

San Diego's Finest City Squares
 23 April 2022 Board Meeting
 Location: Phil Unitt's home



Meeting Minutes

Present	Absent
Jim Blair, President	Tami Allemao, Treasurer
Al Ouellett, Vice President	
Philip Unitt, Secretary	
Ed Jackson, Co-Caller Coordinator	
Kay Jackson, Co-Caller Coordinator	
Randy Dake, Media Coordinator	
Robert Swee, SDSDA Representative (by phone)	

- I. Jim called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.
- II. Kay gave Phil one correction to minutes of the February meeting, now integrated. Kay moved, Robert seconded that the minutes be accepted; passed unanimously.
- III. Tami submitted report two weeks ago by e-mail; current checking account balance \$11,636.44, cash on hand \$2266.00, for a total of \$13,902.44. Randy moved, Kay seconded, that the report be accepted; passed unanimously.
- IV. Caller's report: David Mee and Andy Allemao both lined up for next year's anniversary dance. No alternatives palatable to the club are readily available if Andy is unavailable for our regular Wednesday dance. Sheldon is not popular though he is improving as a caller. Jim proposes we give him a try again if necessary. Otherwise we will have to go dark. In the days of Zoom now Andy has to travel for work less frequently, so this is less of a problem than in the past.
- V. SDSDA report
 - A. Fiesta 25-26 March 2022: Netted approximately \$10,000, the best in years. Finest City's gift basket netted \$300.
 - B. Circulators is asking for a "helping hands" dance—at least 2 members ("ambassadors") from each club. Robert says this concept has outlived its purpose now that there are so few clubs. Jim suggests that if too many straight clubs fold we may lose our dance hall. Kay suggests that supporting 3rd Saturday

roundup is a better option for supporting SDSDA. Robert will take responsibility of saying “no” to Kathleen Hoot of Circulators. SDSDA as a whole does not seem to be supporting the concept either, but it will be discussed at the next general meeting.

- VI. Media report: Randy has nothing to report. Ed mentions that David Larrimore has offered to help with “search engine optimization.” He should be asked to help with the design of the entire website. Phil emphasizes that the improvement of the search on Google is more important than website design. Ed says he can help with social media access as well. Everyone is in agreement with following up with David on his kind offer.
- VII. Old business:
 - A. Jim still needs to be added to checking account as a signer, and Larry Sopher needs to be removed. The bank needs a copy of the meeting minutes showing that Jim is elected. Phil will resend relevant meeting’s minutes.
 - B. Demo dances at the Brass Rail are in abeyance until the time for a new class approaches.
- VIII. New business:
 - A. Hours of dancing once current “social square dancing” class is completed. Andy recommends we keep dancing at that level with gradual introduction of remaining mainstream calls. Jim recommends we continue the SSD from 6:30 to 8:00 PM each Wednesday. Then continue with plus from 8:00 to 9:00 PM and advanced from 9:00 to 9:30 PM. So we will continue essentially with our current schedule.
 - B. Jim urges we have a booth at the annual gay pride festival 16-17 July. Cost is \$580 if bought before 1 May. We may have to buy insurance for an additional \$115. Jim recommends we start a new class immediately after the festival with an open house on 20 July. Booths at the festival have a poor track record in recruiting new members, but it has been several years.
 - C. Ed moves, Phil seconds, that we accept the \$500 offered by IAGSDC and we apply the money toward the festival booth. Passed unanimously.
 - D. Outdoor picnic: Tentatively scheduled for 12 June at the same area near the Morley Field tennis courts we have used in the past, provided there is no conflict with a tennis event.
 - E. Third Saturday Roundup on 21 May and 18 June: we will promote “indoor picnics” again to Finest City members.
 - F. Current new students will be asked to join the club at the end of the class. If they do so, and pay dues, Kay and Randy will order badges. We will dispense with printed diplomas.
 - G. Ed proposes reinstating potlucks while offering latex gloves and encouraging use of hand sanitizer. The first Wednesday of the month would be maximally offset from Third Saturday Roundup. Potlucks will resume on 1 June.
 - H. It’s time to reinstitute social activities. Hikes have been most popular. Ed and Phil will work out a schedule on the basis of their availability.

- I. We now have two lockers in the War Memorial Building. The lock in one was defective and recently repaired. Ed is getting 2 new keys for the new locker.

Next meeting: Monday 20 June 2022, 6:30 PM, Phil's house.

Meeting adjourned, 2:36 PM.