

USA DANCE  
Minutes  
October 1, 2012  
Daily Grind Restaurant  
Greenville, North Carolina

Attendees: Andy Carlson, Paul Hager, Ann Harrington, Debi Levine, Sandra Seay, David Steele, Faye Steele, Gayle Watson

The July minutes were approved following a motion by Paul Hager and a second by Faye Steele.

Andy Carlson reviewed the procedures he follows in determining the order and selection of songs played at the dances. In August, he experimented with the music by playing songs lasting 2.5 minutes during the first half of the dance and playing songs of a longer length during the last half of the dance. Suggestions from the floor concerning the playlist included:

- Always having songs appropriate both for a shag and a line dance played at each event
- If the dance is celebrating a theme, then have more music on the playlist that represents the theme; especially have music representing the theme played during the first half of the dance
- Do a survey using eNews to obtain feedback from the members on the types of music they would like to have on the playlist
- Have the members rank the dances; this will help determine the types of music preferred by the members

The financial report was reviewed by Paul Hager. The report had been previously sent to all board members as an email attachment. Budget projections from David Steele were discussed along with a general discussion of financial matters. If the Drew Steele Center is used on an annual basis, the total cost will be \$1,100.00. David Steele also estimated the following costs for the next year: \$510 to pay the dance instructors; \$100.00 for a printer; \$100.00 for office supplies; \$50.00 for longer cords for the speakers; and an undetermined amount for miscellaneous expenses such as advertising, food, stamps, printer, ink and paper. Currently, David and Faye have been using their printer and their personal supply of printer ink and paper for USA Dance-related activities. The members agreed that a printer, ink, and paper dedicated solely to the dance chapter should be purchased from the chapter's funds. David also estimated income from the dances to be \$3,884.00 using the average number of attendees. These expense and income projections suggest a net gain of \$2,024.00 in the chapter's account before expenses such as advertising, food, stamps, etc.

The membership report was given by Faye Steele. There are 76 members on the book; nine of them are delinquent.

#### Old Business

The members reviewed and revised the write up for the volunteer of the year nomination that will be sent to USA headquarters.

#### New Business

It is likely that the Mall Ball will not be held in 2013. If it is held, the chapter will be charged for using the Mall facility. If the Mall Ball is held, it will be held during National Ballroom Dance Week in September.

Payment has been made to reserve the Drew Steele Center for November, 2012 and January 2013. The members discussed paying \$1,100.00 to reserve the facility for 11 months. Paul Hager agreed to determine from staff at the Drew Steele Center if a refund would be given in case the board decides not to use the facility for the entire 11 months. The general feeling was that if it is possible to obtain a refund, then reserving the facility for 11 months is a good idea. However, the decision by the board was made to reserve the facility through May 2013 and to renew the discussion at the January meeting.

Debi Levine led the discussion on the need for a sign at the sign-in desk at the October dance alerting attendees of the move to the Drew Steele Center.

The board will meet again at noon on January 19, 2013 at David and Faye's home. Members will bring food items; Faye agreed to coordinate this.

Minutes submitted by:

Sandra Seay, Secretary