

# I S Board Meeting Minutes

## July 14, 2021

Present: Norma B., Steve D., Chris D., Will H., Bob R., Ron R., Ted M., Guests: Mike R., Tim H., George R., Eileen D., Vinney F., Ellen Y., Thom D., Dr. Joseph I.  
This meeting was held via teleconference (Zoom).

Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2021

The minutes were approved as corrected, unanimously. Moved Bob, seconded Norma.

### Return to Dancing\* - Ron.

Introduced Joe I. a square dancing infectious disease public health specialist. He has been advising the committee.

The indicating numbers are mixed. Some have stalled and others have small upturns.

The survey results were reviewed.

The recommendations of the committee\*\* were reviewed.

**Motion:** Recommendation # 1 be accepted as written.  
Ron moved, Chris seconded, passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Recommendation # 2 be accepted as written.  
Ron moved, Steve seconded, passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Recommendation # 4 be accepted as written.  
Ron moved, Norma seconded, passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Recommendation # 5 be accepted as written.  
Ron moved, Steve seconded, passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Recommendation # 7 be accepted as revised.  
Ron moved, Bob seconded, passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Recommendation # 6 be accepted as revised.  
Ron moved, Norma seconded, passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Recommendation # 3 be accepted as revised.  
Steve moved, Ted seconded, passed, five for, one opposed & one abstention.

### Treasurer's Report - Chris

**Motion:** Treasurer's report be accepted as written.  
Will moved, Steve seconded, passed unanimously.

### Pictures - Steve

**Motion:** When we plan to take publicity photos, a sign will be posted at the door and it will be restated during announcements. **"We will be taking pictures. If you do not want your image used by the club, tell someone at the front desk."** We will not use those images and will keep a list of people who do not want their image used.

Ted moved, Steve seconded, passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Independence Squares will have an active Instagram account. Steve and Ted will begin the committee to support it.

Steve moved, Bob seconded, passed unanimously.

## Social Committee Report - Steve

Last night Vinney F. lead a terrific social meeting. The social nights are planned to end in August.

## Recruitment Committee\*\*\* - Steve

Discussion: Do we have time to do this successfully?

**Motion:** Norma and Steve will apply for an IAGSDC Development Grant. The final draft will be available for viewing by request, before it is sent.

Steve moved, Norma seconded, passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Independence Squares will contract for a venue for a November 5, 12 or 19, dance, then a caller will be hired.

Steve moved, Norma seconded, passed unanimously.

**Motion:** The proposed three-tiered pricing structure will be used for the October 1 event.

Steve moved, Chris seconded, passed unanimously.

**Motion:** The recruitment committee will name the event series.

Steve moved, Bob seconded, passed unanimously.

## Caller Liaison Report\*\*\*\* - Mike

The callers are set to go for the fall.

## IAGSDC Delegates Meeting - Tim

Conventions:

- 2021 Houston
  - Expects, by the end of this week, to have all refunds processed.
  - The callers were paid their full contracted amount.
  - There is a \$134,000 penalty for canceling. The penalty might be waived for consideration of a future convention.
- 2022 Minneapolis
  - Is open for registrations & hotel registrations.
  - It is Memorial Day weekend, not 4th of July.
- 2023 Ottawa
  - Is open for registration
  - Hotel registration will open next year.
- 2024 Raleigh-Durham
  - Contracts are expected soon.
  - Dancing will be at the convention center.
  - The hotel will not be large enough but additional hotels are within 5-minute walk.
- 2025 & 2026
  - We are 2 years behind our normal convention scheduling.
  - Houston and Denver have expressed interest.

The outgoing chair of Caller Lab has given the Chairman's Award to the IAGSDC and the GCA.

The IAGSDC was assessed a \$5,000 penalty for not renewing our trademark before it expired. We are appealing on the basis of covid. There is a backlog in processing appeals.

Caller Lab has created 2 documents

- Creating a welcoming environment
- Dealing with inappropriate behavior.
- At [knowledge.callerlab.org](http://knowledge.callerlab.org)

All Join Hands has received record contributions last year, so funds are available for grants.

The IAGSDC By-Laws

- By-Laws are being rewritten.
  - Many of the changes are not substantial. (unifying the language).
  - Need to conform to California law.
    - We are an organization of clubs but our current by-laws have the attendees at the annual meeting ratifying the delegates decisions.
    - California law requires:
      - Each member with a vote be notified in advance of any issues.
      - Each member have equal chance to vote.
  - Process
    - A draft will be sent out soon.
    - Feedback is sought from the clubs.
    - A revised draft will be sent out before convention.
    - A vote will be taken at convention under our old by-laws.

