



Austin Square and Round Dance Association

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ASRDA Delegate Meeting
Jan. 6, 2024
2:00 PM
Hyde Park Christian Church
610 E 45th Street
Austin, Texas 78751

- 1) Call meeting to order Brooke Peters
Brooke called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.
- 2) Invocation Tom Bohmfalk
Tom Bohmfalk gave the invocation.
- 3) Pledge Brooke Peters
Brooke Peters led the pledge of allegiance.
- 4) Roll Call Chuck & Cheryl Sherman
 - a. Canyon Lake Square Dancers Wayne Weston & Vickie Merchant
 - b. Carousel Club #340 Bob Kurczewski
 - c. Cen-Tex Plus Club Jim & Karen Crabb
 - d. Come N' Take It Inactive
 - e. Country Cuzzins Bailey & Gaynelle Sutherland
 - f. La Grange Roadrunners Allen & Mildred Perry
 - g. Lone Star Lambdas Mary Alice Troxel
 - h. Past Presidents Joe Lowe
 - i. Ronde Rounds Ron & Pat Plouch
 - j. Shirts 'n' Skirts Steve & Colleen Fehrman
 - k. Step 'N' Style Rounds Mike Goggin
 - l. Taylor Promenaders Al & Connie Frazier
 - m. Waterloo Squares Maxine Barnett
 - n. Wheel-N- Deals Dan McDonald & Nancy Owens

With all the elected officers and 21 of the 26 the delegates present. We have a quorum.
- 5) Approval of Minutes Chuck & Cheryl Sherman
Under Old Business the caller for the TFSRD Presidents Dance in 2025 should be Darryl Lipscomb instead of Glenn Raiha. Bob Kurczewski made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Wayne Weston seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 6) Financial Reports Shirley & Steve O'Neal
The total income is \$3,917.86. The general expense is \$2,778.30. Net income is \$1,139.56. On the balance sheet shows Total Assets of \$37,837.73. We got a report from our Financial Advisor, Betty Shelton. I reviewed the transactions for the last fiscal years of 07/01/2019,07/01/2020, and 07/01/2021- 6/30/2022 for the Austin Square and Round Dance Association. Due to Covid, and
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audit was not done for those years prior to now. Based on what have seen in the records, the Treasure Tom Barrett and Shirley Myers O’Neal have both done an excellent job.

7) Committee Reports

- a. Ambassador-at-Large North Billy Grimsley & Ramona Padilla Absent
- b. Ambassador-at-Large South Shirley & Steve O’Neal
No report
- c. Archives Open
- d. Chaplain Tom Bohmfalk
One of our former members fell and broke her hip. Gracie Roberts from Wheel N Deals and Canyon Lake fell and broke her hip and shoulder.
- e. Education Brooke Peters
For the past two or three months I have been focusing on making people aware of the volunteer positions of and how important it is to have the positions filled; Also working with Tricia and Dennis on what they need to know as presidents next year.
- f. Facilities Joe & Bonnie Lowe
- g. No Report
- h. Financial Advisor Betty Shelton Absent
- i. Friendship Badges Tony Burghart
Not giving any more cards away. I would like to have someone from each club to help me explain the friendship badge program. If any questions have them call me. When they fill out the forms, they need to give me their address and phone number. A couple of people are working on getting their badge.
- j. Historian/Photographer Open
- k. Hospitality Tricia Morley & Dennis Artz
No Report
- l. TSFSRD Membership Shirley & Steve O’Neal
Shirley said that she sent out an email asking the clubs to submit the names of the new students. It was suggested that the clubs send an updated roster.
- m. Mid-Tex Bob Kurczewski
Bob wanted volunteers to be on Mid-Tex. Three or 4 couples cannot put on Mid Tex. We have Tony Oxenidine for the caller and Ahart for the cuers for the 2025 Mid Tex. I want to have a 2025 flyer made up for this year’s Mid-Tex. We need someone to volunteer to do the decorations for the 2025 Mid Tex.
- n. Parliamentarian Nancy Olson Absent
- o. Past President Billy Grimsley & Ramona Padilla Absent
- p. Photographer Open
- q. Presidential Awards Chuck & Cheryl Sherman
Will sending out information concerning the Dance of the Year Award by the end of the month.
- r. Publicity Brooke Peters
Mike Goggin and Vickie Merchant are getting flyers and information on the website. Brooke & Vickie are trying get everything on Facebook.
- s. Round the Capital Square Editor Vickie Merchant
Vickie asked if anyone is reading the newsletter. Less than half of the attendees at the meeting said they are reading it. Vickie asked why people weren’t reading it but did not get any response. Vickie and Brooke both stressed that a lot of time and thought goes into the newsletter and important information is presented in every issue. Delegates were encouraged to contact Vickie with information they would like to see in the newsletter.
- t. Round the Capital Square Distribution Vickie Merchant
We have four printed copies going out. When the subscription laps those will stop. Three for sure can access the internet and website. It’s too expensive to print and mail it out. Lately we have been printing what square dancing means to me. We have 5 articles so far. We need more

people to participate. Please let your members and new students know about the newsletter. We have 636 followers on Facebook.

