

San Diego's Finest City Squares  
 12 December 2019 Board Meeting  
 Location: Al Ouellett's home



**Meeting Minutes**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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	
Randy Duke, Media Coordinator	

- I. Larry called the meeting to order at 6:44 PM.
- II. Kay moved, Randy seconded. that the minutes for the October meeting be accepted; passed unanimously. Randy updated his e-mail address: [Randyduke619@gmail.com](mailto:Randyduke619@gmail.com); still need updated address for Robert.
- III. Treasurer report (Tami):
  1. Report circulated by Tami on by e-mail earlier today. Balance (checking account plus cash) at end of November \$10,742, an increase of \$998.40 from two months previously. Phil moved, Al seconded that treasurer's report be accepted; passed unanimously.
  2. Tami says that we need to collect \$5 per student when they graduate to cover insurance between that time and the beginning of the insurance term on 1 January of the following year. Tami pays the insurance bill out of the club account to the SDSDA.
  3. Audit postponed until January.
- IV. Caller-coordinator report (Ed):
  1. Andy is not traveling so much for work. Richard Bass and Mike Hayworth are still available as substitutes when necessary.
  2. Andy is scheduled to call at our anniversary dance on 9 January 2021.
  3. Pat Carnathan will call as our anniversary dance on 11 January 2020. Mike Hayworth is generally available if neither Andy nor Richard is.
  4. Attendees are commenting to Ed on how Finest City is the friendliest square dance club in San Diego.

- V. SDSDA report (Robert, via text message to Kay):
1. Nothing to report other than SDSDA is having to withdraw more money from its building fund to sustain its operations.
- VI. Student report: None. Jackie reports (at yesterday's dance) that all students have a conflict on Thursdays. We will ask Rebecca (new member from Chicago) if she can fill this role, as she had not finished the plus-level class in Chicago.
- VII. Old Business
1. Brunch at Fiesta went well. We had enough volunteers from Finest City, especially after the number of burritos to be heated were reduced. We are on tap again for 2020. The gift basket Finest City offered was sold for at least \$125.
  2. We will begin promoting advanced dancing at Flying A's in January.
  3. Larry and Phil are now signers on the checking account.
  4. Anniversary dance: theme is "Black and white."
  5. Election and general meeting took place on 20 November. All current officers were re-elected: Larry Sopher as president, Al Ouellett as vice-president, Philip Unitt as secretary, Tami Allemao as treasurer.
  6. Social events: hike in Los Peñasquitos Canyon attracted about 15 people. Ed talked to Agnes, the president of "Grape Stompers," the fastest-growing (straight) square-dance club in southern California, about its social events that attract participants. Movies, theater, and hikes are events that club finds successful as well.
- VIII. New Business
1. Our practice has been to give Andy a \$200 bonus at Christmas. Tami will bring checkbook to dance on 18 December. Larry will write and co-sign check.
  2. Anniversary dance: members provide potluck dinner; club provides punch. Ed has been requesting donations for gift basket(s) to be raffled off. State agency requested additional info before renewing our permit. As a result, our raffle will consist of the gift basket(s) only or a set amount of cash, not a 50%/50% allocation of the take. Phil moves, Larry seconds that we set an amount of \$100 for the raffle basket. Motion passed unanimously. Al has already updated our website with the announcement of the dance.
  3. Snacks that Ed has been bringing for dances have been leftovers from Lani, but these are running out. The snacks are stimulating other club members to bring

snacks. Ed moves that club authorize up to \$15 per week for him to buy snacks; Phil seconds; passed unanimously.

4. Annual picnic in Balboa Park. Tentatively scheduled for Saturday 2 May.
5. Our next social activity should be scheduled for late January/early February. Given that this is near the peak of the rainy season, we should consider an indoor event. Larry mentions that Hazard Center offers \$5 movie tickets on Tuesdays. We all need to be on the lookout for decent movies—given that most of what's offered is so bad. Ed will inquire about group rates with theaters.

Date for next board meeting: 13 February 2020, 6:30 PM, Al's house.

Meeting adjourned, 8:12 PM.