

Albuquerque Square Dance Club, Inc.
A Non-Profit Corporation
Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 2, 2019

Board Members present: Ben Allen, Gale Askren, Margaret Bolshazy, Jerry Gilbreath, Alice LaCelle, Lin Miller, Sheri Pastian, Lorraine Pratt, and Bob Stevens. **Absent:** None. **Guest:** Randy Pratt.

Meeting called to order at 4:59.

Minutes for the October 14 and November 4 meetings unanimously approved.

Treasury Report: Sheri

- **Check for carpet damage \$3,142.34**, deposited and posted as **miscellaneous income**. Ben is concerned about this being under misc income. Jerry said it could be under liability since it is a liability claim. Alice suggested asking the accountant, and Sheri said she would.
- Next month (January) Sheri will put out a flyer for **2020 dues**.
- There is a **refund of \$475 to Dance Practice**; Sheri will get help from the accountant re getting this to show up on the report.
- Lorraine said that **Strictly Swing still has a key** to the building, but has not used the building in 2019, so Lorraine has requested that the key be returned. The key deposit will need to be refunded after the key is returned.
- The County Assessors Office is behind on getting the **property tax** bills out, so we have not received ours yet. Margaret said per the news the payment deadline will be extended two weeks. Ben said even if the payment goes into January we want to **expense the taxes for 2019**.
- Lorraine has been going through the older contracts to have everything in order for the end of her term. **High Desert Dancers' old contract shows that they have \$400 deposit on account**, going back to 2013. This deposit shows up on a Treasurer's Report from 2015, after which it disappeared. Sheri said she would look for documentation that the deposit was returned. Lorraine asked if they make a deposit when they use the hall now, and Sheri said she thinks they give her a check and she gives it back to them after their dance. Sheri said Desert Dancers paid twice for a dance recently and she advised their representative and destroyed the second check.
- Gale made a motion to accept the **Treasurer's Report as reviewed: Unanimously approved.**

Vice President's Report: Ben

- Jerry said that for the Spring Celebration March 6 and 7th we will need to arrange **accommodation** for caller **Dee Dee Dougherty** and her husband – they also bring their small dog. Lin can put out an email to see if anyone can host them; otherwise we will have to get a hotel room for them at the hotel next to the Hall for Friday and Saturday night. Per Ben our contract states that we will provide accommodation. Jerry has hosted them in the past, but he (and Lin) will be out of town.
- Several **callers and quers have agreed to call for the Holiday Hoedown**. Sheri asked if we will do a schedule, as we've done in the past, listing activity times. Ben said there is no detailed schedule; we have one quer available, and she has to leave early, so we will have Rounds from 7:00 to 7:30, then square dancing until whenever, with Christmas carols with Rich Stewart at whatever time the attendees are ready. This is a **free dance** (on the square dance side), with voluntary donations for the parking lot loan. Lin asked if Scott Amspoker is our MC again this year. Jerry said he will check to be sure Scott is attending and get back to Lin tomorrow. Lin will ask dancers to bring refreshments, and we will provide cookies, coffee, etc.

Central District Report: Gale

- **The CD New Year's Eve dance has been cancelled.**
- **The Crazy Eights are folding.** Jerry said they are trying to arrange a potluck (6:30 pm) for their last dance, December 10th. Gale told Lin he did a very good job in his email regarding caller Bill Trent and wife Dotty.

- **Lisa Lincoln will no longer be calling for the Hot Chile Steppers** after December. Per Lorraine, the club will look for another caller.
- **Membership is holding steady** for most local clubs.

Contracts: Lorraine

- Five **non-member contracts** mailed out for 2020, received two back.
- Twenty-six **member contracts** mailed out for 2020, received eighteen back.
- Lorraine will forward **copies of all signed contracts to Sheri**.
- **Crazy Eights** contract will not be coming back, of course. Sheri said we should **not charge them for their last dance Dec 10**. Jerry and Gale agreed, and there was no opposition.
- There is no decision yet on whether the **Veteran's Dance** will be held next year.
- **Jerry asked if there are any open 1st or 3rd weekends in 2020; Jerry has inquiries from national callers** interested in coming here because they hear such nice things about our Hall. **Ken Ritucci**, out of the east coast, not known in our area, is a very strong technical caller who calls up to C3. Jerry told him that we have some C dancers here, the Wilde Bunch. Lorraine said that she sent him the dates that were open: a weekend in January and one in June, but that one conflicts with Nationals, and Ken will be at the Nationals. Lorraine also gave him five dates for weekends that Randy has round dances and workshops in case Ken wants to work with them, but he has not responded. Jerry wants a list of those dates so he can work with Ken to get something going. Jerry said Ken wants to do a Friday night, Saturday, Sunday festival. Ben said Duke City is not excited about giving up their Friday night dance for any more festivals. Gale said Ken is calling at a level that she doesn't even recognize, so he could use the small hall for Friday night for the number of dancers he would get at that level. Jerry agreed, and said Ken could switch to the large hall for Saturday and Sunday. **Ben said it would be in the mini-festival category**. Ben said he likes the mini-festival concept as it allows more dancing with less bumping our own clubs, and he advised Jerry to talk to Ken about it. Jerry said that **Tony Oxendine and Johnny Preston** were also interested. Gale asked if the weekends for the entire year (2020) are already scheduled. After all the established clubs and dances were put on the calendar, Randy Pratt took seven of the Saturdays that were left. Lorraine explained that they are teaching some of the more advanced round dance moves in workshops on those dates. Ben said it should very doable to have mini-festivals on those weekends with the out of town callers. Jerry said that the Eric Henerlau dance in January is using the small hall Friday night and the large hall Saturday and Sunday, so will not bump Duke City. Eric will bring almost two squares from Nevada. Ben thinks we should push the mini-festivals for more dance opportunities and more income.