## Communications Coordinator Report - Ted

Our website was updated. The on-line registration for our fly-in is now up. Send content to be added to the website to Ted.

## MS/Plus Report - Bob

No change.

## A/C Report - Ron

No change.

## Adjournment

Ron moved Chris seconded unanimous

Attachments:

# **\*Return To Dancing Committee Committee Report July 14, 2021**

A meeting of the Return to Dancing committee was held on July 12, 2021, at 7:30 PM. Attendees included Ron Rumble, Vinney Finlay, Bob Rohde, Mary Kay Rohde, Eumir Bautista, Mike Rutkowski, and Tim Harper. Eileen Dubois could not attend so a separate meeting was held between her and Ron earlier in the day in order to solicit her opinion regarding the topics on the agenda.

## **Infection rate tracking update**

Numbers continue to stay low, although there are small increases in some counties. But all numbers are still well within the "safe" zone defined by Joe Iser and previously recognized by the Board as a barometer for deciding when it might be safe to return to in-person dancing.

Ron had a follow-up conversation with Joe Iser who agreed that we should broaden the data that we track to include ICU bed usage and new hospitalizations, to see if those rates are going up or down. Joe is concerned about the Delta variant, even among some fully vaccinated folks. He said that it seems clear that folks who have the Pfizer vaccine are pretty well protected but not as much for J&J and perhaps for Moderna. The data is still out on that.

The committee agreed that we should continue weekly tracking of the positivity rates and the new cases per 100k and should begin to track the % ICU bed usage and new hospitalizations. We agreed that the club should reconsider in-person dancing, or amend our safety protocols, if these numbers show significant increases and/or if federal, state, or local guidelines change in a negative way.

## **Church updates**

Ron had a conversation with our new church contact, Ian Clements. The outcome of that conversation is as follows:

Independence Squares will resume in-person dancing on August 17, with additional dates of September 14, 21, and 28. We are to re-confirm with him that our every-Tuesday schedule will begin on October 5.

Masks are not required by the church when we are in the dance hall, but are required outside of the dance hall, including when arriving to the facility and when leaving.

A waiver will not be required by the church.

Hand sanitizer is to be provided by IS and the members are to be encouraged throughout the evening to use it.

Independence Squares is to wipe down common surfaces before and after each dance.

A sign in sheet is to be utilized at each dance for attendees to attest to their lack of COVID symptoms.

We have permission to use the bigger hall (Merz Hall) for our summer dances.

The water fountain is up and running for refills.

We are permitted to have snacks and drinks but are to use caution because of the carpeting in Merz Hall. We are to clean up afterwards.

We can use two of the church's air conditioners and Ian will be there to help with setting them up.

## **Other club's dances**

DC Lambda (began dancing again 6/27/21)

All dancers must be fully vaccinated and must show proof of vaccination

All dancers must sign a liability waiver before dancing

All dancers must complete a personal health acknowledgement prior to each dance

All dancers must use hand sanitizer before and after each tip

Chesapeake Squares (began dancing again 7/6/21)

All dancers must be fully vaccinated two weeks prior to the dance

Photo ID is required and proof of vaccination must be presented at first attendance only

Sign in sheet with email and phone number for contact tracing

No water or refreshments provided

Masks required

Rutgers Promenaders (will begin in September)

Vaccinations not required

Masks required of all unvaccinated persons. Proof of vax needs to be provided in order to dance without a mask

Club is considering the idea of placing a stick on the badge of each vaccinated attendee

Darryl Murphy Advanced Dances (begin 7/12/21)

Attendees must be fully vaccinated and must show proof

Hand sanitizer, masks, food and beverages will not be provided. Dancers are encouraged to bring their own. Masks are not required.

## **Survey results**

51 responses were received

Full survey results and summary are enclosed

## **New items to recommend to the Board**

### **Vaccinations**

A lively discussion was held regarding the question of requiring vaccinations. Ron presented the following information in support of requiring vaccinations:

- 63% of our members who answered the survey indicated that they wanted vaccinated folks only.
- Joe Iser states as follows: "I have been advocating for allowing only fully vaccinated people... particularly indoors but also outdoors. Dancing can be almost aerobic, which would mean some huffing and puffing".
- DC Lambda and Chesapeake Squares are both requiring it.

