

LAUGHING SQUARES
February 9, 2017

President Bill Norman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were 11 members present.

Nina Upton, Treasurer, handed out copies of the January, 2017, financial report. The income was \$805.25; expenses were \$1097.59; the loss for January was \$292.34. Bill asked if we always have a loss; Nina explained that we often incur a loss when we have lessons; also, the large IDA dues payment was sent in last month. After Tiny Taylor moved and Fred Mosemiller seconded the motion, the report was accepted.

Fred read the Secretary's report for Jerry Hale; Nina moved and Connie seconded a motion to accept the report, which passed.

The Johnson family has not returned. If they do attend a class or dance, they will be asked to fill out an application for membership. Bill will check with Krannert on whether they have discussed which restroom Sandy should use as Krannert will make that decision.

New Business:

Bill expressed concern that the classes are not fun for the students, resulting in some students last year not coming back and some from this year dropping out. He stressed the Club members need to be more welcoming, he has observed that many angels dance with an experienced partner (rather than with the students), and questioned a member telling a student that men need to wear long-sleeved shirts. Conard Terhune said that short sleeves are considered casual and acceptable both at our summer dances and lessons; Jack Robinson said he had talked with a student about wearing the long sleeves. Others in attendance were concerned that some students are not progressing, probably because of spotty attendance records; Bill will talk with Zelmer to identify these students and ask them to drop out of this year's class but return next October. It was suggested that at one of the early classes students be given some square dance guidelines. Also, Sheila Terhune suggested that to better balance squares during lessons, students be instructed to have experienced angels as their partners, their corners, and (if possible) their opposite persons.

Bill asked about any fundraisers the Club has had. Nina said that she and Dave are no longer in charge of IDA's work at the Speedway, but that Bill and Lori should be receiving information from the new representatives in March or April.

Bill asked if the Club ever orders shirts for members. It has been several years and the last shirts faded quickly. Sheila will research a source of quality golf-styled shirts for members to order.

Sheila asked if we might be interested in hosting a big dance as the Club did several years ago; we might give the profits to a charity. We would need a place for 4-5 hours to allow for set-up, a dance, and then clean-up. Places suggested included Plainfield Middle School, Stout Field's Armory, or a union hall. Callers and cuers would be asked to volunteer. The discussion was tabled until a later meeting.

Bill closed the meeting at 7:15 p.m.