

MINUTES
FINEST CITY SQUARES BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2008

PRESENT

Richard Bass, President
Jim Blair, Co-Vice President
David Spence, Co-Vice President
Diana Barrows, Secretary
Mike Neiheisel, Treasurer
Terri O'Barski, Assistant Treasurer
Dana Hooper, Caller Coordinator
Bill Grimm, Newsletter Co-Editor

ABSENT

David Goodsell, Newsletter Co-Editor
Jason M. Class Representative

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. A quorum was present. The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Richard gave the president's report. He touched on the future callers' schedules, but deferred to Dana H., the Caller Coordinator. Richard reported that the Kensington Church will "pay" our December caller's fee by giving us the hall for free until the caller fee is paid off. This is because the church double booked the hall and we could not have our December party dance.

Mike N. gave the treasurer's report. Overall, we made \$53 in December. Mike reported that he had to reapply for an EIN (employee identification number) with the IRS, and may have to re-apply for a non-profit status. We may need to seek an attorney's advice, or ask SDSDA, IAGSDC, or another local club like Circulators, about their nonprofit status and what paperwork was required to secure it.

Dana H. gave the Caller Coordinators report. All the 2008 dates are booked. Only two slots are unfilled for 2009; three slots are unfilled for 2010.

Other Business

- Diana B gave the SDSDA meeting report. Clubs are to check their insurance report and roster and notify John Oliver of any errors. Fiesta made \$2500. The "wait list" for rooms in Balboa Park works. Bob Swee of FCS is the new Blood Bank coordinator. Buddy Weaver was reelected president of the Callers' Association/ John Marus is Secretary. The SDSDA is having an audit of their financial books soon. All clubs are asked to make up a basket to raffle off at the ARTS dance on 2-28-07 in the War Memorial Building. ARTS is Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dancing; they promote dancing.
- Club visitations: no new visitations are planned. We need to add an extension to our stand to hold more banners.
- New Club Banner: Jim still does not have it ready. He said it would not be ready for the Anniversary Dance. He is going to show it to Diana; perhaps she can work on it.
- Host callers? Dana wonders if anyone would be willing to host/house visiting callers. Richard will send an e-mail to the membership about this.
- Fly-in status: The board voted to have the fly-in in conjunction with the rodeo Sept. 12-14, 2008. There will be no room minimum at the Handlery Hotel. They have 3 dance

rooms ranging from 12,000 sq ft to 14,000 sq ft. Callers are available, but no contracts have been signed. Richard will check on sound equipment available from SDSDA. Diana will check with John Oliver about insurance coverage.

- Domain name. Richard found a site which charges \$6.95/year; FinestCitySquares.org is available. It will link to the IAGSDC site.
- Club Wear for Convention: No consensus was reached about silver vests for upcoming 25th (silver anniversary) convention. A spirited debate ensued. Apparently many members dislike the vests. Richard will send an e-mail out advising members they might want to wear a silver vest, or silver shirt. Diana volunteered to make rudimentary silver sequin vests for some.
- Remedial students: Caller Andy asked the board to work out a policy for helping remedial students. The board will have early sessions 6-6:30pm with Richard or Jim calling and “invite” those students who fit the definition.

Items from the floor

- Hal’s C1 group will use the Kensington Church dance hall on our second Saturday for an early C1 dance. They will pay the church any additional fees. We may be able to coordinate callers.
- Refreshment Duty at SDSDA’s 3rd Saturday Round-Up: FCS has the duty. Richard will get 2 cakes at Cost-Co, and a veggie tray. Diana will bake cookies and buy candy, including sugar free candy for diabetics. The date is 1-19-08. It is the inauguration of new officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. The next meeting will be February 12, 2008 at 6:30pm at the Old Mill restaurant.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Barrows, Secretary, January 8, 2008.