

**Laughing Squares of Indianapolis, Inc.**  
**September 10, 2015**  
**Meeting Minutes**

President Sheila Terhune called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were 9 members present.

Fred Mosemiller, Secretary, read the minutes which were approved as read.

Ralph Nichols, Treasurer, read the Treasurer's report for August; he had print copies of that, plus the June and July reports available. At the end of August, we had a balance of \$12,568.48 on hand, with a loss for August of \$881.80 and a loss for the year to date of \$42.85; in August, we paid Krannert \$1000 toward our rent.

Dave Upton has filed our form with the Indiana Secretary of State for continued non-profit status. There was discussion that officers are unclear as to when our new contract with Krannert starts and ends. Also noted was that Krannert is telling those who wish to register for our free lessons that they should contact the Club directly. Sheila announced that she has again applied for a \$1000 check from the 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention; this was held in Louisville in 2010 and clubs that sustain losses for offering lessons can apply for money from the Convention's profit until it is all gone. Marquette Retirement Community is donating \$250 to the Club for the demonstration dance that Sheila called and 18 members participated in.

Sheila announced that she is sending ads or articles to about 10 area newspapers, advertising our free dances which start October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Phyllis Smith of the Calling Committee will have cards available for dancers to sign this evening; Donna Hale's brother has died as has Damon Bird's sister.

**Old Business:**

\*\*There was discussion on whether there is a need to raise our club caller's and cuer's fees. We will revisit this next year when we see how our finances are after our free lessons.

\*\*Conard Terhune had asked earlier this year if we have a way to recognize long-time members who can no longer dance. After discussion, Tiny moved and Nina seconded a motion that we invite our "retiring" and "retired" members to our Anniversary Dance in October and acknowledge them during the announcements. The motion passed unanimously. Phyllis will arrange for the cards.

**New Business:**

\*\*Ralph announced that he has checked the financial records for the past 11 years of lessons; after factoring in the expense of the caller/teacher and the lesson fees and Half Pot earnings (but not considering the room rental), we lost \$4873 or just less than \$500 per year on lessons.

\*\*Zelmer Daugherty will not be here one week in January, 2016; it was decided to cancel lessons for that week.

\*\*October 22<sup>nd</sup> will be our 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance. Tiny will pick up donuts from Long's Bakery; Ralph will get the cider from Anderson's. We will continue to use just the one large room for both our dances and refreshments.

\*\*It was decided to have another basket of gift cards for the State Convention next month. Members are asked to donate gift cards, or money for the Club to purchase these, especially from businesses that are available state-wide.

\*\*There was discussion of having more Plus Workshops like those we did in April or of having Introduction to Dancing By Definition (DBD) lessons. We will revisit this in early 2016 when we see if we have students who will continue with Plus.

\*\*Current officers were polled as to whether they wish to continue serving in the same capacity. Phyllis Smith (Calling Committee), Ken and Tiny Taylor (Refreshments), Fred and Marti Mosemiller (Secretary), and Ralph and Colleen Nichols (Treasurer) all indicated they are willing to continue. Conard and Sheila Terhune (President) need to be replaced as they have served for 2 years. Tiny is heading a committee to search for a new President (and possibly Vice President). The new slate needs to be presented at our October meeting, with voting done in November; we will have a regular meeting before each of those dances (October 8<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup>) with a short meeting afterward for the actual presentation of the slate in October and then voting in November.

Sheila adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Our next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Fred and Marti Mosemiller  
Secretaries