

Staten Island Ballroom Dancers
Minutes for Meeting #679 on April 9, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Springstead at 7:40pm with a Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MATTERS:

RECORDING SECRETARY MATTERS (Marilyn Laraia): Marilyn read the prior month's minutes which were accepted by the Club.

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY (Maryann Mazza): Nothing to report.

TREASURER (Mike Marinaccio): Mike said that the Club has a balance of \$12,446 and is in good shape financially.

VICE PRESIDENT (Denise Pianoforte): Denise thanked everyone for their get well cards and calls. She thanked Gaetana Esposito for tonight's coffee and cake. She also thanked Frank Byrne for setting up the room tonight.

PRESIDENT (Joan Springstead): Joan listed the hosts for the dances at the Crystal Room:

April 12th	Vinny & Pattiann Ferrara and Jim and Maria Dolce
June 7th	Gary Burkhardt & Ana Cosentino and Manuel & Nelly Peraza
August 9th	Ernie & Vicki Serrano and Sergey Shimshovich & Olga Berlai
October 11th	George Concepcion & Betsy Greene and Vincent Verdi & Ann Marie McDonnell
December 6th	SIBD Board

Both the April 12th and June 7th dances begin at 6pm.

Joan said that Mike Marinaccio would like to retire as our Treasurer. If anyone would like to volunteer to be our future Treasurer, please let Joan or Mike know. Mike said he served under 4 Club presidents. He does not plan on retiring soon. But the sooner a member volunteers, the more time Mike will have to work with him or her before he actually retires.. The Treasurer receives and deposits our checks in the bank and writes Club checks to pay our expenses. Mike uses an Excel spreadsheet to track our finances.

The October Dance is also when the Club is celebrating its 65th Anniversary. A committee is being formed of members to plan ways to celebrate the anniversary at the dance. Volunteers are welcome to join the committee. Joan is calling a meeting of the committee on May 14th at 6:45pm at Moravian prior to our regular Club meeting at 7:30.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP (Jerry Mulnick, Angie DePompo-Seff, Vincent Graziano, Tom Springstead & Neil Seff): Angie, Vincent & Tom worked the door and collected \$280 from the 56 members in attendance.

EXAMINER (Vinny Ferrara & Vinny Laraia): Nothing to report.

PUBLICITY (Tina Murphy): Tina did not attend & there was nothing to report.

SOCIALS (Ann Marie McDonnell): Joan filled in for Ann Marie and reported that the remaining Tango/Rumba lessons will be held on April 16th and April 23rd. There will be an Open Social on April 30th. The next set of lessons will begin on May 7th and Ann Marie will email everyone with the schedule and the dances that will be taught. The fee will be \$35 per person based on the number of members attending.

WEBSITE (Gary Burkhardt): Nothing to report.

DANCE HOST ADVISOR (Ana Cosentino): Nothing to report.

DANCE DJ's (Neil Seff): Neil said Brandis will DJ the April 12th Dance and our own Vinny Ferrara will DJ the June 7th Dance,

OTHER BUSINESS:

Soroptomist Luncheon

Angie Seff announced that the Ruby Awards Luncheon was a huge success. More than \$30,000 was raised for scholarships for needy women. She said that events at Soroptomist included lectures on different topics, such as autism. There are no requirements for members to attend particular events or any set number of meetings. Please contact her if you are interested in joining.

Ways to Make Payments to the Club

There was extensive conversation regarding using Zelle in combination with other methods of paying and signing up for our dances. Gary Burkhardt offered to research our options.

The Club held a Moment of Silence and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

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