

Albuquerque Square Dance Club, Inc.
A Non-Profit Corporation
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 12, 2018

Members present: Margaret Bolshazy, Jerry Gilbreath, Alice LaCelle, Lin Miller, Sheri Pastian, Cecilia Pounds, Lorraine Pratt, Bob Stevens, Dee Taylor. **Guests present:** Richard Riger and George Sewell.

Call to order at 5:01 p.m.

Minutes for the Board Meeting of **October 1**, had minor, “editor” type corrections Lorraine suggested by email. Lorraine said she wants the minutes to look good when they are posted on our website. Alice said yes, for the crowds of people who read them, and Lorraine said she hears they're for people with insomnia. Bob agreed, “If you want to go to sleep, read the minutes.” **Minutes unanimously approved.**

Treasury Report: Sheri had an abbreviated Treasury report with our current bank and bond balances and recent expenses. Sheri is still working on re-entering all ASDC financial data to **rebuild the accounting records** and is making steady progress, but it is many hours of work. She is almost to the point where she can produce the detail reports we've had in the past. She brought the checkbook in case anyone wants to see it, but no one did. CeCe told Sheri that we trust her implicitly. Sheri explained in some detail how she makes her entries. **Our checking account is at \$17,090.74**, and she **wants the board to “cool it” on expenditures** as much as we can. Our cost on **new LED lights** for the entire Hall at **\$3,162.84** (after rebate) brought the balance down, along with other significant expenses for **plumbing** (4 visits), **website renewal**, higher this time, but with increased security per Lorraine, and **CPA bills**, and we also owe \$5,150.67 **property tax** in December. **After we pay the taxes our checking balance will be the lowest Sheri has ever seen it.** (See detail on attached Treasury report.) Lin offered Sheri some comfort; he has a check for **\$2000 to ASDC, a contribution from Hot August Nights**, he forgot to bring it. He was planning to say it was for the parking lot loan, but it can go toward the lights or whatever. Sheri was very pleased to get such a large contribution, and **we all thanked Lin for the way Hot August Nights supports the Hall.** Sheri said she will see how we stand after the first of the year. Sheri thinks we need to be careful with our spending; Lin said we have a nervous treasurer, which is the best kind to have. **Treasury report unanimously approved.**

Vice President's Report: Dee has the **signed contract from Dee Dee Dougherty for the Spring Dance March 1 and 2, 2019.** She has a proposed **flyer** to go over with Lin. She does not have the contract with her. Jerry asked if Dee Dee is still doing the **A dance on Friday night**, and Dee thinks so; Jerry said **Duke City will still have their regular Friday night dance** on March 1st.

Central District Report: CeCe said nothing re Central District, but we need to talk about the **Hoedown for December 15.** We went over the flyer from last year and asked Lin to remove the 6:00-7:00 potluck info, since we decided **not to do a potluck**, and we agreed to leave the **Intro to Contra** at the beginning (7:00) for square dancers who want to try it, and leave the **Intro to Squares** during the break for the Contra band. Lorraine said that in past years, when the Hoedown opened with Rounds, many of the square dancers went over to try Contra on the other side during the Rounds. When the Contra band takes their break around 8:00 (or later, dance goes 7-10) the Contra dancers can come over to try squares. If we don't set a specific time on the flyer, then **the callers can coordinate events themselves.** Jerry said he's talked to the Central District people, but not FolkMADS. He said Kris Jensen usually calls for Contra. **Jerry will talk to Scott Amspoker and Kris Jensen** to see if Scott is willing to MC and call for the Hoedown, and re the scheduling with **FolkMADS.** He asked Lorraine

