

GRAND RIVER SQUARES BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 18, 2017
Kania/McClure Residence, 1 PM

PRESENT: Karen Kania, Peg McClure, Birthe Johannesen, Carol Bauer, Jim Malloy, Chuck Novak

Chuck Novak called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM. A quorum was present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the August 14, 2017 Board meeting were reviewed; no changes were requested. **MOTION** by Karen Kania and seconded by Birthe Johannesen to accept the minutes as written; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Birthe Johannesen reported that our account with Comerica has now been closed. Income for the month was \$210; expenses were \$571.15 (stamps - \$9.80, flowers - \$61.35, Body Language - \$500). Insurance is through Jack Walton of the Michigan Council and covers our members, including six new people, at any location we hold a club dance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Absent.

VICE-PRESIDENTS' REPORT: The new contract with the increase in calling fee has not been signed by Kris Jensen yet but she is committed to call for Fly-In 2018.

CALLERS' REPORT: Lessons for A-1 and A-2 will be held on alternating weeks.

FLY-IN 2018: Scott Sorensen has been sending Fly-In information to IAGSDC, next mailing will be in October. We are not having a host hotel next year as the price isn't much cheaper. We don't have Chairs for all committees yet but some people have already volunteered. The budget is basically the same as last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Park Church dancing: The church is concerned about wearing of the floors. The question was raised whether Jai actually has the authority to change our rooms, or is this more about money? Chuck and Birthe will verify this with the church. We are going to start looking for other sites: Faith United Methodist Church, Westminster, St. Marks, Trinity United Methodist Church, Fountain Street. All of our club dances are scheduled for Mt. Mercy, so we shouldn't have a problem with that. We own the closet in the storage area at Park. Requirements for a dance site are: no carpet, available Tuesday nights, air conditioning and heat, need two rooms, time slot from 6:15 - 9:15 PM, cost, parking.

Sound Equipment: Gerry has not checked into this yet. We can try some things at lessons tomorrow night.

Hearing Assistance Equipment: Rich Brown's type is somewhat limiting and only one person at a time can use it. Another type broadcasts at a certain frequency and dancers can tune their aids to that loop.

2019 Fly-In Possible Callers:

Hunter Keller

Bill Eyler
Gary Monday
Vic Ceder
Justin Russell
Todd Fellegy
Darren Gallina
Michael Maltenfort
Betsy Gotta
Dayle Hodge

Chuck will research these callers to help us make a choice.

Club Shirts: Previous shirts have come from Flaunt-It in Cedar Springs. Chuck will send an e-mail with information about their short sleeve button-type shirts.

Facebook: The Grand River Squares Facebook page has been opened for our use.

Meet-Up: There has been some interest expressed in square dancing by a few people on Meet-Up, we will see if anyone shows up.

HIV Walk: Chuck reports the HIV walk was small this year. We should plan for about 60 people next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

We made a donation for Brandon to use as he would like in Dave Eppelheimer's memory.

Greg Gale - Chuck will check with Chris Ferguson to see how things are going. **MOTION** by Karen and seconded by Birthe to send a card with a \$50 check for Chris to do something meaningful in Greg's memory. Birthe will buy the card and send the check.

Election of club officers will be held in October, and those elected will take office in November. Karen/Peg will ask Dale Shannon to head the nomination committee again.

Winter Beginner Blast - tabled until next meeting.

Oct. 7 Downtown Market Demo - If anyone is interested in helping out with this demo, please check with Judy Magnuson; a few more people are needed.

Budget - Per Scott, the Treasurer can access the club budget online at Googledrive. We should check there first before contacting Dave Fallen.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 16, 2017 at the Kania/McClure residence, 1 PM.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting made by Karen Kania, seconded by Carol Bauer; the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Bauer, Secretary