

MINUTES  
FINEST CITY SQUARES BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2008

**PRESENT**

Richard Bass, President  
Diana Barrows, Secretary  
Mike Neiheisel, Treasurer  
Terri O'Barski, Assistant Treasurer  
Bill Grimm, Newsletter Co-Editor  
David Goodsell, Newsletter Co-Editor  
David Spence, Co-Vice President  
Jason M., Class Representative

**ABSENT**

Jim Blair, Co-Vice President  
Dana Hooper, Caller Coordinator

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

Mike N. gave the financial report. Last month we were ahead \$226.06 overall. We lost \$83.40 on our second Saturday party dance. Mike had nothing new to report on our tax and non-profit status. He has not yet submitted the documents to the IRS; he plans to do so soon.

President's Report

Richard B. informed all that FCS had a full square at Ruffles 'n' Beaus "Going Away" dance for caller Pat Carnathan on Sunday, 4-6-08. A good time was had by all.

Other Business

- Diana B. reported on the SDSDA meeting. The ARTS dance made \$1628. All clubs are finally up to date with insurance. There will be a square dance festival {to promote square dancing} in Balboa Park on the last Saturday of August (8/23); they will be looking for people to dance on an outdoor stage. There is no SDSDA meeting in April because of Earth Day. Flyer distribution will be at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Round-Up We have **Greeting Duty** in May; the theme is "May Flowers."
- Club visitations: Richard proposed Magic Squares, an advanced club that dances on Thursday. He is not sure if they even have a banner we can steal. He thinks we already have all the other clubs' banners.
- New Banner: David will cut out letter patterns. Board members will decide if we prefer plain white felt or glittered white felt for the lettering. Diana volunteered to cut out the letters and sew them on. We then need to decide if we want to add wave crests under the sails, and if so, what material to use.
- Fly-In Update: David S. reported that all the caller contracts but one have been signed and returned. (**Update:** Jim B. subsequently reported that, in fact, all the caller contracts have been returned). Flyers/postcards/business cards have been printed up and distributed. Seven or 8 registrations have already been paid for. David is planning to include 2 meals. He needs to set a specific itinerary. He plans

- to make "Pass the Seahorse" T-shirts for FCS members to wear at convention as an advertising tool.
- Status of new students: Jason reported that the students are very pleased with the early dancing and appreciate Richard's efforts very much.
  - San Diego Pride: Mike N. told the board that everything is being done over the internet this year. He hasn't yet filled out our applications for a spot in the parade, or a booth at the festival, but he will do so soon. Board members wanted a booth with electricity and a cover, and a site near the country-western dance stage. Mike agreed to take care of the float and parade. He needs to request the float from SDSDA. He wants to inspect the flooring of the float; it is possible our club will need to put in new flooring as it was quite warped last year (and it has spent another year out in the elements.) Richard is looking for someone else to be in charge of the festival booth this year. This requires set-up on Saturday, take-down on Sunday, and staffing the booth both days.

#### Items from the Floor

- Class graduation will be June 14, 2008.
- We need to place an order for black shirts, sail shirts and badges. Mike set a cut-off date of 5/1/08 i.e. all orders must be in to him and paid for (if appropriate) by that date. Students who graduate on 6/14/08 will order their shirts *after* they graduate.
- Richard has allowed Carolyn from the Center 3-5 minutes to speak to our club during the break on Wednesday 4/9/08 about California's gay marriage petition.
- The possibility of using a room at the Center for our meetings was suggested.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at the Old Mill Restaurant, unless notified differently.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Barrows, Secretary, April 8, 2008