for the phone number for FolkMADS so he can make sure they want to participate. He will also talk to the **callers association**, which includes Randy and Shirley as Round Dance cuers, and invite any callers who want to participate. **Jerry said he will not be in town** that weekend. We moved the **caroling up from 10:00 to 9:00** because so many people left before we got to it last year. **Rich Stewart has the music and likes to lead the carols, so Sheri will ask him about this.** Jerry asked George if Courtney would be interested in calling; George checked and found out she is already busy that evening. Lin asked who pays for the band for FolkMADS, and Lorraine said we give them the Hall free for the Hoedown, and they pay for their own band. **Lin will update the flyer** and send it out to us for review. CeCe said maybe we should consider dropping the Hoedown, but Alice said we have to sponsor two ASDC dances a year, and this is one of them. CeCe asked about having the donation cans to raise money for the parking lots, and we agreed to put these out again – we have them from the last 2 years. The dance is free, but **we can ask for donations.** Lin will get a flyer out for review as soon as he hears from Jerry.

Contracts Report: Lorraine

1. Lorraine said she has been getting **signed contracts** back for 2019, some electronically, and she sends these on to Sheri by email.
2. **ADC**, the Saturday group, said the **temp is too hot**, even though they opened the doors and turned the thermostat down to 61. Lorraine asked Bob if he could set the thermostat for 61 or 62 on Saturday's. Jerry said he doesn't see the problem. Friday nights he turns the heat down, it shuts off, and they dance all night without a problem. Lorraine said ADC has more than 100 people dancing, which makes it warmer. For their last dance they did not turn down the thermostat in the front hall, so that kept the front heater running, with all the doors open. Bob said Tuesday nights people are turning the thermostat up to 73, and it gets very hot. Lin suggested setting the thermostats for 60 on Saturdays, and people can always turn it up if they are cold, or people who get cold can put on their jackets. Bob said he can do that; Monday thru Friday is one programed setting, and Saturday and Sunday can both be programmed to a different setting. In the end it was **agreed to program the thermostat for 65 Monday-Friday, and for 60 degrees for the weekends (Saturday and Sunday).** Sheri said people will be changing the thermostat back and forth during dances no matter what you do, and Alice suggested clubs make an announcement about the settings to try to keep people from switching it back and forth.
3. Lorraine requested that **anyone taking a key should fill out a receipt or complete a post-it** so she will know where the key is, since she is responsible for keeping up with the them. Lin asked if we need more keys, and Jerry and Lorraine said no, we have plenty of keys. The recent “missing” key was one that Bob had given to Ed Carr to use while installing new lights. Jerry got the key back from Ed.

Supplies: **Margaret** said she knows nothing. Lin said that she *does* know what is going on in about 89 other countries because she travels so much. Sheri gave her a check for bandaids she bought several months ago for the first aide kit.

Publicity: **Lin** – He will get right on the Hoedown flyer, and is currently promoting the Veterans dance and the Toys for Tots dance with emails and flyers.

Jerry moved Bob's maintenance report to the end of the meeting.

New Business: None

Old Business: Annual ASDC Meeting:

1. The date is set for **Saturday, January 12 at 11:00 a.m.** We have to send out the meeting notice at least one month in advance. This was done **by email** last year. Lin sent it to his email dancer list, but he does not an official ASDC membership list. **Jerry suggested that Lin do a comparison of his email list with Sheri's membership list** to make sure we aren't leaving anyone out. CeCe thinks a couple of people did receive the notice by mail last year, so we do need to check.
2. **Bob, CeCe, and Dee are all up for re-election.** CeCe has served for six years and is not planning to run again. She **has a prospective board member who has agreed to run, Gail Askren.** Lin said he worked with Gail on the Duke City board for a couple of years and he feels that she will be a good addition. **Dee is not going to run again, and she has asked Ben Allen to run.** Jerry said Ben is a recently retired lawyer who was with a prominent law firm; Lin said he is getting a professional award this week. **Bob has decided to run again** after much thought. He is following the philosophy of Clint Eastwood. Lin asked if Bob is going to “make our day.” Bob said not the way Lin means, but as in Clint's response to why he is still working at 88: He said, “I'm not letting the old man in,” and Bob is willing to stay if we want him. (Cheers and applause from the Board.) Sheri said that Bob *did* make our day. Bob said he is still physically able to do the job, so he will carry on. Jerry said for Bob to refrain from going on the roof by himself. Bob said he usually takes Sal (LaCelle) with him so they can fall together.
3. Since Bob is staying, he can take care of the **roof leak** that Lorraine pointed out, in the large hall. Bob said he will contact the roofer we had previously; Sheri said she has his name and number.
4. For the **Annual meeting letter**, we need to state that **three board member positions are open** and list the people we know are running, including Bob. We also **need ballots** with the candidate names, and a place to write in any additional candidates. We need last year's letter to modify. Sheri has a copy of the letter Rick Weber wrote for 2018. Alice can get a copy and retype the letter and send it out for everyone to review.

