

Independence Squares Board Meeting

December 10, 2018

Present: Kevin Gisi, Tim Harper, Ted Marvel, Bob Rohde, Mike Rutkowski (caller liaison), Leda Sportolari, Susan Turkel, Bruce Zangwill

Meeting was held at 30th Street Station.

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

Approved unanimously; secretary will add as appendices all emailed documents relating to planning and sign-ups for Glitter Ball.

Glitter Ball report:

Glitter Ball 2018 was a success! We did not go into detail on this during the meeting, but we agreed to include in these minutes some facts about the event that had been discussed via email after the event.

Synopsis

- Attendees: 70 people-- 39 Independence Squares & 4 mainstream class members, for total of 43; 9 from sister IAGSDC clubs; 18 from other Delaware Valley clubs.
- Total admissions: \$684; total expenses: \$535 (not including supplies and decorations); 50-50 gross: \$240 (?) donated to Stonewall 50.
- These results almost exactly match the results for our 2015 Glitter Ball in Wayne with Dayle Hodge. These two GB's are our best results ever.

Organizational details

- We started with three rows of three tables in the back of the hall. We had to add two or three more tables to accommodate 70 attendees.
- Colored and white string lights = the right amount of decoration, and easiest (vs. bringing in greenery, etc.)
- Weather permitting, we'd like to use luminaria outside to guide the way to the door. Leda has purchased the supplies and will hold onto them for next year's event.

IS Budget Report:

We looked over the most recent budget update and accepted it as submitted.

Dance schedule for 2019:

Tim led the discussion of the schedule for next year.

- **Wednesday nights**

We agreed that Wednesday nights are going well, so they will be continued from

January through May. We will contract and pay for 7 more weeks (\$350).

Action item: Norma will be asked to contract the space in the Unitarian Church. (Note: Mike has asked Norma to make this reservation for the appropriate dates.)

- **Tuesday nights**

Tuesday nights will continue through 5/21. Point of information: we don't have a written contract with the Lutheran Church; we pay our rental of their space at the end of each month for that month's use.

- **Outstanding caller contracts**

Eric Henerlau (Saturday, April 13, pre-event and regular 4-7:30 dance) – this contract needs to be confirmed.

Action item: Mike will check with Deb as to the status.

- **Schedule from June into the future**

We discussed options for Tuesday nights, Open Houses, Saturday dances, etc. for the summer. The last Tuesday night session of the term will be Tuesday, 5/21; the last Wednesday night C1/C2 session will be Wednesday, 5/22. This is the current summer schedule, subject to change:

Month	Tuesday	Weekend
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6/4: MS/Plus (7-9:30 pm)• 6/11: IS Annual Meeting• 6/18: Beginner's Open House (7-9 pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday 6/9: Philadelphia Gay Pride• Saturday 6/15: Adv/C1 dance (7-9:30 pm)• Friday 6/28: Times Squares NYC World Pride dance• Sunday 6/30: NYC World Pride Parade
JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7/16: Beginner's Open House	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday 7/3 – Sunday 7/7: IAGSDC Convention in Philadelphia• Saturday 7/27: Plus/Adv dance (7-9:30 pm)
AUG.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8/6: MS/Plus (7-9:30 pm)• 8/20: Beginner's Open House (7-9 pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saturday 8/10 or 8/17: Joint dance with DC Lambda Squares
SEPT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9/10: Begin fall classes	

- **Next fall and beyond**

We will discuss the fall schedule and caller arrangement after Convention.

- **Callers**

We agreed that we need to assemble a list of desired callers for Mike to work with in terms of scheduling the summer and future dances. Mike R. mentioned several callers he had in mind, and asked for additional suggestions.

Action item: Board members will send Mike a list of callers they'd like to see at IS in the future.

- **Glitter Ball 2019**

We agreed that we'd like to ask Dayle Hodge to call the December 2019 Glitter Ball.

Action item: Bob will ask Deb to check with Merion Friends as to whether either the first or second Saturday in December is available, and hold that date or dates for us; then Mike can book Dayle and we can confirm the final date. (Note: we are narrowing in on Dec. 7 as the date for the Glitter Ball; Dayle and the hall are both available. Leda is taking over as point person to work with Merion Friends and is finalizing the arrangements for the hall.)

IS Website:

We agreed that the website needs to be revamped. Ted agreed to chair the volunteer committee that will tackle the website.

Action item: Kevin and Tim will contact IAGSDC to get clarity about the website domain and hosting. (Note: this has been done.)

Publicity:

We need a flyer for the spring Saturday dance schedule. Susan will create this flyer when the contract for the April dance is confirmed.

Farm Show:

Leda has identified enough participants, so we are moving forward with participating in the PA Farm Show on January 7.

- **Shirts:** Our Farm Show dancers will wear the long-sleeved club shirts with the large IS logo on the back. Leda asked for volunteers to lend their club shirts to the dancers.
- **Practice:** Jeff Kaufman will host a practice session in December to help participants prepare for the dances that will be called in the competition.

Club Shirts:

We discussed what we would give to our new MS graduates in the spring (specifically, name badge, worth \$18; free dues for the first year, worth \$45). This led to a discussion of club shirts and the subsidy that was given to members for purchase of a shirt last year. A lively debate ensued as to how shirt subsidies might work in the future.

A motion was put forth: *The club will subsidize the purchase of a club shirt in the amount of \$25 for any member in good standing (at the time the shirt order is placed) who has not previously received a shirt subsidy.*

This motion passed, with five votes in favor and Bob R. opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.