

Midnight Squares
Club Meeting, 17 April 2005
Minutes

	Attendance	Jeff Hamilton, Ed Zeigler, Don Queen, Joe Iser, Rick Collins, Tom Johnson, Larry Queen, Neale Grasham, Richard Tuck, Steve Stone, Steve Scott, Richard Rockwell, Peggy Shumway, Arthur Morris, Steve Anderson, Gary Young, Lily Gee Hickman, Judith Stevenson, Steve Zink, Jeff Stiarwalt, John Hodgkin, Fen Tamanaha, Harlan Kerr, Randy Hicks
1	Treasurer's Report	Report presented by Don Queen. The report is available to club members in the locker.
2	Caller and Instructor Pay	After careful discussion and consideration the club decided to increase fees paid to callers and instructors. Effective immediately the pay for club night callers will be \$30 (an increase from \$25). Effective with the next classes, instructors will be paid \$35 per class taught (up from \$30). The club will continue to consider bonuses for callers when conditions result in a surplus of revenue from the class.
3	Renewals	The club membership was at 93 on the day required for IAGSDC membership. Bill Tyler and Jeff Hamilton will be working on the annual (1 March – 28 February) membership roster. Judith is handling the database.
4	Administrative	Anyone needing a T-shirt or badge should contact Richard Rockwell.
5	Communications	MHR is updating its database. Arthur Morris will continue as contact; and remind the church that our Sunday hours are 1pm – 6pm.
		Ed Zeigler reported that the revisions to the IAGSDC server are stable and that he is able to update the Midnight Square pages again.
6	Club Liaisons	FCD: Issues of joint callers with MS are resolved for September 10.
		WSD: Mainstream class is finishing and they'll be starting Plus on 5 May. They have all new design for shirts, badges, banner (no mention of shoes). Eric Henerlau will call their anniversary dance. Kris Jensen will call the night before the parade.
		Parade: FCD is the lead club for the parade and Kris Jensen will

		be calling.
		Diablo: Plus class is finishing up. They started an Advance class April 5 th , with Peggy Shumway as the instructor. June 4 is their next dance.
		ECR: All club Potluck on 17 April and Pat Carnathan dance on 23 April.
		Oaktown 8's: Plus class will be complete by June. Very successful first dance.
		Pace: Barry Clasper is calling in May.
		TopCats: The Santa Clara Valley Jubilee will be 3 rd Weekend in October, without the usual requirement of traditional attire.
7	IAGSDC	The call for agenda items for the IAGDSC Board meeting was received. The club wants the IAGSDC board to address the question of marketing to new dancers and to require that conventions have some provision for new dancers to get some kind of early registration discount if they missed a cut-off date because the weren't dancers yet. Jeff said he would have Gary Dougan, our club delegate, submit the agenda item.
8	2008 A and C fly in	No discussion
9	Current classes	Advanced: All the calls are taught, but there is a need for Angels to help give the necessary floor time to the class. Peggy Shumway will send emails reminding club members of the need to support the new class, reminding them of the opportunity to brush up before convention.
		C-1: Class is going well; nearly finished with teaching the calls.
		C3A: All the calls are taught; now working on review.
10	Upcoming Dances	Spring Dance with Rob French; C2-3A; Fen Tamanaha coordinator; 24April.
		Graduation Dance with Todd Fellegly; 5 June; 1-3:00 A2-C1; 3-3:30 Pizza and Cake; 3:30-5:30 C2-C3A. Randy Hicks coordinator.
		2-Caller Dance: 10 September with Anne Uebelacker and Mike DeSisto. This dance needs two halls proximate to each other.

		Venue discussion: after many options were discussed, the club decided to take two approaches 1) Harlan will follow up for the space at Mission High School and 2) Jeff will ask Galen to determine availability and cost of the Unitarian church spaces.
		Tim Crawford: June 2006; discussion postponed.
		November 2005: Discussion postponed until the ongoing availability of space for Sundays is resolved.
11	Friends School renovation	There was a long and thoughtful discussion of the various aspects of the SF Friends School control of the space from MHR Church, and the subsequent construction project. Construction will begin in the basement 1 July and the space will not be available for the duration of the project. Estimated completion date is 31 August. During July and August there will be access to dancing in the upstairs corridor only through the trust relationship of the principal and Joe Iser. The club is grateful for Joe's commitment to being at all the Tuesday and Thursday functions for FCD and MS. All equipment has to be taken from the locker during the summer construction. The school does not wish to start negotiation for ongoing use of the basement until August, 2005. However, Joe indicated that the school was probably disinclined to allow Sunday access after renovations.
		Strategy: The club will begin to look for alternative space. Judith Stevenson, Ed Zeigler and Tom Johnson will serve as the space committee. The club offered many strategies to consider, including: shifting from Sundays to weeknights, Jon Sims Center, Harvey Milk Rec Center, other venues, Eureka Valley Rec Center (when it reopens), asking members to "sponsor" a night to cover the rent. Club members with ideas should email to the committee.
		Actions: The club agreed to have Joe Iser represent the club in negotiation with the SF Friends School. The club is cognizant that Joe will also be filling that function on behalf of Foggy City, and that Joe serves on the Board of the SF Friends School. The club agreed to use Joe (FCD Treasurer) as payment intermediary: so that the club will pay Joe for the use of the school space and Joe will pay the school.
12	Club Dancing	As Joe is the only club member authorized to gain entry into the upstairs space, the club agreed to change C2-C3A dancing to Wednesdays at Mission Playground and to move the A2-C1 club nights to Thursdays at SF Friends School.

		19 June: Will be a special “last dance” at the SF Friends School before Convention and before construction. During the summer, the club will only be having club dancing on alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays (no Sundays).
13	Next Club Meeting	The club agreed to convene again in meeting on June 12, between the A2-C1 and C2-C3A dance sessions.