

January 12, 2011

San Diego's Finest City Squares  
January 2011 Board Meeting  
Minutes



<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Ken Valdez, President	David Goodsell, Newsletter Co-Editor
Vicki (Jamie) Jamison, Vice President	Gene Grimshaw, Class Liaison
Peter Tognalli, Secretary	
Mike Neiheisel, Treasurer	
Bill Grimm, Newsletter Co-Editor	

A quorum was present and Ken called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The December minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as amended (Jamison/ Neiheisel). Motion carried.

### **Financials**

- Budget update sheet provided. In December 2010, there was a small profit.
- The club broke even on all the December dances.
- Extra expenses for holiday gifts for the caller and the custodian were off-set by several members who paid dues.
- SDSDA insurance was inadvertently omitted from the November budget sheet; this has been corrected.

Motion to accept the financials (Grimm/Jamison). Motion carried.

### **Agenda Items – Old Business**

1. Caller Coordinator Report  
Ken is still looking for a new caller coordinator.
2. Themes for 2011 Party Night Dances

<b>DATE</b>	<b>THEME</b>	<b>CALLER(S)</b>
January 8	Two by Two	Michael Kellogg
February 12	A Valentine's Dance	Vic Ceder

March 12	Mardi Gras	Darren Gallina
April 9	Under the Rainbow	Mike Seastrom
May 14	Flowers and Carnathans	Pat Carnathan
June 11	Cowboy Graduation	Dave Heffron & Carl McCullough
July 9	Dark: IAGSDC Convention	
August 13	Making Waves	Rick Gittelman
September 10	Dark: Pass the Sea	
October 8	Harvest Hoedown	Dave Mee
November 12	A Thanksgiving Dance	Rod Shuping
December 7	Holiday Party (Wednesday)	Andy Allemao

3. Student Rep Report: no report.
4. SDSDA Report: no report
5. Pass the Sea: 01/11/11  
2011 contract will include:
  - 10% commission to FCS on all rooms booked for Pass the Sea
  - Room rates lowered to \$103 (down from \$108)
  - Parking for guests lowered to \$8 (down from \$10); \$4 day pass for dancers will still be available
  - Presidio Room and dance room rentals have been negotiated
  - Luncheon in the Terrace Room instead of outside
6. Anniversary Dance
  - 108 attendees
  - Many positive comments on the food, the decorations and the dance format
7. Finest City Member 2011  
Congratulations to **Ken Valdez**, 2011 Finest City Member, which was announced at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dance on January 8, 2011.
8. Kensington Community Church New Contract  
Ken has signed the 2011 contract, which includes an increase in the rate to rent the room.
9. Christmas Gratuities  
The club caller and the custodian were given the customary monetary gifts.
10. Advance Class
  - Several options were discussed re: offering an Advanced Class. Board consensus is to begin an Advanced Class (hopefully in early April) after Plus Class is completed. Half the night will be club dancing; half the night will be lessons.
  - Ken will send an informative e-mail to those members who expressed interest

in an Advanced Class.

## **New Business**

1. The February meeting will be at 6 p.m. on February 9, 2011, in the War Memorial Building.
2. Newsletter
  - Congratulations to Bill Grimm and David Goodsell for an excellent year-end newsletter. Many positive comments have been received.
  - David Goodsell is resigning as Newsletter Co-Editor. The Board acknowledges David's effort and thanks him for his past work.
3. Blog

Bill Grimm suggested that, in lieu of a newsletter, we establish a FCS Blog. This would be a way to provide continuous information about the club and give members an opportunity to comment on events. Discussion will continue at the February meeting.
4. FCS Party Nights

Discussion re: to save money on church rental and outside caller fees, move four of the Saturday 2012 party nights to Wednesdays. At present, there are no contracted callers for the nights that would be moved.

The proposal, which will be voted on at the February Board meeting, is:

Move the Saturday March 10 Party to Wednesday, March 14  
Move the Saturday May 12 Party to Wednesday, May 9

We are already dark in July due to convention and dark in September due to Pass the Sea.

Move the Saturday November 10 to Wednesday, November 14  
Move the Saturday December 8 to Wednesday December 12

Andy Allemao would call these dances, so outside caller fees would not apply.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Tognalli.