Maintenance: Bob

1. **LED lights: 28 5000 Kelvin panels were installed by Ed Carr** on Saturday November 3, with a price reduced several hundred from the original estimate. **Bob feels that it is a good thing**, and he has not heard any complaints. Some people have noticed that it is brighter, but Bob likes it this way. He says it meets general lighting standards for candlepower. Electronic vote (by email) was 5 votes to 3. Lin commended Bob for moving quickly so that we did not take a chance on losing the PNM rebate. Jerry said every week PNM changes the date the rebate ends because there is currently a big push for solar; PNM keeps extending the date for rebates on solar. Although not an advocate of solar, Jerry did install solar at home, and his power bill dropped to \$14. Sheri commented that our power bill, without air conditioning, has dropped to \$200 for last month, a considerable improvement over the summer months.
2. **Alice disagrees about the 5000 Kelvin lights being a good thing**; she thinks they are **too bright**, and other people have also said that they are too bright for a dance hall. People at dances ask why Alice wears yellow tinted glasses, and she explains that the new lights will cause sleep interference and the blue light in LED's is damaging to the eyes. Beyond that point, **Alice has a problem with the way the vote was conducted.** Jerry sent an email out requesting a vote while Alice and Margaret were out of town and unable to give their reasons for requesting a delay. We felt that we should get, and were promised, an estimate on 3000 kelvin