- u. Social Secretary Chuck & Cheryl Sherman
If any club has any special dances coming up, please let us know ahead of time. So, we can put it on the calendar.
- v. Texas Star Reporter Brooke Peters
Keeping the Federation abreast of what we're doing. Teen scholarship dance, Bon Voyage Party for Dan & Gail, Amtrak trip to Milwaukee, Highlighted ASRDA members on 75NSDC Committee, reminder to register for Mid-Tex. Texas Star can be viewed on asrda.org under "Links" - Texas Star Newsletter.
- w. Web Master Mike Goggin
Nothing to report on the website itself. Our renewal will be coming up by the end of this month.

8) Presidents Message

Brooke Peters

- a. Brooke is moving to Colorado in July which will leave many Appointed officer positions open as well as 2 board Positions.
- b. People need to step up or we won't have an ASRDA.
- c. Without ASRDA
 - i. No insurance through Texas Federation. Each club would need to contact United Square Dancers of America and apply for insurance through them.
 - ii. No fb page, no website, or newsletter -without these things it will be hard to find out about square dancing in the area.
 - iii. No ASRDA dances where people from different clubs can come together.
 - iv. No Friendship badges so no free danglers and gift cards
 - v. No \$200 publicity reimbursement for clubs
 - vi. No \$200 Visitation Award
 - vii. No way of knowing what is happening at the state level because there are no delegates going to meetings and reporting back to clubs.
 - viii. No used square dance clothes.
 - ix. Advertising for lessons would be the old fashion way - flyers, demo dances, and word of mouth unless a club had its own website or fb page.
 - x. Without ASRDA, club presidents would have to do more than they already do to keep their clubs running.
 - xi. Any money remaining in the treasury would go to the Texas State Federation Teen Scholarship program.

9) Old Business

- a. Update on President's Dance Dennis Artz and Tricia Morley
 - i. Contract between TSCA has been signed.
 - ii. Committee will be meeting on 16 January to finalize flyer.
 - iii. "Promenade to Friendship" - ASRDA - will decide on theme at meeting.
 - iv. President's Dance weekend on October 4 & 5, 2024 in La Grange. Remember, ASRDA is hosting it so if you are asked to help set up or clean up or help in some other way at the dance, please do so.
 - v. The weekend will be a little different in 2024 than it has been in the past. Friday evening the callers will be experienced Texas State Caller Association (TSCA) callers. On Saturday, the "Newbee" callers will meet with the caller coach in an all-day workshop. They will be asking for dancer volunteers to be present at the workshop for the new callers to practice on. On Saturday evening, the caller coach Darryl Lipscomb

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will call the dance. There will be one hour of pre-rounds each evening and one round dance between tips. Round dancing both nights will be cued by TSCA cuers.

- b. Update on National Square Dance Convention in Waco. **Brooke Peters**
 - i. Brooke will have Waco T-Shirts for sale and Waco registration forms.
 - ii. Mike Goggin has volunteered to be the Education Committee's computer guy.
 - iii. Pre-Convention in Shreveport is 14 - 16 March 2024 and the 75th NSDC Committee will be meeting and going through preconvention with the Shreveport committee.
- c. Sundancers in Georgetown joining ASRDA **Brooke Peters**
Will be tabled until the April meeting.

10) New Business

- a. Formation of Nominating Committee **Brooke Peters**
 - i. According to Article 6 Section 2 of the ASRDA Constitution, each club president is a member of the Nominating Committee. The president can delegate this duty to someone else in his/her club but, if that is done, the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee must be notified. If you choose to delegate your responsibility on the Nominating Committee, please notify the Nominating Committee Chairperson at the delegate meeting on the 6th. Tricia, Dennis, and Brooke will be Co-Chairs of the Committee so you can contact any of them with candidates.
 - ii. Positions that are open are Secretary and Vice President
 - iii. Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz will run for President.
 - iv. Chuck and Cheryl Sherman will run for Treasurer.
 - v. Anyone can run against these individuals if you really want the position.
- b. Appointed Officer Positions Open 2024-2025. **Brooke Peters**
 - i. Technically, next year's president selects the appointed officers, but we need to know who is interested and willing to fill the positions BEFORE next year so everyone is ready to start in these positions on July 1st 2024.
 - ii. Ambassador at Large - South
 - iii. Hospitality
 - iv. Education
 - v. Publicity
 - vi. Texas Star Reporter
 - vii. Photographer
 - viii. Archives
 - ix. Mid-Tex Committee members for 2024-2025
- c. Tangible Property and Square Dance Clothes **Brooke Peters**
 - i. List of Tangible Property given to delegates. Delegates voted to rent Climate Controlled Storage at CubeSmart in Austin at 2525 S. IH-35 Frontage Road, Austin, TX. It is only 2.4 miles (or 6 minutes) from Hyde Park Church. It is north of Hyde Park on I-35. The square dance clothes would be stored in bins the way they currently are rather than set up on racks. After a long discussion
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Jim Crabb made the motion to rent the storage area. Vickie Merchant Seconded the motion. The motion carried. Delegates suggested getting a combination lock that the ASRDA presidents will have the combination to. The president will give it to people who need to get items out of the storage unit. This way, items would be stored near where we have our meeting and if someone who was responsible for bringing certain items had to miss a meeting, another person could go by the storage unit.

