

Laughing Squares of Indianapolis, Inc.
September 26, 2019
Meeting Minutes

President Jerry Hale called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.; there were 13 members present.

Treasurer Lisa Dee Guy presented the Treasurer's report for August. The income was \$564.00 and the expenses totaled \$466.50, for a gain for the month of \$97.50; the loss for the year so far is \$255.33. The largest expense each year, our room rental, has already been paid. Marti Mosemiller made a motion the report be accepted; Jack Robinson seconded and the motion passed.

Jerry explained that this summer he had received a bill for "domain listing" for \$228.00; because he knew to expect this charge, he instructed Lisa to pay it and she did. After speaking with Ron Burger, our webmaster who had already paid a legitimate bill for this matter, they realized this was a scam. BMO Bank has been notified; our account there has been closed and a new one opened; and a crime report has been filed with the police. It is doubtful we will recoup the money but future web expenses will all go through the webmaster for verification before being paid.

Fred Mosemiller, Secretary, read the minutes of the August 9th meeting. Jerry said that Krannert has verified that the small room is reserved for us for each of our dances and we will only pay the rental fee of \$35 if we actually use the room. He will also remove the sign on High School Road now that lessons are closed for the year; we have had 18 new students attend any of the three introductory lessons. Donna Hale made a motion to accept the minutes; Scott Roberts seconded and the motion passed.

Marcia Elliott, Cheer Committee, reported on the cards she has either sent or will have available at tonight's dance for members and guests to sign.

Jack Robinson reports that the 2020 caller schedule is near completion; a third national caller has agreed to call one of our dances. Jerry presented a list of 2020 dance dates and possible themes; additional themes were suggested. He will be contacting Krannert with the list of dates we want to use the room for our 22 dances and also the dates for lessons, Plus in early 2020 and Mainstream next fall.

Jack reported that he has been unable to find members interested in serving in the three positions that will be vacant because the current officers have completed 2-year terms; only the Treasurer (Lisa Dee Guy) can serve another year and she has indicated that she is willing to do so. Discussion followed on possible solutions: amending or suspending the by-laws (which would take at least 2 months, as a draft would need to be prepared and presented to members at least 30 days before a vote could occur); having all officers stay for another year as an emergency situation; finding replacements to run for the offices. It was decided to have a short meeting following this evening's dance to appeal to members to volunteer to serve.

Bill Garrison will be doing a demo dance at the seniors' group at Ben Davis Christian Church on Wednesday, October 2nd; lunch will be served at noon, then there will be the demonstration. Several members of BDCC are in our current class of students.

Paula Egenolf said that she and Bill could use help from those attending the IDA State Convention in French Lick to serve as greeters. Also, they are in charge of Publicity for the 2022 National Convention in Evansville; anyone wishing to help with publicity should let them know.

Jack mentioned that currently members pay \$15/year, with just over \$5 staying with the Club. He suggested we start charging \$20/year. Fred pointed out that we had just raised our dance fees to \$6 for members; those who attend every dance now pay an additional \$22/year to the Club. Lisa mentioned that she needs to start collecting dues as the insurance needs to be paid November 1st; she suggested we wait until early next year to discuss this further and it was decided to do so.

Fred moved and Scott seconded the motion to adjourn; Jerry adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Fred and Marti Mosemiller
Secretaries

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Special Meeting Minutes

Following the dance, President Jerry Hale convened a special meeting of all members present. Jack Robinson explained that, while the by-laws direct that a slate of nominated officers be presented in October, he has been unable to fill three positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary. All of the current officers in those positions are completing their second years in office; the by-laws state that is the maximum length of consecutive service in a single position. He made a plea for volunteers to step up and fill these positions. Marcia Elliott volunteered to run for Secretary. No other nominations were made and the meeting was adjourned.