

**TIMES SQUARES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

Date: July 12, 2018

Time: 6:47 pm

Location: Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT)

Board Members Present: Jim Babcock, Michael Coan, Alan Teicher, Jonathan Uejio, and Jeff Eisner

Absent: Warren Livesley, Howard Handler

Members/Guests Present: Susan Gill, Gabriel Rivas, Bill Wolfe

Secretary's Report- Minutes from the June 4, 2018 board meeting were reviewed and approved 5-0.

Treasurer's Report- The treasurer's report, encompassing the time period from May 29, 2018 through June 30, 2018, was accepted as presented 5-0.

Old Business

- 1) Budget for IAGSDC participation in Stonewall 50/World Pride- Jim, Kian, Gabriel, and Michael presented a proposal at the Seattle Convention to the delegates. The delegates consisted of two members from each club. They were shown an inspiring video, put together by Kian, promoting Stonewall 50/ World Pride and the dance sponsored by the Times Squares (see #2). It was well received and replayed at the banquet the following evening. There appeared to be support for the events. The income and expenses (including the \$5,000 cost for a float) for the march on June 30, 2019 are each estimated to be \$9,500. Jonathan Uejio moved to approve the budget for this event, and Michael Coan seconded that motion.
- 2) Budget for World Pride Square Dance- This dance, taking place on Friday night, June 28, 2019 before the parade, will be sponsored by the Times Squares. It will take place at the John Jay School of Criminal Justice, 534 W. 59th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019, from 6-10 pm. The budget is based on 200 people attending, with a fee of \$20 per person. The income is estimated to be \$4,000 while the expenses are estimated to be \$3,500. Michael Coan motioned to support the

dance budget, and Jonathan Uejio and Jeff Eisner seconded that motion. Susan suggested sending fliers to All Join Hands as soon as possible and Jim said that people can register for the event on the IAGSDC website.

- 3) Date/Location for Peel the Pumpkin 2019- Kian is investigating possible venues, since the Doubletree Hotel in Fort Lee, N.J., the hotel we normally use, isn't available on the dates we wanted. Jim suggested that a possible option would be to change the dates of the event and use the hotel. Michael Coan motioned that we postpone signing the contract as long as possible. Jim Babcock seconded that motion.

New Business

- 1) Open dances before new class starts (Sept. 25)- Club night on September 11th is booked with Howard Richman, as is a Barn Dance on September 21st. The board discussed other possibilities and how to promote them.
- 2) Outreach to LGBT organizations- Susan suggested that we reach out to various Center organizations in order to promote our square dance events. She also suggested looking into various Meet Up groups, specifically Gay Geeks. Gabriel mentioned that he knows some members of Gay Geeks. He said he'd reach out to them in an effort to get them interested in square dancing. The board also discussed the making of promotional club cards, to be passed out to promote the club. We chose what information we wanted on the card, using the card Capitol City Squares uses, as our prototype. Michael will take care of having them made.
- 3) Social outings to foster community- Jim said some clubs have a once a month outing to this end. Jonathan volunteered the use of the conference room in his office, and his own personal wine stash, to use for a club get together. A possible date for this is Thurs., August 9th, at 48 Wall Street- 20th floor, from 5:30 pm- ?. Another possibility was suggested by Gabriel. He knows a gentleman who gives walking tours of the city. He will contact this person to find out about future tours.

The next meeting of the Times Squares Board will take place on Monday, August 6, 2018, at 6:30 pm, at FIT. Alan Teicher then motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jim Babcock seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Following the meeting, the board had the opportunity to view the promotional video composed by Kian and viewed at the Seattle convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Teicher