The combination will be changed monthly.

- ii. Delegates also approved getting a dolly and/or hand cart to move the items to and from the storage unit. The money for these items will come from Klothes Kloset money. A 10' x 7.5' storage unit cost \$45/month. Some delegates thought a 10' x 10' would be better.
- d. Who is going to Shreveport Pre-Convention and/or National convention? Dennis Artz. Dennis asked who's was going to Shreveport for the preconvention meeting. We only mentioned that because Nationals will be in Shreveport next year and in Waco 2026. Tricia will be charge of Rounds in Waco. Will need a lot of help in assisting Tricia and Dennis. Going to Shreveport will give us a chance to observe what's needs to be done.
- e. Importance of supporting club special dances and ASRDA dances. Brooke Peters
 - i. Clubs and ASRDA put a lot of work into special dances so dancers will have a good time and the clubs/ASRDA make money to pay for lessons, club expenses, and ASRDA programs to help the clubs.
 - ii. It is a good way to get new dancers out dancing at larger events and to meet new people.
- f. Lesson Reimbursement Brooke Peters

Delegates discussed ways to do lesson reimbursement. After a long discussion on what the criteria should be Wayne Weston made the motion that each of us go back to our clubs and evaluate how our classes are doing financially and come up with a list of expenses and income for your classes. Send this information to Brooke. Jim Crabb seconded the motion. A draft proposal will be presented at the next meeting.
- g. List of Volunteer Opportunities at the local, state, and national levels. (See Attached Handout "Help Needed".) Brooke Peters

11) Club News

- a. Canyon Lake Square Dancers Wayne Weston

We be starting mainstream class next Wednesday at 6 PM. Our round dancing is continuing by teaching two step and waltz. We have 4 to 6 squares every week.
- b. Carousel Club #340 Bob & Kay Kurczewski

We have contacted by some callers from Europe who are coming to caller lab in March in the Dallas Fort Worth Area. They would like to book one or two dances in the area. If you are interested let Bob Kurczewski know.
- c. Cen-Tex Plus Club Jim & Karen Crabb

We continue to dance 3 to four squares Had several new couples come because they just moved into the area.
- d. Come N' Take It Inactive
- e. Country Cuzzins Bailey & Gaynelle Sutherland

Still having lessons. They will be graduating in February looks like they will be good dancers. Working on the Wildflower Dance in April. Tim Tyl is the caller and Ron and Pat

Plouch are the cuers. One our club members that is 93 years old fell we need prayers of her. Another club member has a brain tumor removed. He is still in the hospital. Also, another club member fell and is in rehab.

- f. La Grange Roadrunners Allen & Mildred Perry
We have 11 students graduating Jan 16th. Staring a Patrons Book. Having our Independence Dance in March,
- g. Lone Star Lambdas Mary Alice Troxel
We lost our caller when Dan Clairmont left. They have not found a replacement.
- h. Past Presidents Billy Grimsley Absent
- i. Ronde Rounds Ron & Pat Plouch
Having an open house on Sunday starting with waltz. We're dancing one big circle every week. We average 4 to 8 couples every week.
- j. Shirts 'n' Skirts Steve & Colleen Fehrman
Were in the middle of lessons about 8 more calls to go. We have 12 students Be graduating in March. Think there all hooked. Don't forget the Chocolate Dance in February.
- k. Step 'N' Style Rounds Mike Goggin & Patti Brown
Dennis said were moving right along. La Grange Road Runners are having us do the SSD program every Tuesday. There are 11 dancers from age ten to their grandparents and two parents. Their very good and dance with Wayne Weston. On Wednesday night we have SSD class in Bastrop. We picked up Round Dancing at the Bastrop Location. On Sunday still cueing at Sun City. Starting Beginner Waltz. On the 14th were starting to teach Slow Two Step. On the first Sunday of every month let's dance together with levels 2 through 5. We dance from 2 to 5PM.
- l. Taylor Promenaders Al & Connie Frazier
Starting lessons in December we have 12 to 13 people. Most of the couples are in their 30s. We need more women.
- m. Waterloo Squares Maxine Barnett
Waterloo Squares is having their anniversary dance on March 16 with Scott Bennett and Lucy & Jerry Pate Cuers.
- n. Wheel-N- Deals Dan McDonald & Nancy Owens
We dance three to four squares a night. 7 students are graduating in February.

12) Next Meeting

- a. Would like to swear in at least next year's president after he/she is elected at the April Meeting. Ideally the entire board will be sworn in so on 1 July 2024 they can officially take over duties.
- b. Historically, the July meeting is the "Installation Dance", and the officers are installed at the dance. But dancers don't like time taken away from their dancing. The new board could just be introduced at the beginning of the dance.
- c. Next meeting scheduled for April 13th at 2 pm.

13) Adjournment

Brooke Peters adjourned the meeting at 3:35 PM.