

# Times Squares Board of Directors Meeting

Date: May 14, 2018

Time: 6:44 PM

Location: Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT)

**Board Members Present:** Alan Teicher, Howard Handler, Jim Babcock, Jeff Eisner, Michael Coan, Jonathan Ueijo, and Warren Livesley **Absent:** None

**Members/Guests Present:** Kian Kho, Ken Herskowits, Gabriel Rivas, George Voorhis

**A. Secretary's Report:** Approval of the Secretary's Report was deferred until next month.

**B. Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report for April 2018 was accepted, 7-0. This month Tuesday dances made a profit of \$89.00 and Thursday dances suffered a loss of \$220.00. Thanks to our donors who gave \$600.00 to the club this month.

## **C. Old Business:**

- 1. Attendance from January 2 through May 8, 2018.** Jim Babcock presented a report detailing attendance this year. 100 people attended at least one dance. 16 people started the Condensed Teaching Order (CTO) class in January and two are graduating. Of the 37 opportunities to dance this term the top attendees are: Michael Coan (32), Susan Gill (31), Kim Norland (31) Lester Strong (30) and Jonathan Ueijo (28). Thanks for supporting our club so consistently!
- 2. Proposed Amendment to By-Laws.** The proposed by-law amendment to change the requirements for membership has passed. Of the 69 eligible dancers 48 yes votes and 2 no.
- 3. Business Cards.** Should be ready by the end of May
- 4. Sandwich Board.** Jim Babcock presented the specifics for the sandwich board. It will be a plastic A-frame board with a display area 2 feet by 3 feet and weigh 20 pounds. It will have an insert into which we can slide the graphic inviting passersby to come in and watch us dance. Jim shared two possible graphics which he has shown members at dance nights.
- 5. Chain Down the Coast.** The board discussed a proposal from Independence Squares that there be a series of dances held along the East Coast before the 2019 convention. Times Squares is interested in hosting a dance on Friday, June 28, 2019 and marching in the Pride Parade on Sunday, June 30, 2019. Kian Kho submitted a proposed budget for the dance and parade. The board discussed ways to lower the cost of these events. A revised budget will be present at the next board meeting. Michael Coan will present the proposal to the IAGSDC board in Seattle in July and ask them to help underwrite the events.

## D. New Business

- 1. Bon Voyage Dance.** David Mee, a caller from California, is organizing a square dance cruise that will leave from Bayonne, NJ on Saturday, September 29, 2018. He contacted Times Squares with a proposal that we host a Bon Voyage dance for his group, which the board has approved. He will call for free and will bring five squares of dancers to the event. The dance will be held on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30 at PS 3 (pending approval from the school). George Voorhis will be in charge of arranging this event.
- 2. BBQ.** Ken Herskovits has invited all club members to attend a pot luck BBQ party at his home in Jersey City, NJ on Saturday, June 3, 2018 from 1:00 – 8:00 PM. If you need more information you can contact Ken at 201-780-2765.
- 3. Scheduling.** Ken Herskovits submitted an updated dance schedule for the rest of 2018 and all of 2019. In addition to the Essentials Class starting in September 2018 we will again offer an Essentials Class starting in February 2019. The board voted 7-0 to include Mainstream Completion Classes for the February 2019 class after they have completed the Essentials sessions. For 2019 we will continue quarterly Combo dances, and dance twice a month in the summer.
- 4. Peel the Pumpkin 2018.** A group of traditional square dancers, called the North River Historical Dancers, have offered to give a demonstration and workshop of traditional square dancing at our upcoming fly-in. The fly-in committee will contact them and make further arrangements. More information about this group is available at [www.NorthRiverHistoricalDancers.com](http://www.NorthRiverHistoricalDancers.com).
- 5. Peel the Pumpkin 2019.** The committee to organize PTP 2019 will be headed up by Kian Kho, Gabriel Rivas and Jim Babcock. The venue will be the Hilton Doubletree hotel in Fort Lee, NJ. The hotel is not available for our customary date, so alternate dates are being investigated. Negotiations will callers are still underway.

## E. Next Meetings

June 4, 2018	July 12, 2018	August 6, 2018	September 10, 2018
October 1, 2018	November 5, 2018	December 3, 2018	

Club members are reminded to contact Michael Coan when they plan to attend a meeting so that they can be cleared with security at FIT. Agenda items should be submitted by email to the secretary no later than 2 days before any board meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Warren Livesley  
May 15, 2018