

**Laughing Squares of Indianapolis, Inc.**  
**January 9, 2020**  
**Meeting Minutes**

President Jerry Hale called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.; there were 12 members present.

Treasurer Lisa Dee Guy presented the Treasurer's report for December, 2019, and the annual report for 2019. Income for December was \$477.15 and expenses were \$691.08, reflecting a loss for the month of \$213.93 and a gain for the year of \$100.16. The annual report has a breakdown of both income and expense sources for each year 2016-2019; discussion about changes through the years followed. Marti Mosemiller made a motion the reports be accepted; Marcia Elliott seconded the motion which passed. Lisa announced that when she collects for next year's dues later this year, she will have all those paying complete forms to be handed in along with their payment; this will make her job less stressful and help update members' information. She also suggested that we consider charging more for Club membership next year; this will be discussed and voted on later this year.

Marti, Secretary, read the minutes for the December meeting. Marcia moved it be accepted; Paula Egenolf seconded the motion which passed. Bill Garrison asked where to submit photos to be posted to the website; these should go through Ron Burger, our webmaster.

Marcia reported no new cards needing to be sent by the Cheer Committee. Jerry reported that Gary Hutton will substitute for Jan Smith as the cuer this evening; Jan expects to be back for our next dance.

Jack Robinson installed the new officers, stressing that in the absence of new Presidents, Jerry and Donna Hale, former Presidents and now Vice Presidents, will temporarily assume those duties. Marcia Elliott was installed as Secretary and Lisa Dee Guy will continue as Treasurer. Jerry announced this meeting will also serve as our Annual Meeting.

In old business, Jerry announced that the 2020 rental agreement and bill have not been received from Indy Parks. Mainstream lessons have been completed for the year; 6 new students and 2 refreshing couples have completed these and will continue with Plus lessons next week. Lisa announced that Jim and Sally Williams, one of the refreshing couples, have asked to join the Club; a voice vote was taken and they have been accepted for Club membership. There followed a discussion on how to attract and retain more students, especially those who are younger. Bill Garrison offered to send out to officers and others in the Club a

report from Caller Jack Pladdys on how Frontier Squares, a club in Cincinnati, increased their student base and membership, beginning a few years ago.

In new business, Jerry assigned Fred Mosemiller and Bill to audit the Club's finances and report at the next meeting. While those completing Mainstream have been given certificates, it was decided to have a Plus Party in March; a free dance, open to everyone, with refreshments and both a caller (Gary Hutton) and cuer (Jan Smith) will be included. This will be held in our regular room.

Bill and Paula will be attending a meeting on Sunday and will forward details of this spring's New Dancer Round Up to the Club.

After discussion, it was decided to have square dance apparel giveaways on the 2 lessons before the Plus Party; announcements will be made at our lessons and also at dances.

After a motion by Rosie Bishop, seconded by Paula, Jerry adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Marti and Fred Mosemiller  
Secretaries