

SVSRDA Business Meeting
September 7, 2014

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
150 Jefferson Avenue
York, Pa 17401

1. Meeting was called to order by President Bob Lawn at 2:00pm.
2. Prayer was led by Chaplain Norm Diefenderfer
3. Roll Call of Clubs by Ivy Lair. Continental Squares was not present.
4. Recording Secretary's Report-Marcia Gorski. The minutes were not read aloud as they were sent out by email and everyone had them. There were no additions or corrections made. The minutes were approved.
5. Treasurer's Report-Naomi Fisher. Treasurer's Report was accepted as read and approved.

Beginning balance as of 5-1-14	May-Aug 2014	Ending Balance as of Aug 31, 2014
Checking Account \$6003.72	Total Income \$1,717.24	
	Total Expenses \$521.54	Ending Balance \$7,199.42

6. Correspondence Secretary's Report-Ivy Lair. There has not been any correspondence. Anyone who needs to change email info, contact Ivy Lair.

7. Reports of Committees

a. Nominating Committee-Palm Squares, Panhandlers and Pretty Boy Swingers. The positions that are up for election are President and Vice-President for 2 year terms. Nominees should be presented at January 2015 meeting and will be voted on at the April 2015 meeting.

b. Showcase of Ideas-Bob Lawn. Will set up at President's Ball again next year for people to look at.

c. Visitation Report-Jim Miller. Has cards in from 7 clubs so far with 24 visits made by 210 visitors. Palm Squares has visited 7 clubs so far this dance season. Send cards in as you fill them in to Jim Miller. So far Jim has not received any suggestions for changes to the visitation program in writing. If you have suggestions for changes send them in writing so that they can be discussed. Has cards for anyone who needs them. Bob Lawn said we can talk about visitation more during Old Business and changes must be in writing at the January meeting to change by-laws for the next dance year. Ivy suggested that we thank Sue for Palm Squares success with visitations. We thanked Sue.

d. Presidents' Ball report 2014-Flirts and Skirts-Linda Prosser. Had a total of 171 dancers with a profit of \$232.34 for SVS&RDA. Profit for 2 host clubs was \$929.34. Raffle brought in \$620.00 & Share the Wealth brought in \$119.00 which was the majority of the profits. Without raffle profit would have been \$422.00. The raffle is very important. Meals have been good with only one complaint that the food wasn't warm enough.

e. Presidents' Ball 2015-Star Promenaders-Mary Jo. Will be at the Valencia Ballroom. Betsey and Roy Gotta will be on rounds and squares. Tri-fold advertising hand-out have been printed up. Flyers are in the back.

f. Presidents' Ball 2016 or 2017-Bob Lawn-Need volunteers to host these next two years. Would like to have volunteers by January 2015 meeting.

g. Graduation Ball Host Report 2014-DoPasO-Pete Wex. There were 44 dancers in attendance, including 14 new dancers, 4 callers and 1 cuer. After expenses there was \$190.50 club host and 38.10 SVSRDA. Suggest that Graduation Ball guidelines be updated on the SVSRDA website. Verified that the split is after expenses and that Callers donate their services and their wives come at No Charge.

h. Graduation Ball Host 2015-Gad-Abouts and Panhandlers will co-host. Will be held at the Wacohu Grange Hall, Hagerstown, Md.

i. Graduation Ball Host 2016-Fair Squares volunteered. Thank you Gary.

8. Old Business

a. Insurance Program-Tom Kern-Will let us know when he knows cost. Please use designated forms. Won't accept anything else. Call Tom if you have questions. Can go online for more info.

b. Visitation Policy-Pete Wex-Group discussed-Can we drop one visit? Can we start 2nd round without completing all? Create a second plaque? Motion to have 2nd plaque for Club that makes the most visits. Will go into effect this year. Voted and passed. One plaque will be for total number of visits and one plaque for total number of visitors. By-laws do not include second round of visits. Decided to not change rules. Visitations have increased. Peer pressure seems to be working. Discuss again in January 2015.

c. Farm Show Competition & Demonstrations, Jan 2015-Dan Prosser. Date of Farm Show is January 12, 2015. Need Dancers. Flyers in packet. Get more kids in dancing? Dan says that there is no longevity with kids. Kids may come back in later years. Target group is empty nesters.

d. 21st Pa State Convention in State College-Bob Lawn. Attendance lower than in previous years. Farm Show may be better. We don't do a booth at the Farm Show anymore because there is no profit. PSRDF meeting in October 12, 2014 at the Radisson. If anyone wants to attend let Bob know.

e. PSRDF State Coordinator for Club membership-Norm Diefenderfer. Membership lists and dues are due in January 2015.

f. PSRDF-Reminder to all clubs to apply for promotional monies for PSFRDF and SVSRDA programs. Forms are on website. Some benefits are incentives for demos and graduating classes. SVSRDA continues to support new dancer summer dance program. Price is \$2.50 each. Need experienced dancers to dance with new dancers. Four clubs currently involved. Dan Prosser believes Sundays are the best day. Hall rental up to \$100.00, caller expense & food \$15.00. Program is reviewed each year. Naomi reports summer dances expense is \$440.67. Although we are not making anything, books sales profit is \$872.80 for this year. Has extra books. Profit and expense of these two programs cover each other. Motion to continue support of new dancer program. Passed.

9. New Business

- a. National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, Ma, June 25-28, 2015.
- b. National Square Dance Convention 2016 is in Des Moines, Iowa on June 22-25, 2016.
- c. Pa Federation 22nd State Convention is in Camp Hill, Pa August 7th thru 9th, 2015 at the Radisson Hotel. Mike Callahan calling Wednesday and Johnny Preston calling on Saturday.
- d. Pa Federation 23rd State Convention. Location is yet to be determined. Bob Lawn is looking for national callers. Let Bob know if you have any favorite callers that you would like to have.
- e. Members discussed dropping the cost of Advertising prices, lowering the price of the books to \$3.00 and eliminate the Buy 5 books and receive 1 free program. Motion to lower prices passes 7 to 4.

10. Good of the Association

Clubs have special dances coming up. Panhandlers dance location has been changed to Eagle Elementary School. Question on how to join Google Groups. Meeting lasted 1 hour and 23 minutes.

Next meeting January 11, 2015 at Grace Evangelical Lutheran church. 2pm

Following meeting, April 26, 2015 following the Presidents' Ball.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.