

SVSRDA Business Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2015 2:00pm
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
150 Jefferson Avenue
York, Pa 17401

1. Meeting called to order by Jim Miller at 2:00pm.
2. Prayer was led by Chaplain Norm Diefenderfer
3. Roll Call of Clubs by Ivy Lair
4. Recording Secretary's Report. Questions and Corrections on Old Business. 8a. How many clubs participating in Insurance Program? 9 Clubs total, 7 through SVSRDA, 2 through WASCA. 8f. Typo. 9a should read Russ Booz. Gail Diefenderfer moved to accept the corrected minutes. Tom Kern seconded.
5. Treasurer's Report by Naomi Fisher. The treasurer's report was accepted and approved after some discussion.

Beginning balance as of May 1, 2015	May-Aug 2015	Ending Balance Aug 31,2015
Checking Acct-\$6,627.06	Total Income \$1,247.48	
	Total Expenses \$542.50	Ending Balance \$7,332.04

6. Correspondence Secretary's Report-Ivy Lair.
 - a. Sunshine Report. Ivy is sending emails not cards to people who are ill.
 - b. Send Ivy any corrections to contact information.
7. Reports of Committees
 - a. The nomination committee consists of Shippen Squares, Star Promenaders & Swing Thrus. The offices that need to be filled are Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary & Chaplain. Nominations can also come from the floor.
 - b. Showcase of Ideas by Bob Lawn. Bob set up a table at the Pa State Convention and did have some people looking at it. If someone else would like to handle this position, he will give them the materials.
 - c. Visitation Report by Jack Stone. Flirts & Skirts, Gad-Abouts & Palm Squares have turned in some cards. The Flirts & Skirts have 51 visits and Gad-Abouts have 23 visits so far.
 - d. President's Ball Report April 26, 2015 by Mary Jo Proctor. Net proceeds were \$1,044.89 and they gave \$208.90 to SVSRDA.
 - e. President's Ball Report April 24, 2016 by Bob Lawn. No volunteers to host. SVSRDA will host the ball. Wyndam gave away our date so Bob & Dan Prosser decided on the Monahan Fire Hall in Dillsburg. It's a suitable space for a reasonable amount of money. The caller will be Ted Lizotte and the cuer Linda Prosser. The clubs are pitching in to take care of the work. Al Groth from Fair Squares booked the caller & cuer, Flirts & Skirts will do door prizes and refreshments, Savoy will do the catering, Palm Squares will handle the 50/50, DoPaso will handle greeters and flyer table and Naomi Fisher will handle registration & flyer. There is room for Mainstream dancing and the caller will be announced at a later date. Still need volunteers for announcer, handing out programs, signs to set up in entrance

area, decorations (minimum), banners, corsages, officers line up, hall clean up. Eliminate raffle, centerpieces & favors. Menu is on the back of the program. The menu is a buffet, featuring fried chicken, swiss steak, mashed potatoes, corn, salad & desserts. The price for 2 entrees \$13.50 and 3 entrees \$14.50. The hall is set up to seat 208 people with 12-14 per table. Half the tables will need to be down for the dancing and the rest set up for dinner. The theme for the dance chosen is Simply Dancing. The prices will remain the same with dinner and dance \$25.00 and dance only \$10.00.

- f. President's Ball Host 2017. Bob Lawn. There are no volunteers as yet. The association may need to host the ball again. We need to book a caller now since they book themselves out 2-3 years.
- g. Graduation Ball Host May 17, 2015 by Marcia Gorski. The Gad-Abouts & Panhandlers co-hosted the ball. The total income from 44 paid attendees & 50/50 proceeds was \$271.00 with expenses of \$231.00 and 20%, \$8.00 sent to SVSRDA for a net income of \$32.00. Our volunteer callers included Cameron Harnish a local young caller.
- h. Graduation Ball Host 2016. Fair Squares will host.
- i. Graduation Ball Host 2017. Still need a volunteer to host.