Maintenance: Bob

- The **front porch still has a crack**, even though it has been re-done, and the installers are thinking that the concrete underneath may be expanding and contracting. Bob is waiting until March or April, when the weather warms up some, to see if it levels out. If it doesn't break through then we may end up living with it.
- Bob still wants to get the **exterior front entrance cleaned, power-washed, and painted**, and Mike's Paint will honor the estimate they gave us several months ago, of about \$1000. Lin made a motion to approve the entrance cleaning/painting, not to exceed \$1,200. Gale had a question, but Lin said she can't question the motion until it is seconded. Gale said, OK, and she seconded the motion. Her question: Did the installers not see the crack in the front porch concrete before they installed the material over that? Bob said the problem is that the concrete expands and contracts. There was no crack when they installed it, the crack developed afterward. Lin, Ben, and Jerry wanted to know if Gale has a question about the actual motion to clean/paint the front porch, and Gale suggested that they "go climb a rope." The porch floor is related to the porch cleanup. Lorraine asked if we need **more than one bid for the cleanup/paint job**. **Lin agreed that we need more bids, and withdrew his motion**, and Gale withdrew her second. Ben pointed out that Gale's concern about the porch flooring *does* have relevance to the cleanup/paint job because **if they decide to redo the porch floor they could mess up the new paint job**. Bob agreed that we should wait until March for both the porch floor and the entrance cleanup and see what happens with the crack. They may have to cut out a section and put in an expansion joint.

- The **3000 Kelvin lights were installed in the small hall**, and that went smoothly, took 2 ½ hours, and the Recovery Electric installers were nice to work with. The eleven **5000 Kelvin lights they replaced are stored at Jerry's business**. Jerry will hang on to them for awhile, and Ed Carr said he would buy them back if we decide we don't want them. Alice said that was nice of him. **Randy Pratt said that the callers and dancers in the East Hall really appreciate the new lights.**
- Bob said he is coming out tomorrow to **clean up the pine needles** and he could use some help. Jerry said he will bring his gas blower and help. Lin will send out an email to the ASDC dancers to see if anyone else can come. Alice said she will help also, and Bob will call Bill Clayburgh.

Supplies: Margaret

The cleaning lady reported that we need 39 gallon bags, but there is no such bag size. Margaret is assuming she meant 33 gallon, and Margaret got plenty of those.

Publicity: Lin

Emails sent out re **Toys for Tots** dance and the **Crazy Eights** last dance. Lin will get the **Hoedown flyer** completed and sent out tomorrow after Jerry lets him know if Scott Amspoker is coming. The **CD New Year's Eve dance cancellation** notice has been sent. The next dance to promote will be the **Eric Henerlau dance in January**. If anyone wants Lin to publicize flyers, he needs them in pdf format. Everyone can open a pdf. Jerry asked Lin to send out the Eric Henerlau flyer.

Old Business:

- **Annual Meeting: Notification of Annual meeting has been sent to Lin's dancer email list, and Jerry posted it on both sides of the Hall and on the front bulletin board.** Jerry said he doesn't know if there are ASDC members who are not on Lin's email list. **Board members should try to let everyone know about the meeting also, in case they aren't on Lin's list.** Alice suggested that Board members announce the meeting at all the dances they attend. Lin asked about refreshments; Sheri said we make coffee and she will bring cookies. Jerry said we need to limit the meeting to an hour due to meetings that are scheduled afterwards. **Alice will make ballots**, and she asked Sheri how many ASDC members we have. Lorraine said there are 150 active ASDC members and about 50 life members. Ben said 150 should be more than enough ballots.
- Lorraine said that when we have weekend festivals where ADC or another group is bounced to Sunday, post-festival, supplies are sometimes low in the kitchens and bathrooms re garbage bags, toilet paper, etc, and not everyone has a key to the bathroom supply closet to put out more supplies. Margaret said she doesn't understand why that is happening; it has not been a problem in the past, even with huge festivals. Lorraine said it happened with the Wilde Bunch's last Chase the Chile dance, but Alice said she was able to open the closet for that and get out more supplies. Usually a Board member is around to re-up supplies. Lorraine asked if we can **prep for festivals by putting out extra supplies. Sheri said she can ask our clean-up lady to check the calendar in the foyer for festivals and put out extra supplies for them.** We agreed to try this.
- **Jerry asked if anyone has an exact count of who has keys to the Hall entrance doors. Lorraine said there are 14 keys that were unaccounted for when she took over as contract director.** Bob said that **80 keys were cut** when the outside door locks were installed. Lorraine said about 30 front door keys are in the office. Jerry said we should be getting **estimates to re-key the front doors.** Sheri said Bob is an expert on keying, and Bob said he knows were to get the info. Bob said that he has a **lockable key box** in his garage we could use to secure the keys. Jerry is concerned that the keys are hanging in the ASDC office closet and not secured. If someone forgets to lock the office the keys are accessible to anyone. Jerry said we might discuss that at the Board meeting following the annual meeting on Jan 4.

The **next meeting** will be **Annual Meeting at 11:00 on Saturday January 4, 2020**. The ASDC Board meeting will follow immediately after the Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.