

San Diego's Finest City Squares
 11 October 2018 Board Meeting
 Location: Al Ouellett's home



Meeting Minutes

Present	Absent
Larry Sopher, President	Tami Allemão, Treasurer
Al Ouellett, Vice President	Robert Swee, SDSDA Representative
Philip Unitt, Secretary	
Ed Jackson, Co-Caller Coordinator	
Kay Jackson, Co-Caller Coordinator	

- I. Larry called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.
- II. Kay pointed out 4 small corrections to the minutes, including the bank balance being down \$10, not \$01. She moved that the minutes as corrected be accepted; Al seconded; passed unanimously.
- III. Treasurer report from November 2017 through May 2018 sent by Tami to Al by e-mail. Checking account balance on 30 September \$7504.68 plus \$587 cash on hand equals \$8091.68, a decrease of \$7 from \$8098.68 on 31 July 2018. Dues are payable now with a deadline of 30 November and are coming in. Four people paid the \$50 benefactor rate. Tami has paid the minimum necessary for insurance for the year. Ed will circulate another reminder about dues. Kay moved, Larry seconded that report be accepted; passed unanimously.
- IV. Caller-coordinator report (Ed):
 1. Attendance has been up substantially with onset of the new class. Many new students are friends of Karl Lowe, Raymond Simas, Linda McKinney, Jim Blair, David Spence, and Bill Carrick.
 2. Andy will be gone on first two Wednesdays of November and December and Richard Bass is unavailable. Ed is trying to recruit Mike Haworth—who has never called for a gay club before. Ed will try to educate him on language appropriate for our group. Discussion of various options among substitute callers.
 3. We traditionally don't dance on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving but we will poll the club. We will also poll about interest in dancing on 26 December.
- V. SDSDA report (sent to Ed by Robert):

1. Finest City is on the schedule for serving brunch at the Fiesta de la Cuadrilla in first weekend of November. Kay has already bought 9 dozen breakfast burritos (they were on sale!). Robert Swee has them now. We will distribute them to volunteers to be thawed the evening before and be heated the next morning. We will also serve fruit salad, rolls, and cherry cheese Danish. Also drinks: low-fat milk, orange juice, and coffee, both decaf and regular. Brunch is from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. We will need volunteers to set up the tables and chairs the evening before from 8:45 to 9:45 PM as well as the next morning. We need to remember to announce “Blast Class” being held in association with the fiesta (Saturday 3 November, 9:30 AM-4:00 PM), as well as class-level dance (Friday 2 November, 6:30-8:45 PM).
2. Third Saturday Roundup: 20 October. Finest City is on the docket to provide decorations and lay on tablecloths. Theme is “cider and donuts.” Kay traced leaves onto red, orange, and yellow paper and ask for volunteers next Wednesday to help cut them out. These will suffice as decorations. Larry will deliver decorations.

VI. Old Business

1. New class is successful so far—best in 10 years. We still need to promote “extracurricular” (non-square-dancing) activities to increase social interaction.
2. Ed will pay for the MeetUp page for a little while longer.

VII. New Business

1. Larry will invite dancers to dress up in costume for Halloween.
2. Elections: must be held in November and announced at 3 previous meetings. We decided to have the election on 28 November. All current officers are willing to serve another year, including Tami. Paul (Birdie’s husband) might be willing to step into media coordinator role, given Randy Dake’s irregular availability. At that time we should recruit a student representative as well.
3. Anniversary dance: Saturday 12 January. Andy will be our caller. Kay had talked to Randy about a theme for the dance. We discussed various ideas—need idea by early December. This is our 30th anniversary.
4. Lani has been urging we start an advanced class, from 8:00 to 9:30 PM. Andy says at that rate we could learn no more than two calls per week—at this rate it would take about 2 years to get through A2. Too many levels could leave our plus-level newer dancers feeling stranded. Ed’s polling suggests we don’t have the critical number to make an advanced-level class viable. Better we recommend a club like Flying A’s. The current class is learning so rapidly that they may well be ready for advanced by next summer, in which case we could offer an intro to advanced in the summer. The board

discussed the options and the re-evaluation based on our current class's progress was our consensus.

Date for next board meeting: 6 December 2018, 6:30 PM, Al's house.

Meeting adjourned, 8:52 PM.