

**Laughing Squares of Indianapolis, Inc.**  
**January 11, 2018**  
**Meeting Minutes**

In the absence of Presidents Bill/Lori Norman, Vice President Fred Mosemiller called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Nina Upton, Treasurer, read both the December, 2017 and a comparison of the 2016 and 2017 Annual Reports. She also included a report on the lost income from both members and guests being admitted free the past 2 years and the money earned by the Club at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway from 2009-2015; the 2016-2017 earnings are included in the Annual Reports. The loss of the \$1000 grant from the Kentucky National Square Dance Convention we received in 2016 but not the next year and fewer guests attending our dances and Rusty Hinge caused our income to drop in 2017. Our expenses remained steady for 2017. Nina said that she and Dave, as well as Ralph and Colleen Nichols, are signees on our checking account at BMO Bank. Following a motion by Connie Carmean, seconded by Jack Robinson, the Club voted to accept the Treasurers' Report.

Secretary Jerry Hale read the minutes of the December, 2017 meeting. Rosie Bishop made a motion they be accepted as read; Melinda Dimiceli seconded the motion; the Club approved the motion.

Jack installed the new officers for 2018, reading the duties of each position. The officers are

Jerry/Donna Hale, Presidents  
Scott/Sharon Roberts, Vice Presidents  
Nina/Dave Upton, Treasurers  
Fred/Marti Mosemilller, Secretaries.

After the installation, Jerry assumed the floor and announced this would also be the Annual Meeting of 2018, our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year.

Jack reported on plans for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance, to be held from 2:00-5:00 p.m., Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. He is planning to ask Zelmer Daugherty, the Club caller, to emcee the event, and asked for suggestions for other callers to participate; it is hoped that different callers will draw different groups of dancers. He also asked for those present as well as other Club members to volunteer for different positions; he hopes the volunteer list will be filled by the end of February. He showed the new banner that has been made for the Anniversary Dance; he hopes to have two to hang in October which those in attendance can sign.

Nina gave the officers copies of the 2018 contracts with all our callers and our cuer. Also, Krannert has notified her that our rent will remain the same (\$2539) this year. Jerry asked if donations to the Club are tax deductible; Sharon, a lawyer, will check on whether the Club is a 501C3 organization and if donations are then tax deductible.

There was discussion over who (Presidents? Treasurers?) invites students to join the Club. It was clarified that the Treasurers handles IDA dues and insurance.

Nina discussed the quarterly meetings of the IDA Central Area as well as the IDA State meetings; these are held in January, April, September and November. The Central Area meetings are at 7:00 p.m., on the first Thursdays, at MCL Cafeteria at Southern Plaza. The State meetings are on the second Sundays. She will send this information to the officers so that they can occasionally attend these as IDA would like more representation.

Jerry announced that he is forming a committee to revise the Club by-laws; Sharon has been asked to chair the group, with Rosie, Tiny Taylor and Fred helping; Jerry will serve as an ex-officio member. All Club members are asked to read the by-laws and submit possible changes to the committee.

Marvin Heyse questioned if anyone from the Club has approached Krannert to complain about the condition of the dance floor. Jerry will send a letter from the officers to Indy Parks to ask about the condition of the floor, if an inspection can be made and what liability there is if someone falls at a dance or lessons.

Fred moved the meeting be adjourned; Melinda seconded and the motion passed; Jerry adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Fred and Marti Mosemiller  
Secretaries