8. Old Business

- a. Insurance Program by Tom Kern. Insurance forms are in the packets for each club. The forms given are the ones that have to be used. The cost has gone up to \$4.70 from \$4.50. The forms need to be in by November 20, 2015. We still need a replacement for the Insurance and Tom is willing to train.
- b. Visitation Policy. The visitation policy is correct in the book but should say 2015/16. Pretty Boy Swingers is dissolved completely but has paid in for visitations. Susan asked what the payout for visits is and if we should consider raising the amount since we have extra money. Members agreed that it is not about the money but would be a nice perk. Dan Prosser moved to double the pot for visitations starting immediately. Bob Lawn seconded.
- c. Farm Show Competition and Demonstrations, Jan 2016-Dan Prosser. This is the 100th anniversary of the Farm Show. Flyers are in the packets for the clubs. The music is chosen and everything is on track. Dan will notify all the callers.
- d. PSRDF State Coordinator for Club membership-Norm Diefenderfer. The annual dues remain at \$1.00 per person and a one time \$20.00 payment for new Life Memberships. The PSRDF Treasurer wants only once check so send payments to Naomi made out to SVSRDA who will then send one check to PSRDF.
- e. PSRDF-Reminder to all clubs-promotional monies from the State are on hold until their financial situation improves. Jim asked what is the benefit for the individual clubs to have a State organization? Tom Kern-It's an umbrella over individual organizations such as the SVSRDA to make square dancing stronger. Dee Kern-In the past the board members were mainly from the Pittsburgh area and it was harder to get information. Now we have board members that are local to our area so we have a chance to make it better. Bob Lawn-We have to do something now. If this convention fails there won't be a State Assn.

Last year the convention lost \$4,000.00 by guaranteeing the number of rooms and when we fell short, the ballroom had to be paid for.

9. New Business

- a. National Square Dance Convention is in DesMoines, Ia, June 22-25, 2016.
- b. Pa Federation 22nd State Convention, Camp Hill, Pa, August 7-9 2015. The convention either lost a little money or broke even.
- c. Pa Federation 23rd State Convention, Holiday Inn, Johnstown, August 11, 12, 13, 2016
We need to start promoting it now.
- d. Pa Federation 24th Convention in 2017 is still up in the air.
- e. PSRDF Board Meeting, October 4th 2015 Johnstown (who of you attend?) Bob Lawn-We have 20 votes if everyone attends. We need to use the votes to make a difference.

More New Business

Dan Prosser-The Virginia State Convention is very successful and no one receives any comps or free rooms. Same for the National Convention. Everyone pays. Pa Convention pays for about 13 rooms for 2 days along with some meals which adds up to thousands of dollars which could be used elsewhere. Va State shares profits with their caller association. Pa should consider doing the same to encourage callers to encourage dancers to attend. The whole convention needs to be restructured.

Naomi Fisher-Since the Association has extra money would like to suggest that we increase the amount to give back to clubs for graduation, demos and one nighters. Dee Kern-there has to be a certain number of people doing a demo and a certain number graduating to receive an award. Jim Miller-Do we want to think about it or take action today? Dee Kern-We should gather information for the next meeting to know what is involved. Naomi-Are we going to update the website and bylaws regarding the visitations? Jim Miller-Everyone should inform their own clubs. At next meeting present an amendment to the bylaws. Bob Lawn-We need 10 days or 2 weeks to amend the bylaws and must send to the members 2 weeks before the meeting. It can be approved at the next meeting and apply to this year. Jim will get it out. The bylaws are on the website and in the book.

Fair Squares Anniversary Dance is on October 17, 2015. It is listed in the book as 8:00pm but starts at 7:30pm. There are no early rounds. Dan and Linda will be there. Let them know ahead of time if you plan a visitation on that night.

Naomi Fisher-For anyone going to the meeting in two weeks, Laurel Mountain Federation is holding it's 24th Annual Dance on Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 1-5pm. There will be multiple callers and cuers.

Linda Prosser-The Caller and Cuer Showcase dance is on November 15, 2015 at the Monahan Fire Hall. It's a great deal. Dinner and dance is \$15.00, dance only \$10.00. It will be catered by Savoy and Linda has tickets.

Meeting adjourned at 3:16pm.