

Laughing Squares of Indianapolis, Inc.

February 11, 2016, Meeting Minutes

- President, Nina Upton, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were 9 members present.
- Jerry Hale, Secretary, read the minutes of the January 5, 2016 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.
- Ralph Nichols, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report for January 2016. Summary of the report follows:
 - Balance as of January 1: \$12,662.75
 - January Income: \$783
 - Expenses: \$772.75
 - Net for January: \$10.25
 - Balance on hand January 31: \$12,673.
 - The report was approved as read. A copy of the report has been filed in the official records.

Old Business

- The Club Picnic is scheduled for Sept. 17, 2016 at Franklin Park in Plainfield. Ralph has paid the \$55 pavilion rental fee to reserve the facility.
- Cost analysis of the current "free student lessons" was presented by Ralph Nichols and supplemented by the Indy Parks Grants Attachment A provided by Nina. In summary, our rental fee of \$5,875.00 was discounted by the assessed value of \$3,336.00 assigned for providing the dance instructor and angels for the "free student lessons." This resulted in a net rental fee of \$2539 for our club for the 2015 calendar year. Consensus of the group was that this is a very good deal for our club when compared with the previous year and that we should ask for a similar contract for this year.

New Business:

- Ads in New Dancer Roundup (NDRU) program book are due by March 1
It was proposed that we put an ad in the book at a cost of \$11 for a half page; VP Marti Mosemiller will design the ad
Tiny Taylor made a motion to do this, Coleen Nichols seconded – motion carried
- The Booster Sheet will be promoted. The \$1 fee goes to defray the cost of the NDRU publication.
- Laughing Squares 60th anniversary is coming up in October, 2018. Nina will talk to Krannert about renting the whole building on a Sunday.
- A discussion of the IDA News publication and its use was held. Circulation of the publication is down from 400 - 600 to a little over 100. The hard copy version will probably be phased out in a few years due to low volume and increased use of the on-line version. The on-line version is free; subscription to the IDA book is \$15 per year. No action taken on this.

Announcements:

Evert Ball was in an auto accident last week, is in Rehab
Cherry Dessert Dance is on Feb. 25, 2016
The New Dancers' Round-Up will be April 3rd in Greenfield.
Our next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 10, 2016

Nina adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Jerry Hale, Secretary