

MINUTES
FINEST CITY SQUARES BOARD MEETING
June 12, 2006

PRESENT

Richard Bass, President
Bill Grimm, Newsletter Co-Editor
Terri O'Barski, Assistant Treasurer
Diana Barrows, Secretary
Mike Neiheisel, Treasurer
John Griffin, Class Representative
David Spence, Co-Vice President
Jim Blair, Co-Vice President

ABSENT

David Goodsell, Newsletter Co-Editor
Dana Hooper, Caller Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 6:28pm. A quorum was present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mike N. gave the financial report: In May the classes netted \$170.00. Overall we were \$445.24 ahead. Chuck and Maggie had ordered black polo shirts before they stopped dancing with us. We have the shirts and Richard will make sure they get them, but the board decided to give them the shirts (and absorb the cost) instead of making them pay for them.

Richard B. gave the President's report:

- The gallery is up on the website.
- A sample membership directory was available for perusal. It contained pictures of the members and was approved by all. It does not contain the Class of 2007 students' pictures. Richard will secure the waivers and/or pictures with the help of John, and include them in the directory.
- Questionnaire: Richard is still working on this. He enlisted John's help with inputting the data.
- New-class dates are September 5, 12, and 19. Bill G. will print up business cards with the new-class dates. These will be used for advertising at the gay pride festival. All Join Hands Foundation should pay for this; they reimburse any clubs' costs for square dance recruitment.

Other business

- SDSDA meeting: Diana B gave this report for the May 20 meeting.
 - They approved our club's use of the float.
 - We must send financial reports to SDSDA. It is OK to bundle 3 months together. Two copies of the required form were given to Mike N. He will coordinate directly with Tami Allemao, the SDSDA treasurer.
 - Any club can get event insurance for non square dance activities their clubs may hold. The form is on the website under insurance. Send it to: jwoliver@san.rr.com
 - John Marus is starting a caller class in June or July.
 - FCS has decoration duties for the August Round-Up. Theme is "Summer Fruits." Much laughing ensued.
 - Open room dates in Balboa Park are Oct 27 (BPC) and Dec 1 (WMB)
 - October Craft Sale is 3rd Saturday Round-Up. Sept 16 is deadline to reserve a table. Cost if \$20.
 - The 49th California State Square Dance Convention is April 18-20, 2008 in Sacramento for \$32.00. There will be a Rainbow Room. All gay square dancers are particularly

invited to attend. There are raffle tickets for each club to sell. A percentage of your sales comes back to your club.

- Club visitations: Tinseltown Squares, Mike Kellogg, 8/25. Dance is 6:30pm to 9:30pm. David S will send out and e-mail assessing interest and other possible activities to do that day (see Wicked, visit Huntington Museum).
- New Club Banner: Jim B has purchased all the material and cut it out. It just needs to be sewn. He will have it finished by Gay Pride.
- Picnic in the park was fun. The weather was beautiful. The attendance was small.
- Caller Pat's "going away" party will be on Wednesday 6/20 instead of the July graduation dance. The club will get him a \$100 gift certificate from Home Depot; Mike N. will buy this. Diana B. will buy a level and decorate it with rhinestones writing out "FCS". Richard had a very young picture of Pat and we will try to get this enlarged for the party. Richard will buy a cake with "Thanks, Pat. Now you can go bowling on Wednesdays" printed on the top. He will check on Pat's flavor preferences; Mike suggested carrot cake with cream cheese frosting. Members will be asked to wear their new club shirts for the party.
- Decorations for the July 14 graduation party dance will be handled by John G. and the students since Jim and David are out of town.
- Richard B. will coordinate the decorations and volunteers for the booth at the Gay Pride Festival. The IAGSDC display has been ordered
- Gay Pride Parade: Andy A will be calling. Mike N will coordinate securing and decorating the float, finding a tow truck, getting volunteers to dance on the float, and helping the caller.
- Recruitment/community outreach for the new class: Jim B will take care of this. The possibility of giving out temporary tattoos (instead of the usual beads) at the booth was discussed. David S will check tattoo costs. Mike N will get the bead price information. Jim suggested we dance a square dance tip at Kickers just before the class is to start and hand out the business cards to all present, in an effort to secure new dancers. Press releases will be given to all the gay papers.
- Badge overlays: Richard noted that on some badges the "Finest City Squares" is wearing off. We can have that engraved on a thin bar and glue over the worn lettering. Richard checked with the badge maker at convention; cost is \$2.55 each.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm

Respectfully submitted, Diana Barrows, M.D., Secretary June 12, 2007