The committee agreed unanimously that vaccinations should be required of all persons who attend our events at this time and that this policy should be reviewed monthly by both the RTD committee and the Board.

We also discussed whether exemptions should be made for people who cannot be vaccinated. We considered Joe Iser's opinion, which is that we should not allow for exemptions because the risk is too

high, especially since most of us are older and many have chronic conditions, thereby making us a much higher risk. It was agreed by the committee that we should not be granting any exemptions at this time.

A discussion was held regarding the documentation of vaccination records. We agreed that we should require a one-time viewing of vax cards (actual card or photo of it) and photo ID, both to be reviewed by a club officer at the door and have this noted on a master sheet that will be brought to each dance. The photo ID is important, since the person doing the checking might not know everyone who walks through the door. It was felt that we should have some sensitivity around this requirement and allow the photo ID to be waived in the case of a person who is personally known to the club officer who is responsible for checking in people at the door.

## **Masks**

The committee was split regarding the question of masks, but the majority opinion was that a properly worn mask should be required of all attendees and that the club should have masks available for attendees who have forgotten to bring their own. It was felt that the risk is just too great, especially with the recent uptick in numbers and that there is evidence that vaccinated people can still get infected. This policy should be reconsidered by both the RTD committee and the Board in the future, with clear communication to the club members if the policy changes.

## **Health questionnaire**

Since a health questionnaire is required by the church, the committee was tasked with formulating one. We used a CDC questionnaire that is required of its employees as a basis for the one that we recommend to the Board. It includes a request for email addresses and phone numbers for contact tracing purposes if needed. Document is attached. Please note that if the Board approves that all attendees be vaccinated, questions #3, 4, and 5 can be eliminated from the document, per the CDC. We recommend requiring a new document to be signed by each attendee at each event until no longer required by the church and the Board.

## **Waivers**

The committee agreed that we should require a waiver to protect the officers, members, and callers. The waiver should be made a part of the health questionnaire, so that we are not requiring attendees to sign two separate documents. This will avoid the need to check our records at each event to see if each attendee has signed a waiver at a previous IS event. The wording of the waiver that we approved was based on one that Ron uses for his round dance class, which was obtained from a fellow round dance leader in California who is an attorney. Document is attached.

## **Refreshments**

Survey respondents had many comments about refreshments, with many of them stating that the club should not provide snacks, dancers should not bring snacks to share, and dancers should bring their own beverages, with the club having some bottled water on hand for those who have forgotten.

The committee agreed unanimously that snacks and bottled water should not be provided by the club. Attendees should be encouraged to bring their own, and cups should be provided by the club for dancers to fill with water from the water fountain and/or sink. Markers should be provided by the club for marking cups. Members can be allowed to bring snacks to share, only if they are individually wrapped.

## **Communication to members**

Once the Board accepts or modifies the recommendations, communication should be made to the members to let them know of our specific safety protocols and any requirement that they bring their

own masks, snacks, and/or beverages. Decisions regarding vaccinations, waivers, and health questionnaire should be communicated to all members, with a copy of the waiver and/or health questionnaire being provided to them in advance so that they are not surprised when they arrive at the door. Attendees should be allowed to print the health questionnaire and waiver in advance, with a signature to be affixed at time of entry to the event. Specifics of the communication are to be formulated after the Board sets the safety protocols and approves the release of this communication.

### **Pride update**

Cancelled. Might be revived by another organization. Ron will continue to monitor the situation. No deposit was sent prior to the cancellation, so no funds have been lost because of the cancellation.

### **Misc items to discuss with the Board:**

- Who will bring the key to the church for each dance?
- Who will be responsible for purchasing and bringing the following items?
  - Hand sanitizer
  - Masks
  - Sanitizing materials (wipes, sprays)
  - Sharpie for dancers to mark their water bottles
- Who will be responsible for wiping down common surfaces before and after each dance?
- Who will be responsible for checking photo ID and vaccination records if we require them at the front door? This person should also be responsible for creating a master list of checked ID and vaccination records.
- How will dancers be encouraged to use hand sanitizer? Announcements by callers? By club officer? If by club officer, who will it be?
- Need permission to get back to Ian to confirm startup of every-Tuesday dancing on October 5, in the two halls that we normally use
- Need to reconfirm in-person dancing with the callers, as follows, and notify them of all safety protocols:
  - August 17, Mark
  - Sept 14, both
  - Sept 21 and 28, TBD
  - Oct 5 startup of regular programs
- Need to coordinate review schedule with callers for the August 17, and the three September dances
- Has the recruitment committee considered safety protocols for the "Fun" dances that they are planning? It was agreed by the RTD committee that the safety protocols should mirror those of the club in general.

