

Times Squares Board of Directors Meeting

Date: July 10, 2017

Time: 6:50 pm

Location: FIT

Board members present: Alain Buzzard-Bunny, Michael Coan, Susan Gill, Warren Livesley, Larry Caputo

Board members absent: Jeff Eisner, and Alan Teicher

Members/guests present: Kian-Lam Kho, Gabriel Rivas, and Jim Babcock

Secretary's report accepted.

Treasurer's report accepted.

- Kian requested that the board approve his team, including Gabriel and Jim, to explore other possibilities for PTP 2108. They will be paying close attention to availability of public transportation and free parking. Michael will advise them of the financial parameters to guide them. They expect to explore New Jersey towns including Asbury Park. They were asked to aim for one month to propose a venue and date to the board.
- Alain moved that we encourage this committee to research the feasibility of PTP2018 and report to the board at our next meeting. Accepted 4:1.
- Larry will be registered with Slack at the close of the meeting
- Michael reported from the delegates' meeting at the IAGSDC convention that Times Squares was no longer the largest club in the country. We are number four, after Seattle, Philadelphia and Denver.
- Also from the IAGSDC convention, All Join Hands has money to reimburse us for expenses we've made for outreach, and encourages clubs to apply. Susan mentioned we had submitted the form for two of the First Friday dance parties, but that nothing had come of it.
- In a session at IAGSDC convention about recruitment and retention, attended by Gabriel, Kian, David Kampel, and Warren, there was a discussion of teaching schedules for other clubs. Chicago has their intros with high level callers, and they teach Mainstream in two separate weekend sessions. They also pay to advertise on Facebook. A discussion followed about targeting with Facebook. The Mainstream Essentials class has not been successful with other clubs, because completion to full Mainstream for the students poses a problem.
- Susan reported no date yet set for Yale Gala group and she is on it. She agreed to approach Liuda about the possibility of their being a New York gay alumni group for MIT, from which she graduated.
- Susan moved that the artwork currently used for our website, Facebook page, and Meetup site be kept and it passed 4:0:1. Mark Bennett will try to adapt it to a letterhead. It was agreed that badges would stay as is, with the line drawing skyline motif.
- We agreed to request that Lester Strong continue his interviews and expand beyond new club members.
- Alain received from Kim a list of people who may be interested in a Plus class. Alain suggested that these individuals be asked if they can commit to a Plus class, and what format they favor, a 12 week weekly class or a weekend intensive. Jim and Warren agreed to telephone directly the promising dancers. If there's interest, the price will be worked out.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Gill, Secretary