

Topeka Area Square Dance Council (TASDC)
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Meeting Monday November 3, 2008
7:00 p.m. at Croco Hall, Kitchen area

Attendance :

TASDC – Diane Dukat
Cap-Teen Squares – Virginia Yerta, Rep.
Kuntry Kuzzins – Donna Schirmer
Shawnee Swingers – Henry Staub, and Dorothy Booher, Rep.
Strato Jets – Leland & Carol Kimball, and Rowena Horr, Rep.
Swinging Squares – Ken & Margaret Boughton
Top-Kan Twirlers – Tom & Linda Grindol
Wheatheart Squares – Ralph & Deb Vickers

Treasurer Report

Starting Balance	\$ 171.50
Payment to Henry Staub for website domain charge	<u>-\$ 10.00</u>
Ending Balance is	\$ 161.50

Old Business :

None to discuss went on to new business.

New Business :

- Carrie Caldwell, a home schooled student, attends dances with grandparents, Ken & Sharon. Donna Schirmer reported that Carrie and her younger brother and sister came to our lessons with grandparents. We got a call the next day from Carrie's mother wanting to do lessons for Home Schooled Kids. Carrie's mother has rounded up 5 other families to take lessons and Dana Schirmer will start lessons for them on Thursday, November 6, 2008, at Kaw Valley Dance Center.
- Discussion that the Topeka Chamber of Commerce on Tourism could possibly help get the word out about square dancing around the Topeka area and across the state. Rowena Horr will contact these organizations to see what we can do to publicize square dancing. Maybe, it would be as simple as sending them a Travel-On magazine.
- Discussion about using the Topeka Metro News paper to help expose our activity to the general public. Rowena Horr had a contact and would check with them to see if they could do an article on square dancing. She would also collect information about advertisement fees for the paper.

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- Discussion about Kaw Valley Bank commercial filmed Tuesday, September 30, 2008, at Croco Hall by TV channel 49. Most who have seen commercial agree that it is tastefully done and reflects a good image for square dancing in the Topeka area. We think it would be a good idea to send cards to the bank or TV station, thanking them for highlighting our activity and the good exposure we are getting from the commercial. Maybe an email or a phone call if you don't have time to send a card would also be another good idea.
- Leland Kimball reported that Judy Speer of the Lone Wranglers club in Manhattan had a article in the K-State Collegiate paper. Donna Schirmer reported that they started at lessons and finished the article at the Lone Wranglers club dance with pictures. If anyone would like to see a copy get with Leland or Donna.
- Clubs are encouraged to check listings in the National Square Dance Directory and on website Dosado.com to update information about your club.
- Discussion about putting flyer or information cards at recreation centers, retirement communities, meeting places, churches and doctor offices.
- Discussion about Free Pass sheet for new dancers. Most felt that we should get this started up again. Please discuss with your club members and respond back to Diane by email before December 7, 2008.
- Discussion about a last tip program. Maybe offer a ribbon, dangle or card to those people dancing the last tip at your dance. Collect all 7 from council clubs and get a reward. Please discuss with our club members for any ideas as to what kind of reward we should offer. Only those people that collected all 7 would be eligible for reward. ***Respond to Diane Dukat by email before Friday December 5, 2008.*** Should we have a special dance, or maybe a breakfast, lunch or dinner? Who would be responsible for making this happen; presidents of clubs and council members?
- Donna Schirmer shared with group that a friend from CALLERLAB organization had made bookmark for the local library with information about square dancing. Group thought this would be a good idea and Diane Dukat would check with her contact at the library to see if this is something we could do. It was suggested that we put the website address on the bookmark along with verbiage saying "Square Dance 4 Health". Maybe, also add a new page to the website were all clubs would be listed with contact information.

Items tabled for next meeting

- Last Tip program, get ideas from your clubs
- Banner with website information to be placed at Croco Hall
- Creation of form letter about our organization explaining our council it function and our mission statement.

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Demonstration done in Topeka Area since last meeting

- ***Saturday August 30, 2008, Topeka Railroad Days Festival.*** Had 3 squares dancing in front of main event stage outside of the Great Overland Station. All clubs in council were represented. Dana Schirmer was the caller that day. Look at community page on website for pictures. Thank you to Tom & Linda Grindol for bringing camera. Suggested next year to get an earlier time in the day and a location to dance with some shade.
- ***Saturday September 20, 2008 Cider Days Festival*** at the Kansa Expo centre. Had 2 clubs from council represented. We were provided a limited number of tickets. Dana Schirmer was the caller. We dance at 11:00 a.m. in front of Band Shell trailer. Had a good crowd watching while eating lunch. Suggested we try to get more tickets next year so all clubs can be represented.
- ***Saturday October 11, 2008, North Topeka Fall Festival*** at Garfield Park Community Center. It was reported that Diana Wagner called for this demonstration.

Next meeting to be Monday February 2, 2008
Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Croco Hall kitchen area

Minutes submitted by Donna Schirmer – Kuntry Kuzzins President

Up coming dances and events to promote :

Saturday November 9, 2008 – Top-Kan Twirlers, Gospel Dance with Sheldon Lawrence & Bob Tucker calling Squares and Wally Kelly cueing the rounds at Croco Hall.

Friday November 14, 2008 – Strato Jets – Ham Hock & Beans w/cornbread
Start serving meal at 6:30 p.m. with Larry stock & Wally Kelly at Croco Hall

Sunday November 23, 2008 - Cap-Teen Squares, Turkey Dance – Virginia Yerta and Area Callers & Cuers, 7:00 pm. At Croco Hall

Wednesday December 31, 2008, New Year's Eve dance sponsored by Wheatheart Squares. Benefit for Croco Square Inc. Larry Crady MC, and other area caller & cuers at Croco Hall

Friday February 20, 2009, - Shawnee Swingers, Jim Hays Special, Fund Raiser for the club with a Bake Sale. Dance at Shawnee South Community Center, Topeka, Kansas

Saturday March 21, 2009 – Swinging Squares, Club Anniversary
Croco Hall

Saturday March 28, 2009 – Top-Kan Twirlers, Potato Dance / Crafts
Start serving meal at 6:30 p.m. Croco Hall with Dana Schirmer & Wally Kelly

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Friday April 3, 2009 – Strato Jets – Annual Luau Dance
Start serving meal at 6:30 p.m. at Croco Hall

IMPORTANT DATES for next dance season

Sunday August 9, 2009 – Shawnee Swingers, Sunshine Special with Mike Hogan and Pam Young at Croco Hall. This is a Club Fund Raiser with dancing in the afternoon and evening.

Wednesday September 16, 2009, Kuntry Kuzzins Western FUN Night Hoedown
This is a Club Fund Raiser. Buy your ticket early.

Saturday September 26, 2009, Happy Times Squares, Boots & Bows Barbeque
This is a Club Fund Raiser. Buy your ticket early.

Friday October 16 or 30, 2009, Wheatheart Squares, Octoberfest. New Officers would decide date. TBA, This is a Club Fund Raiser.

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