### **Item for Ron's follow up**

- Check with Ian about fans in addition to the a/c units
- Check with Ian to see if we are allowed to keep the doors open while dancing in order to help facilitate air flow
- Re-confirm Oct 5 startup date with Ian

**\*\*Return To Dancing Committee  
Recommendations to the Board  
July 14, 2021**

1. We will continue weekly tracking of the positivity rates and the new cases per 100k and will begin to track the % ICU bed usage and new hospitalizations. We will reconsider in-person dancing, or amend our safety protocols, if these numbers show significant increases, and/or if federal, state, or local guidelines change in a negative way.

*Rationale: The Delta variant is causing an increase in COVID cases. The numbers that we are currently tracking are now consistently in the self-proclaimed "safe" zone, but Joe Iser, an expert in public health, feels that these low numbers could be masking dangers that are lurking due to the Delta variant and the lack of support for vaccinations among many people in the country. Keeping an eye on ICU bed usage and new hospitalizations gives us another barometer of the risks that are prevalent at the present time.*

APPROVED AS WRITTEN

2. Full vaccinations will be required of all attendees with evidence of same provided at each dancer's first return to dancing with Independence Squares. Each attendee must be two weeks past their fully vaccinated date, defined as the date of their second Pfizer or Moderna vaccination or their single dose J&J vaccination. Proof of vaccinations will be required by showing the vaccination record, either in hard copy or in photo form. Exceptions will not be made for those who cannot be vaccinated for medical or other reasons. A photo ID will also be required in order to match the vaccination record to the individual. Both documents will be required only at the first attendance to one of our events and will be reviewed by a club officer. Photo ID can be waived when the individual is personally known to the checker. This policy is to be posted at the door and is to be reevaluated at each subsequent RTD and Board meeting until such time that the pandemic is declared to no longer be a safety concern.

*Rationale: The pandemic is still in effect, with numbers starting to increase again in many areas of the country. The safety of the members of the club should be of primary concern to the club. Of those who responded to the survey, 63% requested that vaccinations be a requirement. Requiring vaccinations could help to encourage members to get vaccinated. In addition, many other dance clubs have this as a requirement for entry. Joe Iser, an expert in public health, strongly advocates for allowing only fully vaccinated persons to attend dances at this time. We understand that we are making it difficult for those who cannot be vaccinated, but the safety of the larger group is paramount. This is a short-term policy until the pandemic is over or the risk is reduced, at the discretion of the Board.*

APPROVED AS WRITTEN

3. A properly worn mask will be required at all times. This policy is to be reevaluated at each subsequent RTD and Board meeting. The club will have masks on hand in case anyone forgets to bring their own.

*Rationale: The risk of infection is still prevalent, with fully vaccinated persons still reporting COVID infections. Dancing is an aerobic activity and has an inherent risk of disease spread. We should err on the side of caution.*

REVISED RECOMMENDATION, APPROVED:

A properly worn mask will be required at all times and may be lifted briefly for consumption of beverages. Any consumption of snacks is to be done outside of the building. This policy is to be reevaluated at each subsequent RTD and Board meeting. The club will have masks on hand in case anyone forgets to bring their own.

4. A health questionnaire will be required to be signed at each event, by each attendee. The document will include a request for the attendee's email address and phone number. The committee has formulated such a document for the Board's approval. Attendees can print the document beforehand and bring it with them to the event, with a signature required at the door in the presence of a club officer.



*Rationale: A health questionnaire will help to prevent attendance by those who might be infected and is required by the church. Email addresses and phone numbers are needed in case there is a need for contact tracing.*

APPROVED AS WRITTEN. THE RECOMMENDED HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE/WAIVER WAS ALSO APPROVED, WITH THE ELIMINATION OF QUESTIONS #3, 4, AND 5.

5. A signed waiver will be required from each attendee and is to be combined with the health questionnaire.

*Rationale: While we might trust the members of our own club, experience shows that when it comes to matters of lawsuits and money, trust can quickly go out the window. We need, therefore, to protect our club officers, members, and callers, and remind attendees that they have personal responsibility regarding the risks that they assume. A combined document avoids the front door person from having to check the records to see if we already have a signed waiver on file for each attendee, thereby saving time during check-in.*

APPROVED AS WRITTEN. THE RECOMMENDED WAIVER WAS APPROVED.

