

## **Times Squares Board of Directors Meeting**

Date: September 17, 2018

Time: 6:46 pm

Location: Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT)

**Board Members Present:** Jim Babcock, Michael Coan, Jeff Eisner, Howard Handler, Warren Livesley, and Alan Teicher,

**Absent:** Jonathan Uejio

**Members/Guests Present:** Ken Herskovits, Kian Kho, and Gabriel Rivas

**Secretary's Report:** Deferred until next month

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report from August 2018 was accepted as presented 6-0. Our ending balance was \$23,307.77. 87 people have registered for Peel the Pumpkin 2018.

### **C. Old Business:**

1. **Business Card.** The business cards were ordered, misdelivered, reordered and misdelivered again. We are trying to get our money refunded. More people are stopping and coming into our dances as a result of the sandwich board on the sidewalk. We will give them our business card when they become available.
2. **Outreach.** We are continuing our outreach efforts (alumni associations, Gay Geeks). Outcome is hard to measure as it happens over a long period of time. We have been contacted to do a possible Fun Dance on Fire Island next summer.
3. **Fundraising Letter.** Jim Babcock shared the revised fundraising letter which was approved 6-0.
4. **Archangels for A/C (2018).** Alain Buzzard-Bunny and Susan Gill were approved by consensus.
5. **Fall Class Schedule.** The class schedule for this Fall will be the same as last year. There will be 12 classes on Tuesdays for the Condensed Teaching Order and 5 additional classes in January to complete the full Mainstream program.
6. **Blast Weekend Class.** In February we are planning a Blast Weekend to teach all of Mainstream. We will follow this up with 6 classes on Tuesdays to bring the new dancers up to speed. Potential dates are: February 1-3, 8-10, 22-24 or March 1-3 depending on availability of callers and halls. A possible schedule is: 3 hours on Friday night, 8 hours on Saturday, and 3 hours on Sunday. The cost will be determined by the number of new dancers enrolled. The 6 Tuesday classes will be free to dancers who pay for the Blast Weekend. Jim Babcock will present a more detailed plan at the next meeting.
7. **Club Shirt Committee.** Marshall Butow, Jennie Jones and Gabriel Rivas have formed a Club Shirt Committee. Please contact one of them if you would like to

join the committee. As part of considering all options they have located a vendor who is able to recreate our existing shirt. The board suggested that they all be standardized and made from the same material, preferably cotton.

8. **Pride Dance 2019.** The location has been confirmed. We will be dancing in the gym at John Jay College. Ann Ubelacker has been hired to call.

#### D. New Business

1. **Peel the Pumpkin 2018.** Registrations and expenditures are on track.
2. **Peel the Pumpkin 2019.** Jim Babcock presented the flyer. The theme next year will be *Si Fi Swing By*.
3. **2019 Dance Schedule.** The board reviewed the 2019 dance schedule. Due to low attendance in the past at dances after Monday holidays the dance after Memorial Day (May 28, 2019) will be cancelled and the dance after Labor Day (September 3, 2019) will be called by a local caller. We have been informed by Independence Squares that they are hiring Chris Philips to call for them on Saturday, May 10, 2019. We discussed hiring him to call for us in New York the day before or the day after that event. Michael Coan will investigate availability of halls.
4. **Volunteer Sign-Up.** The board is investigating the reformation of a Special Events Committee to encourage members to volunteer in a more formal basis.
5. **Social Events.** The board discussed continuing social events that do not include square dancing. Gabriel Rivas has a connection to free walking tours of different neighborhoods in the city called Rediscovering New York.
6. **Sympathy Card.** Anthony Cassale, who called for Peel the Pumpkin 2017 and was scheduled to call again this year, passed away suddenly. The board will send a sympathy card to his wife.
7. **Board Meeting Rescheduled.** Due to various conflicts our next meeting has been rescheduled from October 1 to October 8.

#### E. Next Meetings

October 8, 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 9:02 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Warren Livesley  
September 18, 2018