Next meeting will be on Monday, September 18, 2017 at the Kania/McClure residence, 1 PM.

Motion by Peg McClure to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Birthe Johannesen. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Bauer,
Secretary