6. No refreshments or beverages will be provided by the club. Attendees will be encouraged to bring their own beverages and snacks, if desired. No snacks will be allowed for sharing unless they are individually wrapped. The club will provide cups for water and a marker for attendees to mark their cups.

*Rationale: Respondents were in favor of not having the club provide snacks. The club is consistent in its desire of limiting risk by not providing these items.*

REVISED RECOMMENDATION, APPROVED:

No refreshments or beverages will be provided by the club. Attendees will be encouraged to bring their own beverages and snacks, if desired. The club will provide cups for water and a marker for attendees to mark their cups.

7. Once the Board accepts or modifies these recommendations, communication will be made to the members to let them know of our specific safety protocols and any requirement that they bring their own masks, snacks, and/or beverages, with a copy of the waiver and/or health questionnaire being provided to them in advance so that they are not surprised when they arrive at the door. We will also communicate the specifics regarding the dance programs that will be in effect at our first in-person dance, with further communication as each dance comes up. Specifics of this communication are to be formulated after the Board agrees to such communication. Members should be informed with regard to which safety protocols the church is requiring.

*Rationale: It is important to be fully transparent with the membership regarding our dance programs and safety protocols. The members should see that their concerns, as stated through the survey, are being addressed. This will give them the ability to make a decision regarding their resumption of in-person dancing and will lessen any surprises when they arrive to the dance. They should also be made aware of the fact that we are adhering to the requirements of the church.*

REVISED RECOMMENDATION, APPROVED:

Once the Board accepts or modifies these recommendations, communication will be made to the members to let them know of our specific safety protocols and any requirement that they bring their own masks, snacks, and/or beverages, with a copy of the combined health questionnaire/waiver being provided to them in advance so that they are not surprised when they arrive at the door. We will also communicate the specifics regarding the dance programs that will be in effect at our first in-person dance, with further communication as each dance comes up. Specifics of this communication are to be formulated after the Board agrees to such communication. Members should be informed with regard to which safety protocols the church is requiring.

# COVID-19 HEALTH SCREENING

1. Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

**CIRCLE ONE: YES NO**

2. Are you isolating or quarantining because you tested positive for COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19?

**CIRCLE ONE: YES NO**

## WAIVER and RELEASE OF LIABILITY

You understand that by participating in the Independence Squares dances or workshops during this time of pandemic, there are certain risks from exposure to others who might have the virus, even though efforts are being made to comply with state and federal guidelines for safety during the pandemic. By signing this waiver, you are agreeing to assume the risk in such participation, on behalf of yourself, your children and other heirs, and your personal representative, and hereby release Independence Squares, its officers, members, and callers from liability.

This waiver does not apply to any acts of gross negligence or intentional, willful or wanton misconduct by any party.

By signing this "COVID-19 Health Screening" and "Waiver and Release of Liability", you acknowledge that your responses are true and correct and that you have read this waiver and understand its import and voluntarily agree to its terms.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

# **\*\*\*Report from the Recruitment Committee of Independence Squares**

## **Decision about venue for October 1 Dance**

1. We are in the process of finalizing a contract to get the ballroom at William Way.

## **Similar dances after October 1**

1. The Committee recommends to the board that we have a second dance at William Way on November 5.
  2. Pros and Cons of having a dance in December were discussed. We seek board input.
- Pros include maintaining momentum and having a dance to announce at the November event.
  - Cons include proximity to Holiday events and the Glitter Ball. The possibility for a large financial hit was also a downside to planning a dance in December without knowing how the October 1 dance does. The possibility of burning out our Independence Squares members and our leaders who will have to put on these dances as well as our own dances is also a con.

## **Name of the series of events**

1. Everyone is content with calling the events "Fun Nights" or "Independence Squares Fun Nights". We seek board input.
  2. Chris thinks Fun Nights is too generic and suggests
- Fun & Frolic
  - Gaiety Gambol
  - Gaiety Romp
  - Little Big Time Dance
  - Fool's Frolic
  - Dance and Smile!

## **Admission prices for Fun Nights**

1. We recommend this guidance regarding admission prices for Fun Nights. We seek board approval.
- \$5: You are a valued member of our community, and we're so happy you're here!
  - \$10: You help sustain our dance by paying enough to help us break even!
  - \$15: You help make it possible for others to come to our dance! Thank you!
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## **Publicity Flyer for the First Fun Night**

1. We will get graphics from Howard of himself.
2. Norma will contact Chris Boggs for assistance with graphics.
3. George can give a little guidance with graphics.
4. We will ask Ted for his help since he is publicity chair.

