

Times Squares Board of Directors Meeting

Date: June 3, 2019

Time: 6:44 pm

Location: Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT)

Board Members Present: Jim Babcock, Michael Coan, Jeff Eisner, Warren Livesley, Jonathan Uejio, Nadine Posner

Absent: Alan Teicher

Members/Guests Present: Susan Gill, Kian Kho, and Gabriel Rivas

Secretary's Report: The May 6, 2019 Secretary's Report was accepted as presented 6-0 with the addition of "which serves the New York City LGBTQ community" in section C: Old Business item 3: Congregation Beit Simchat Torah (CBST).

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for May 2019 was accepted as presented 6-0.

C. Old Business:

- 1. Brooklyn Pride Festival Participation.** Contact has been made with the organizers and we will plan a dance demo (not participation in the parade) for next year. Brooklyn Pride has included an ad for Times Squares in this year's program.
- 2. Fire Island Demo.** We have been invited to present a demo at Fire Island next summer. Gabriel will follow up and present a proposal.
- 3. Outreach Event at Congregation Beit Simchat Torah (CBST) which serves the NYC LGBTQ+ community.** Nadine has followed up with this event. They will advertise the event as a Facebook event and include it in their Sabbath flyer and calendar. We have been asked to submit pictures, a blurb about both the club and the fun dance. They will also provide snacks. There is an option for dancers to register online so we will have a list of participants before the event. Nadine will contact Howard Richman to see if some Israeli music can be included. The synagogue estimates costs between \$300-400 for the event, so we are recommending that there be a \$10 admission charge. Nadine will follow up to determine who will pay for any shortfall.
- 4. International Friendship Dance.** The board voted 6-0 to make this a Plus and above dance. No members who dance only Mainstream responded to the online survey of prospective attendees.
- 5. Stonewall 50: Housing.** The board has decided not to pursue housing options for out-of-state visitors.
- 6. Stonewall 50: Pride Dance.** Of the 200 dancers needed to break even, 62 have registered. We expect more registrations as the date approaches. We have been

informed that the **John Jay College Gym** may not be available on the date of the dance. The college is offering the 5200 sq. ft. cafeteria with outdoor space as an alternative. Gabriel, Jim and Kian will look at the space this Friday. If either the gym or cafeteria is used, the college will give us a 25% discounted rental rate. Michael will look into the availability of PS 3 as a backup venue.

7. **Stonewall 50: March.** So far, 32 marchers have registered. The march is now fully funded. Any monies collected over expenses will be returned to All Join Hands. The proposed brunch has been canceled as Michael reported that FIT is not available. All the necessary information about the march is available on the club website.

D. New Business

1. **Memorial Gathering at the IAGSDC Convention.** Five members have passed away since the last convention, including Pauline Plummer, Norman Cohen, Virginia "Gina" Thaler, and Michael "Mikey Pearl" Weyand. We will gather to remember them after our club photo. Gabriel will contact Independence Squares to invite them, as Pauline was also a member of their club.
2. **Mainstream Blast Weekend.** The attached proposal for October 18-20 was approved 6-0. The following Tuesday night (10/22) will be a Mainstream Workshop, in the spirit of "you just learned a lot of stuff. Come back and see how much you retained". After the workshop, we will assess if further MS workshops should be planned for future Tuesdays in the remainder of the year. The board approved 6-0. The board also agreed that we should try this Blast method in the spring. To take advantage of the third "Open Dance" in March, the blast will be held Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, with a Mainstream Workshop following on Tuesday, March 24. The March All-Program Dance (Combo-Dance) will be pushed one week earlier to Saturday, Mar 14.
3. **Schedule Conflict.** There is a conflict with the May All-Program Dance on May 16, so this will be pushed earlier to May 2.
4. **Plus Class.** Jonathan will investigate the feasibility of offering a Plus Class.
5. **BBQ.** Warren will send out a thank you card for the wonderful BBQ that Ken Herskovits and his husband, Kevin, provided for the club.

E. Next Meetings

		July 15, 2019 (3 rd Monday)	October 7, 2019
		August 12, 2019 (2 nd Monday)	November 4, 2019
		September 9, 2019 (2 nd Monday)	December 2, 2019

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 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Warren Livesley
 June 5, 2019

Committee Proposal for Mainstream Blast Weekend

Goals:

Attendance

New (has never squared danced) 16 @ \$100
 Refresh (has danced but looking to review, switch roles, etc) 8 @ \$15ea or \$60
 Angel (must dance Plus or higher) 8 @ \$10ea or \$40

Hours: 12 hours

Fri Oct 18 6:30pm-9:30pm
 Sat Oct 19 10:00am-1:00pm
 Lunch 1:00pm-2:00pm
 2:00pm-5:00pm
 Sun Oct 20 3:00pm-6:00pm

Budget

INCOME				
	Admission	NEW	\$1600	
	Admission	REFRESH	\$480	
	Admission	ANGEL	\$320	
	TOTAL			\$2400
EXPENSES				
	Caller	Dane Bragg	\$900	
	Venue	PS3	\$250	
	Lunch		\$300	
	Security		\$150	
	Advertising		\$400	
	TOTAL			\$2000
	NET			\$400

Communication:

Handout prepared by 6/28 (\$150)
 Set up Ticketing on website by 6/28
 Events on Facebook, Meetup
 Instagram advertising – Ben Cohen-Filardo has ideas
 Advertise with NNJSDA Grand Square 9/1 (\$45)
 Write articles for West Side View, Gay City News
 Hire professional photographer to take current action photos (\$100)
 Email syllabus in advance 10/11
 Pair up new people with a "buddy" current member if possible

Recruitment:

Pride Square Dance 6/28
 Third Tuesday Fun Nights 8/20 (new), 9/17, 10/15
 CBST 9/10

Repeat this in the spring whether successful or not (third weekend of March 20-22)