

San Diego's Finest City Squares  
 5 December 2021 Board Meeting  
 Location: Phil Unitt's back deck



**Meeting Minutes**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Jim Blair, President	Tami Allemão, Treasurer
Larry Sopher, Past President	Randy Dake, Media Coordinator
Al Ouellett, Vice President	Rebecca Abisdris, Student Representative
Philip Unitt, Secretary	
Ed Jackson, Co-Caller Coordinator	
Kay Jackson, Co-Caller Coordinator	
Robert Swee, SDSDA Representative	

- I. Jim called the meeting to order at 2:08 PM.
- II. Phil reviewed minutes; Kay had sent a few minor corrections, now integrated. Robert moved, Kay seconded that the minutes be accepted; passed unanimously.
- III. Andy has been paid up to date. No treasurer's report, but Tami submitted report at our annual meeting on 17 November.
- IV. SDSDA report: No SDSDA meeting since our last board meeting.
- V. Caller's report: Not much to report—Andy is still hanging in with us, unlike callers of some other clubs. Andy is currently paid \$100 per night. We might consider an increase. Johnny Preston may be available as a substitute for \$125 if necessary.
- VI. Media report: Ed will give Randy info to coordinate with Dancer's Digest. Jim will review Facebook page.
- VII. Old Business
  1. Permit for War Memorial Building received for every Wednesday for main auditorium and for room 3 for first and third Wednesday, January through November. SDSDA president Mo is requesting that we get room 3 for every Wednesday.
  2. Dancing schedule adjusted to Plus from 6:30 to 8:30 and Advanced from 8:30 to 9:30; has been well received.

3. Additional membership renewals have come in since the 41 Tammy announced at the annual meeting.
4. Third Saturday Roundup: our policy of the club paying for the first 8 Finest City members continues through December, when proceeds will go to Toys for Tots. We are probably the largest square dance club remaining in San Diego so need to support SDSDA. Combining an FCS social event with Third Saturday Roundup would be a good strategy.

#### VIII. New Business

1. Anniversary dance: In Recital Hall 8 January 2022. Park does not regulate how we serve food. Cupcakes would be a good option. Bags of snack food as well. Ed has gay cowboy-themed cloth, Robert has strings of lights. Ed will look for rainbow-colored fabric.
2. Definitive decision on a breakfast for Fiesta in March has not been made, but Robert offered that Finest City would make and serve breakfast as in past years; he suspects that they will in fact request it.
3. Questionnaire of non-returning members: responses reflect health issues and work-scheduling conflicts, not any policy or practice of Finest City.
4. Problem of elderly dancers who are too slow for the remainder of the dancers. Suggest they try Rusty Hinges and Valley Center Promenaders, a group for ages >80. Other dancers are avoiding them. Andy is increasing the level and speed at which he's calling, which is generally welcomed by our members. Their membership should be refunded at the time they get "the talk."
5. Some people are asking about requiring boosters. Ed suggests proof of booster by 1 February. A preliminary solution would be to ask about status with respect to boosters. Ed will circulate a poll.
6. Planning/recruiting committee: Tamara said management of Brass Rail was pleased with the demo and will welcome us back but didn't like the first song as outdated (even though it was Elton John!). So we need to get another song to practice; Mike Kellogg and Andy both said they would record it for us. Tentative for another demo there in January. Mid February at the earliest possible time for a new class. Next IAGSDC convention is in Minneapolis over Memorial Day weekend. Therefore the first Wednesday in March is latest starting date that new students would be trained fully. Phil discussed demos with Ian Johnson, development director of the Gay Center, but it is not ready to schedule in-person gatherings yet.
7. Food: Most members would like food again. Ed drafted a preliminary message that we would welcome sharing of food again, provided it is individually wrapped or can be picked up with tongs that you bring. Potlucks may resume in February provided that conditions warrant it.
8. Jim Blair needs to be added as a signer to our bank account and Larry removed. Needs to be arranged with Tammy—after the memorial for her mother on 11 December.

9. Our Gmail account was attempted to be hacked, requiring us to change our password.
10. Steve Heyl has expressed interest in re-instituting our fly-in and serving as the committee chair. The situation with the covid-19 pandemic is still too unsettled to do any serious planning.
11. The board contributed for a card and flowers in sympathy for the death of Tami's mother.
12. Should we give Andy a raise? It has been probably 10 years since he was increased to \$100/week. Andy and Tami prefer that we use our money to promote square dancing. Wayne Johnston also needs to be thanked.
13. Al received a rejection of the raffle permit. Rejection is based on our being a "new" organization, since the time of incorporation. We need to be in existence for at least 1 year. So we will suspend the raffle for this year's anniversary dance but reapply for next year.

Date for next board meeting: Monday 7 February 2022, 6:30 PM, Phil's house.

Meeting adjourned, 4:30 PM.