

**Palomar Smooth Dancers
Meeting Minutes 12 Aug 2025**

Attendees: 26

Call to Order: 7:00 pm. The pledge was led by Penny.

President's Report: President Penny thanked Marion for providing decorations at the last social. She has convention packages available for anyone with a last-minute interest in attending. If you are planning to attend Coronation, the planning committee would appreciate you making your reservations now.

Secretary's Report: **M/S Antonia/Letitia that we approve the July Secretary's minutes. Approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Peter reported a net loss of \$950.39 for July, largely due to our liability insurance for two facilities. After transferring \$29,608.45 to Vanguard MM, our ending balance is \$9,995.29. Operating cash flow from dance classes was \$2,372 and net loss from dance socials was \$465.18 as expected.

Membership: Alicia was not in attendance to present the applications of Daniel and Amanda Parra who have not returned since they attended the initial dance lesson. We will ask Al to verify that they still want to pursue membership. Our membership is currently at 96.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Chris reported the following birthdays for August: Darlene, Alicia, Jeff, Mike, and Marilee and we sang.

Queen's Report: Queen Debbie Atherton was not present to report.

Coronation 2025: Antonia and Carol reported that corsages, boutonnieres, and table decorations are handled. Fred assembled the new arch which looks great. However, a problem has developed with Ocean Hills. Saturday morning has been booked by the theater arts group. The room will not be available to us until 2 pm Saturday. We discussed renting the room Friday night to decorate as we don't think the decorations would be disturbed by the theater arts group. **M/S Peter/Antonia that we spend up to \$300 to secure a time to decorate. Approved.** Miriam needs a list of volunteers for the gate on Friday. Carol will provide a list of volunteers and their assigned tasks.

Convention: Marsha's formation team is continuing to practice. Delegates at Convention will be Penny Elliot, Ann Mauro, Kelly Kimmitt, Bill Fujikawa, and Peter Hanson.

Director's Report: Ann reported that she has been in touch with Dan and Amy. Some changes were proposed at Bakersfield that need to be confirmed at Convention, but no vote will be needed.

Dance Rules: Bill had nothing to report. Penny reported that she had received some suggestions for clothing ideas for the different events at the convention via email that would be available to anyone who wanted to review them.

Socials – Ann needs people to volunteer for checking people in at socials and collecting money. This needs to be done for socials in August through November. Peggy and Len need some relief from this task. The August social will be a week earlier, on August 24th with a theme of “An Evening in Margaritaville”. The October theme is usually Halloween with dancers invited to come in costume. Themes are needed for the other socials. We also need to decide if we want catered food for the holiday social which would require renting the extra room. **M/S Carol/Antonia that we rent the extra room for November 30th. Approved.**

Dance Classes: President Penny had previously discussed some possible changes in the class schedule with Carrie for the remaining months of the year. She will call Carrie and if changes need to be made to the website, she will advise us as soon as possible.

Website/Publicity: Everything is up to date. You can sign up for Penny's Coronation online. You can also fill out a membership application online. Checks need to be sent separately.

Old Business:

- **Coronation Registration:** Carol asks that you please send in your reservations ASAP.

New Business:

- **Ideas for Use of Club Funds:** After discussion, the following motions were passed. **M/S Ann/George that we reduce the dues for renewing members to \$25/year beginning with the renewals due in January. Approved. M/S Peggy/Carol that we waive the application fee of \$20 for new members beginning in January. Approved.**
- **New Member Welcoming Party:** Peter suggested we hold a welcoming party for new members quarterly including food, beverages, and an orientation at a place to be determined. We would need a chair for this.
- **Directory:** We would appreciate a volunteer coming forward to assume responsibility for updating our membership directory which includes photos. An

8 ½ x 11 format was suggested. The Directory could be distributed to members twice a year by email so they can print their own copy if desired.

- **Updated Allowance for our Queen: M/S Kelly/Ann that we increase the queen's allowance for expenses from \$400 per event to \$450 per event. Approved.**

The Rockbox winner was Len Lee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be September 9th.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Jackson, Recording Secretary