

**Palomar Smooth Dancers  
Meeting Minutes 8 April 2025**

**Attendees:** 23

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

**Secretary's Report:** M/S Chris/Mario that we approve the March Secretary's minutes. Approved.

**President's Report:** Penny reported that the Bakersfield Coronation was a lot of fun with 25 to 30 of our members in attendance. This is more than 25% of our membership, which made our chapter's support the largest of the other clubs attending.

**Treasurer's Report:** Frank reported that our cash flow was up \$3,361 year to date, with operating cash at \$33,882. He noted that our expenses for socials were exceeding revenue but this was not concerning given our overall situation. He also reported that the Wyndham hotel has not cashed one of our checks.

**Membership:** Alicia was unable to present the candidates for membership. This was tabled until next month. Kathryn "Kate" McKee was introduced as one of our new members. A brochure is being developed with the new proposed membership requirements. Our Bylaws will need to be updated before these proposed changes can go into effect.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Chris reported the following birthdays for April: Tom, Melvin, Renee, Valderie, Antonia, Joan, Lynne, Anthony, Charleen, George, Marianne and Elliot and we sang.

**Queen's Report:** Queen Debbie Atherton reported a great Palomar turnout for the 3-day Bakersfield Coronation, with the theme of "Barbie's Dream Ball". She shared the gifts from the Queen's Luncheon. The next Coronation is for Visalia on May 17<sup>th</sup> with the theme of "Wine and Roses". This will be followed in June by Fresno's Coronation with the theme of "Under the Big Top". Packets are available for the annual Convention at Golden Gate to be held August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Coronation 2025:** Antonia stated that there was nothing new to report. Carol said they will begin looking for volunteers at a later date.

**Dance Classes:** We are offering Beginning Cha Cha and Intermediate Foxtrot this month. Three prospective members showed up from Grouper for the first Cha Cha class.

Grouper has proposed that if we drop the price for this initial class from \$10 to \$3, they will pick up that cost in an effort to continue this relationship with us. **M/S Antonia/Donna that we charge Grouper \$3 each for their new attendees at the first Beginning class of each month with these new attendees being charged our normal \$10 for any subsequent classes they take. Approved.** Kelly commented on how important it is for experienced members to attend the beginning classes to help the beginners learn and have a positive experience.

**Dance Rules:** Mark stated that there was nothing new to report regarding rules. He stated that Carl, the editor of Dance Whispers, had sent all of the Chapter editors new software to use.

**Director's Report:** Penny reported in Ann's absence that changes to the Constitution have been completed and passed. New forms are being created for future new chapter applications. Proposed changes to Dance Rules did not pass. Ann has been elected Vice Chair of the NSD Board for 2025-26.

**Social Chairs** – Antonia reported for Ann and thanked everyone helping at our socials on her behalf. Mario stated that the theme for the April 27<sup>th</sup> social will be changed.

**Website/Publicity:** Kelly reported that the website has been updated with information about the Golden Gate convention, the April social, and the Bakersfield performances. He said it is important to use the website link to the Golden Gate convention to get the discounted hotel rate. Grouper wants to continue their relationship with us.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Thanking Convention Volunteers:** Kelly is working with Ann and Queen Debbie to finalize a proposed thank you gift for the 70 volunteers who assisted with convention.
- **Management of Speaker:** Frank is personally recruiting a team to transport the speaker to lessons, socials and meetings.

#### **New Business:**

- **Beginner Class Routine:** Geri suggested that we play the song the beginning class is familiar with at our socials to allow the beginners to comfortably dance the routine they have learned. Carrie can get us the slowed down version she uses. Mike or Greg would need it in advance to work it into the playlist after announcements. This will be implemented at the April social.

The Rockbox winner was Cathy Lombardi.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm. The next meeting will be May 13th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Jackson, Recording Secretary