

GLSDC Board Meeting Minutes for Oct. 3, 2016

Call to order: 7:10 p. m.

Officers present: Jim Vroman, Dana Dugas, Leo Brennan, Ernie Callard, Kathy Stewart, Tracey Hamblin, and Peggy Wescott

Members present: Terry Council, Leann Smith, Gary Wescott and Ed Warren

Reading of last board meeting and membership meeting minutes: Motion to accept by Jim V. Second: Dana D. Yes-7 No-0

Treasurer's Report: Cash on hand \$26,131.84. Motion to accept: Dana D. Second: Tracey H. Yes-7 No-0

Committee Reports:

- **Membership:** Leo B. reported that we presently have 253 members.
- **Dance and Special Events:** New "Putting on the Ritz" theme suggested for June 7, 2017 special Wednesday dance.
- **Website:** No report given. Matt K. was not present.
- **Newsletter:** Kathy S. No concerns. All is going well.
- **Logo Merchandise:** No report. Jim D. was not present.

Old Business:

- **Suggestions to expand club membership:** Jim V. Member Jo Jo has volunteered to sit at our sign-in table with Jim V. and talk about the club to new members as they arrive.
- **Wednesday night theme suggestions for future dances.** Cannot all be incorporated in the same year.
 - 50's theme
 - Little black dress theme: In 2017 the June 7th dance theme will be "Putting on the Ritz."
 - Prom them
 - Roaring Twenties theme
- **Advertising, publicity, and budgeting:** Leo B.
 - For 2016, \$2500 was budgeted. To date, \$2505 has been spent.
 - Flint Classified ads are free.
 - Tri-County Times article
 - Flushing paper article
 - M Live has had no visible results. Will not use them again.
 - Ads on place mats: We will have an ad on the place mats in 6 local restaurants.
- **Financial Review:** Leo B. will give the necessary paperwork to the accountant Dana D. has recruited to review our club finances.

- **Instructors for 2017:** Jim V. handed out a schedule of lessons and instructors for 2017.

Tabled Items:

- **Rollerhaven Issues**
 - Jim V. met with Rollerhaven's owner and its manager and shared our concerns.
 - A new light has been ordered for the back of the parking lot.
 - They are considering ordering a second heating/air conditioning unit, but the grounds around the outside of the building where it would be installed need to be cleaned up before anything can be done.
 - Due to the limited profitability of this location, the owner is not putting a lot of money into repairs. He may try to find a buyer for Rollerhaven. Until that happens, we are able to continue to use the facility on Wednesday evenings. If and when it sells, our club would be able to use the Grand Blanc location for our Wednesday dances.
- **Feedback on promo dance done at Holy Family:** Dana D.
 - No feedback yet from guests at that dance, but those who sponsored the dance loved our demonstration.

New Business:

- Look at **2017 calendar** for spring/summer/fall/NYE and specials:
 - Already partially discussed under committee reports and old business.
 - A big thank you to Lori Loukes who has again agreed to chair the New Years Eve Dance.
 - This year's theme is "Hollywood."
 - Motion made by Dana D. to allot \$2500 to cover the cost of the NYE dance.

Second: Kathy S. Yes-7 No-0

- Dave Wolfe will be the D J for this dance.
- Concerns over **DJ who does not honor requests:**
 - A request was made for more Mo-Town and Bob Seger music.
 - No DJ has access to every song.
 - We might consider offering a special theme dance featuring 50s, 60s, and 70s music and select a DJ for that date who has access to music from those years.
- Special guest Ed Warren's report on **DJ equipment:**
 - We now have a complete 2nd set of DJ equipment.
 - Ed requested a 2nd cart to keep equipment on for easier and faster transporting.
 - Concern over the necessary space needed to store two carts. If space becomes available, a 2nd cart will be purchased.
 - THANK YOU Ed Warren for all of your help!
- **Polish Legion of American Veterans venue:** A deposit has been made for our 2017 picnic.

- **Water Cooler suggestion:** Dana D.
 - A member suggested purchasing a water cooler to save so many plastic bottles going into landfills.
 - All of our bottles are recycled by a environmentally conscientious member.
 - A water cooler would be another large item to store when our storage space is already extremely limited.
 - There was a concern mentioned regarding spills that might occur if open cups were used. Also the cups would be another item to recycle.

- **Availability of board meeting minutes:** Dana D.
 - A member asked if minutes of board meetings could be sent to all members.
 - Minutes of our meetings are already available to all members on our GLSDC web site.
 - There is a cost consideration involved in mailing minutes.
 - All members are invited to attend GLSDC board meetings.

- Request made to consider inviting the **Stardusters Big Band** to play at a GLSDC dance.
 - Concern over the cost to bring in such a large band to one of our dances.
 - We can ask D Js to play a certain variety of music, which includes all the dances we teach, as well as line dances. The band has their own set of songs, which does not include all the dance rhythms we are used to hearing.

- Request to put **ad in Whiting's Wind Ensemble program:**
 - Jo Jo asked if GLSDC would put an ad in their program.
 - Jim V. made a motion to spend \$55 on the ad for Whiting's Wind Ensemble's program. Second: Tracey H. Yes-7 No-0

- **Halloween theme dance prizes:**
 - 5 prizes will be given out.
 - 1st prize: \$30, 2nd prize: \$25, 3rd prize: \$20, 4th prize: \$15, and a free pass to the wearer of the worse costume (all in a spirit of fun).
 - Employees of Rollerhaven will be the judges.
 - Motion made by Kathy S. to allocate \$90 toward Halloween costume prizes. Second: Dana D. Yes-7 No-0

- **American Bop Association Music rites:**
 - ABA charges a fee for music rights, which depends on the number of people who attend our dances each year.
 - For 2016, our rate will be determined on 5304 (estimated) attendees.

Next meeting date: Set for Nov. 7, 2016 if Lori Loukes can attend in order to finalize plans for this year's New Year's Eve dance.

Motion to adjourn made by Ernie C. Second: Jim V. Yes-7 No-0

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Wescott