lights, with rebate, BEFORE a vote was taken. We expected the opportunity to discuss the options. Jerry requested a vote without this information being presented and discussed, and with Alice and Margaret out of town; this was not the right thing to do. Alice thinks health and well-being are more important than rebates. The Board members should take more care in paying attention to scientific data and not ignore it for reasons of cost and convenience. If it were something like carpet, the Board would never vote for something inappropriate like polka-dot carpet just to get a rebate. Lighting is a more technical and substantial decision, and not enough concern was given. The research that Alice did showed that 5000 kelvin lights are too strong for night-time exposure and more appropriate for daytime work settings. Lorraine said that waiting two weeks to get quotes for 3000 kelvin lights probably would not have made a difference as far as getting a rebate. We had been told that we would have a lower lumen light installed so we could make a direct comparison, and we expected this to happen before we took a vote. Alice said it was a broken promise. Jerry said we *did* get an estimate for 3000 kelvin. Lorraine said it was not presented to the Board. Sheri said that we trust Bob, that he got estimates and told us his recommendation. Jerry said that 3000 kelvin have a yellow tint and would cast a yellow light, so it was decided (apparently by Jerry and Bob) not to use 3000 kelvin or present it as an option on the vote. Jerry stated that he also did a lot of research and felt that the white light was better. He obtained info from his son, who runs “a major, major” electric company in Dallas, and they build “billion dollar buildings all day, every day.” Jerry has a light monitor, and has measured the light in the hall, and Bob measured it, and it is under 500 candle watt power, which is below the limit that causes the problems Alice mentioned. Alice said that she received contradictory info from her nephew, who is an electrical engineer, and who researched the subject and even purchased special glasses to protect his eyes from the blue light emitted by LED. However, **the main objection Alice has** is that we did not follow through with an estimate and discussion about the 5000 vs the 3000 LED, we did not vote specifically to choose one over the other, as we did with the fans and the dimmer switches. Instead, Jerry “jumped over that” process and went straight to a vote while Alice and Margaret were out of town, so we feel that our opinions were not respected, and we did not get the information we were promised before the vote. Lorraine said we were supposed to get the info we needed to make an informed decision, and that was not done. Margaret agreed, saying that she was very surprised to return from her trip and find that we had no additional info, but a vote had been taken. Bob said that the LED business is the same as global warming, that it is controversial, the evidence is not conclusive. Bob's wife read some literature to him dated 2016 stating that there is nothing wrong with LED light. Alice said that when she reads a study, she looks at how it was conducted, and when evidence is provided that LED light destroys the rods in the retina, she takes it seriously. She also reads books on the importance of sleep and the effect of light on body rhythms, including detailed studies. In depth reading is not the same as surface level reading. Lin said that you see this all the time, even in courts, where experts from two sides both present very convincing data. Alice said yes, but they do get to **present** their data. **Guest George Sewell** made the observation that the Board needs to work in harmony and everyone needs to feel that they have all the info they need before a vote is taken. We may not have complete agreement on the vote, but there should be an agreement that we all have enough info to make a decision. Lorraine said that she did not feel she had all the info needed to vote, and when she said so in an email, she was referred to as a “Nero.” (Note: Nero was a much-despised emperor of Rome.) She did not appreciate this. Per Robert's Rules of Order she could ask for an apology. Lin asked who called her a Nero, and she replied that it was in his email response to her negative vote, that he (Lin) responded that he never embraced the role of Nero. Lin said that Lorraine's name was not used in that email, and his email was to the Board. Jerry

said that it was not directed to one person. Lin stated that he owes Lorraine no apology. Lorraine said OK. Sheri said no one would install lights that would damage people's eyes. Alice asked if she had ever heard of the triumph of marketing over science? Jerry said that the night after the lights were installed, people who had been concerned about the change came up to him and said that the lights were perfect. Alice said she could give the names of people who **do** object to the lights, but what is the point? It is a done deal, but it was not done right. In the future we should make sure everyone is accounted for before we vote, and (per Margaret) before the lights are put in, and that everyone agrees that we have all the info we need to make a vote. CeCe and Bob thanked Alice for her honesty and Bob said he was not offended by it. Margaret said that people's opinions need to be respected, and no one should treat someone as though they don't know what they're talking about. Lin and Sheri said that they never thought that.

3. **Jerry asked if the guests (George and Richard) had any additional comments or suggestions. George said, regarding the problems the heating, that we might consider some simple instructions posted by the thermostat explaining the settings for the days of the week.** People should be instructed that moving the setting to 75 does not cause the building to get warmer faster than a more reasonable setting like 65.
4. **Richard** asked if he was the only one who heard a “train whistle” in regard to the rush to install lights before the rebate ended. He said that **PNM is regulated by the NM Public Regulation Commission, and PNM cannot arbitrarily end rebates. They would have to petition to end any rebate program early. Richard does not see that there was any cause to rush the LED decision on account of the rebate without waiting for the info that Alice and Lorraine were wanting.** Getting more information would have been the prudent way to go. Making a major decision without complete info was not the way to go. Jerry said,, “Noted.”
5. George thanked the Board for our time and work and said he thinks we do a great job.
6. Alice thanked George and Richard for taking their time to attend a Board meeting, which can't be the biggest thrill.
7. Bob said that **carpets will be cleaned on November 21.**

Jerry **cancelled the meeting for December**. The next meeting will be the Annual ASDC meeting on January 12, 2019, 11:00 a.m., with the Board meeting immediately after.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12.