

**Laughing Squares of Indianapolis, Inc.**  
**March 12, 2015**  
**Meeting Minutes**

[Just before the meeting started, Matt from the Krannert center spoke about a possibility he is proposing to cut our rent rate in half. The Indy Parks' leadership no longer will grant us a waiver of half our rent as they have done in the past. Matt is suggesting that Indy Parks sign up students for free lessons; in return, the club would guarantee at least 4 angels each week who would count their 2 hours of service each (for a total of 8 hours each week at \$18/hour) toward volunteer service. Additional volunteer hours can be earned by members who help on clean-up days, at the concession stand, etc. Also, the rent for our room is increasing \$10/hour to \$50/hour. The proposal would begin with lessons the beginning of October.]

President Sheila Terhune called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were 9 members present. Sheila thanked Jack Robinson for filling in for her and Conard while they have been gone.

Fred Mosemiller, Secretary, read the minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Ralph Nichols, Treasurer, read the January and February reports. In January, we had a loss of \$172.70, with a balance on hand at the end of the month of \$12,611.33. In February, we had a gain of \$44.22 for the month, but a loss for the year of \$128.48. The balance on hand was \$12, 438.85. The reports were approved as read.

Phyllis Smith reported on the number of sympathy and cheer cards she has sent to members in 2015.

**Old Business:**

\*\*There was a discussion of raising the admission cost when we have a national caller; we have a national caller scheduled for July, 2016. Most clubs do charge more when a national caller is scheduled. We will discuss this again in a few months.

\*\*There was discussion of the pros and cons of using the gym vs. the current room (and possibly the additional room for food) for dances. The gym is cheaper, larger than the current room and now air-conditioned, but no food is allowed in the gym. For the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance in 2008, both the gym and another room for food were used. It was suggested that we talk with Krannert about the availability of the gym, etc. The matter was tabled for now.

\*\*We discussed whether a national caller is needed for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2018; in 2008, we had several popular local callers and a good crowd. This matter has been tabled until the fall.

**New Business:**

\*\*The final lesson for the 2014-2015 classes will be March 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be no graduation as the current students are not ready.

\*\*Zelmer will present 4 Plus Workshops on the Tuesdays in April, for those (members as well as non-members) who have already had Plus lessons. All those attending will pay \$5/person for each session. We will pay for the room (\$100) and pay Zelmer \$75 each evening. Tiny Taylor moved and Colleen Nichols seconded a motion that we host these Plus Workshops; the motion carried unanimously.

\*\*There was discussion of Matt's proposal for cutting our room rental in half. Nina Upton moved and Tiny seconded a motion that we accept the proposal. The motion carried.

\*\*Sheila mentioned that work at the Indianapolis Speedway has defrayed the cost of our lessons in past years. Nina announced that only gift shop positions are now available. The dates are May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Sheila is filling out the form to get our club registered with IDA to provide workers. Marti moved and Phyllis seconded a motion that the club participate in working at the track; the motion carried. Those willing to work should contact Nina with the dates they are available; Nina is no longer in charge of the track assignments and there is no guarantee that we will all get to work when we're available.

Sheila adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Our next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9th.

Fred and Marti Mosemiller  
Secretaries