

San Diego's Finest City Squares
 27 March 2023 Board Meeting
 Location: Phil Unitt's home



Meeting Minutes

Present	Absent
Jim Blair, President	Tami Allemao, Treasurer
Al Ouellett, Vice President	Randy Dake, Media Coordinator
Philip Unitt, Secretary	
Ed Jackson, Co-Caller Coordinator	
Kay Jackson, Co-Caller Coordinator	

- I. Jim called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
- II. Kay moved, Al seconded, that the minutes from last meeting be accepted; passed unanimously.
- III. Tami submitted financial report through 28 February by e-mail; bank balance \$11,858.90, cash balance \$2303.35, for a total of 14,162.25. Al noted that the branch in Chula Vista of the bank with our account is closing, but another is available right across the street. Kay moved, Phil seconded, that the treasurer's report be accepted; passed unanimously.
- IV. Caller's report (Ed/Kay)
 1. John Maris has agreed to serve as our backup caller when Andy is not available.
- V. SDSDA report (Jim)
 1. Finest City is on tap to provide refreshments for 3rd Saturday Roundup on 15 July. **[At the time of our meeting we failed to notice the conflict with the annual gay pride parade and festival the same day.]**
 2. At the annual Fiesta de la Cuadrilla in March, Finest City's basket of gift cards earned \$175 for SDSDA.
- VI. Old Business
 1. Jim still needs to be put as a signer on checking out.
 2. Finest City provided decorations for 3rd Saturday Roundup in March.
 3. SDSDA website has been updated to announce our current Plus class.
 4. Website (Al): Al has been updating the website with current events. Instagram page is still not accessible. Jim will try to rectify this.
 5. Anniversary dance in January was essentially a wash financially. Potluck was exceptionally well received. Andy is on tap a caller for next year's dance, but no other caller is lined up yet.
 6. We are currently at 66 members.
- VII. New Business

1. We currently have 12 students in the SSD class, a high rate of retention from the original 16. Almost all students in new class are friends or contacts of existing club members. Two are also dancing with other clubs. Plus class has 4 Finest City members as well as at least 5 from other clubs who may not continue dancing with us when the class is over. Only two women who were contacts from the gay pride festival came to the introductory class, and they did not continue.
2. Annual picnic: Sunday, 11 June, 11:00 AM. Chicken from a grocery store such as Stater Bros. will be a better option than the Pollo Loco we have used in past years.
3. Andy suggests that on potluck night we suspend Plus dancing to allow time for eating and continuing the Plus class at a rate adequate to finish teaching of all calls on the Plus list before October. After the SSD class is completed we will continue with SSD dancing for 1 hr, 15 min per evening. So, on potluck nights the schedule will be 6:30-7:45 SSD class, 7:45-8:15 potluck, 8:15-9:30 Plus class. After the SSD class is concluded, the schedule will be 6:30-7:45 SSD dancing, 7:45-9:00 Plus class, 9:00-9:30 Plus dancing.
4. Gay pride festival (15-16 July 2023): To have a booth again will cost about \$1500. Even though it did not yield new dancers this year, it may be important for community visibility. Another option is that we participate in the parade but not in the festival. The cost would be much less, ~\$350. Signing up early is critical to avoid being near the end of the (very long) parade. Jim will research and evaluate costs, then send a message to the board for response.
5. We discussed the concept of a fly-in integrated with our anniversary dance, to start on Friday evening and beginning earlier in the day on Saturday. To be held at the Balboa Park club on Saturday, provided that two rooms are available. Jim will ask Mo of SDSDA about the Santa Fe Room. Possibly dance at the Recital Hall on Friday, in cooperation with Circulators. Jim will confer with Kathleen on this question. The Palm Springs and San Luis Obispo fly-ins represent analogies we can research. Ed will talk to Palm Springs president Ted. That fly-in used Thomas Catering in Temecula. We should have 3 callers; we discussed various options. Could be 4 consecutive evenings of square dancing!

Next meeting: Monday 8 May 2023, 6:30 PM, Phil's house.
Meeting adjourned, 8:08 PM.