## **We want to involve other groups.**

1. Steve has an idea of cosponsoring with other groups as follows: Tell the group we cosponsor with that they must buy 10 tickets up front for \$100. That will ensure their name is on all our publicity for the event. If they get ten people to come then they get the \$100 back. If they get 15 people to come they also get the house share of the 50/50. If they get 20 people to come and the event makes a profit then they also get the night's profit from the event.

Most of the committee liked the idea's general outline.

Some don't like the optics of looking like we are trying to use other groups.

2. We agreed to contact some other groups to feel out the possibility of cosponsoring a future fun night with us. We will keep the conversation very general but make sure to invite them to the October 1 dance so that they can see what they might be cosponsoring with us.

- Steve will contact Philly Griffins (Rugby) and Philadelphia LGBTQ Bar Association formally known as Gallop (Lawyers)
- Norma will contact Men of All Colors Together and PFLAG
- Tim will contact the AIDS Law Project and GALAEI (QTBIPOC Radical Social Justice)
- Chris will contact Brian Sander's Junk and Philadanco (Dance Companies)
- George will contact some of his contacts.

## **Applying for a Development Grant**

1. Steve will take a first stab at writing the application for an IAGSDC Development Grant which he will share at the board meeting. We will leave it to the board to take further steps from there.

## \*\*\*\*Caller Liaison Report

### Independence Squares Board of Directors Meeting – July 2021

The information below is accurate as of Tuesday, July 13, 2021, and may not reflect any updates received after this report's preparation. Please note that all dances are at the Lutheran Church unless otherwise noted.

#### Opening Discussions for Board

No additional contracts or promises have been made to any caller regarding the holding of workshops or classes, virtual or live, other than those listed below. The resumption of dances is an ongoing discussion amongst the various club members and committees, but no contracts are being offered to anyone at this time.

#### Dances Through December 2021

Callers have been contracted and confirmed for the following dances taking place July 13, 2021 through December 4, 2021. Please note that the July dance will be virtual, and the August dance is tentatively scheduled as an in-person dance.

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 – Mainstream/Plus – Betsy Gotta 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Virtual

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 – Mainstream/Plus – Mark Franks 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Tentatively in-person in Merz Hall at the Lutheran Church.

Friday, October 1, 2021 – Community Fun Night – Howard Richman 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Location and details to be determined by Stephen Demos and the Recruitment committee.

Saturday, December 4, 2021 – Glitter Ball Mainstream through C1 – Betsy Gotta 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm The Merion Meeting House is the site.

#### FYI Notes

In-person dancing is tentatively scheduled to resume full-time on Tuesday nights in September 2021. Mainstream will be the main program called, alternating every other tip with other programs depending on who shows up to dance. These dances/reviews will take place in Merz Hall at the Lutheran Church (the larger carpeted room).

- 1) The tentative schedule for September 2021 is as follows:
  - a. September 14 – Betsy Gotta and Mark Franks jointly call a “Welcome Back” dance with all dancing taking place in one room.
  - b. September 21 – Mark Franks will be calling.
  - c. September 28 – Betsy Gotta will be calling.
  
- 2) October 5 is the tentatively scheduled date to begin dancing four programs in the two rooms at the Lutheran Church. A schedule has been worked out but can be discussed at a future date, preferably at the next board meeting. Betsy Gotta and Mark Franks will be the callers.
  
- 3) March 2022 Fly-In: Callers: Mike Kellogg, Chris Phillips, Kris Jensen March 25-27, 2022

### Items of Concern for the Caller Liaison

- 1) Discussions continue to be held with Mark Franks and Betsy Gotta about the status of the club. They understand that once dancing begins again, workshops will be held at the various levels. No contracts have been signed pending the resolution as to what classes or workshops will be held in the fall or spring. Both have been part of the talks with the Return to Dancing Committee and the Caller Liaison committee as to the resumption of dancing.
- 2) Ron Rumble has been in touch with the Lutheran Church, and they are ready for us to come back beginning in August. We will need to follow whatever safety protocols that the church puts in place as well as the ones put in place by the board. The callers have agreed to follow whatever protocols are required.
- 3) George Rizer has confirmed that the Merion Meeting House space has been reserved for the Glitter Ball in December 2021. Someone will need to take care of this responsibility when dancing resumes. Perhaps the board will assign this to the Facilities committee? The contract holds the space for the club but, as we found out this past year, the contract can be cancelled up to thirty days in advance with no penalty or financial obligation on the part of the club.