



BUSINESS MEETING OF SVS&RDA

JANUARY 13, 2008

Grace Lutheran Church, York, PA

1. Call to Order by President, Ruth Buehler, at 2:00 pm.
2. Prayer was offered by Louanna Sturm in the absence of Chaplain, Ken & Barb Baker. Ken & Barb have submitted their resignation for this position.
3. Roll call of clubs - Each club present responded with the number of new dancers for their club. There were 11 out of 14 clubs represented and the following have an active new dancer program – Do-Pas O's – 6; Flirts & Skirts – 6; Gad-Abouts – 20; Swing Thrus – 10; and Whirley Birds – 5. Shippen Squares and Flirts & Skirts will be starting new programs this month.
4. Secretary's Report – Dave Meyers made a motion, seconded by Jerry Kammerdiener, to accept the minutes as printed. Ruth said the secretary will cast a ballot as being approved.
5. Treasurer's Report – Jerry Kammerdiener reported a beginning balance of \$2,630.00 in the checking account and \$2,500 in a CD which will be maturing 1/22/08; the current balance in checking account is \$4,436.65. Linda Prosser made a motion, seconded by Jerry Goshorn, to accept the Treasurer's report. No vote taken to accept report.
6. Correspondence Report – Louanna said they sent out two cards – Congratulations cards to Shippen Squares for their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to Gad-Abouts for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
7. Reports of Committees
  - a. Calendar of events – Bill & Ruth are looking for someone to prepare the Directories for next year. The task is open to anyone that is interested. Nancy Beckner volunteered to work with Bill to prepare the Directories. The information packets will be handed out at the next meeting to be completed and returned to her. An Excel schedule is being sent with these minutes. These may be sent to Nancy and greatly facilitate the preparation of the Directory
  - b. Showcase of Ideas – Jerry Beckner said they're working on it and they will have it ready by the President's Ball.
  - c. Advertising Report – Need committee chair
  - d. Visitation Report – Nancy distributed a Visitation Summary; notify her for any corrections.
  - e. Nominating Committee for 2008 – Jay & Barb Shuman, chair, along with Dave & Doris Kreiter and Pete & Penny Wex presented the ballot. Vice President, Jerry & Nancy Beckner; Recording Secretary, Earl & Mary Hicks; Corresponding Secretary, Carroll & Louanna Sturm; and Chaplain, Charles & Marti Eshelman.

- f. President's Ball host 2008 – Flirts & Skirts, Dan Prosser, reported they are on schedule. John Donohue has the tickets which are \$22 per person. Each club needs to have their tickets back to him by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Ruth asked for a motion to make a policy of inviting the Presidents of the PSRDF to attend the President's Ball and the SVS&RDA would pay for their tickets. Linda Prosser made the motion, seconded by Jerry Goshorn; motion passed. Dan made the following requests of each club:
    - i. Each club is to donate a door prize for this dance.
    - ii. Each club should bring their banner to the dance.
    - iii. Announce the President's Ball at each club dance and mention you have tickets for this dance; cut off date is April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - g. President's Ball host 2009 – It was suggested the Executive Board host this dance. Ruth said they have a verbal agreement with Tim Marriner to be the caller. Each club is asked to volunteer to help with the many tasks. After discussion, Nancy Beckner made a motion, seconded by Charles Eshelman, that the Executive Board host the 2009 President's Ball. Motion passed.
  - h. Graduation Ball 2008 – Gad-Abouts said flyers are in everyone's envelope.
  - i. Graduation Ball 2009 – Flirts & Skirts will be the host.
  - j. President's Ball 2010 – Bill asked if we should contact callers to see who would be willing and available to call this dance. Dan asked Bill to make the contacts and bring a list of available callers to the association for a vote.
8. Old Business – Tax exemption, Tom Kern was absent so this will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
9. New Business
- a. Farm Show Competition & Demonstrations – Dan Prosser said it was very successful this year and he thanked every club for their participation and for helping with new dancers. There were more competition and demonstration squares this year. Dusty Miller received favorable comments for his commentary during the competitions and demonstrations. John Donohue was floor manager for the demonstration dancers to make sure every dancer got a chance to dance.
  - b. Farm Show Booth – Bill & Ruth said over 70 dancers worked at the booth. There were representatives from five of the six federations. We plan to have the booth again next year. Also, two demonstrations have been scheduled for next year. At these demonstrations, the primary focus should be to invite non-dancers to try introduction to square dancing.
  - c. Nominations for officers of PSRDF – Mike and Pat Masko, President of PSRDF, asked for nominations of potential officers for the State Federation.
  - d. PSRDF Membership Reporting – Bill encouraged more participation at the state meetings; we are allowed 12 voting delegates at these meetings.

- e. New Dancer Programs on Web Site & Club Status Reports – There is a new dancer program form on the web site. Bill is requesting information from clubs regarding new dancer activity to post on this form.
- f. Ruth asked for a motion to place an ad in the state convention booklet. Jerry Goshorn made the motion, seconded by Doris Kreiter. Ruth said we will go ahead and do that.
- g. National Square Dance Convention, Wichita, Kansas – June 25 to 28, 2008. Bill has forms or you can go to their web site and print the forms.
- h. The 15<sup>th</sup> State Square and Round Dance Convention, August 8, 9 & 10, 2008 will be held in Pittsburgh at the William Penn Omni.
- i. Google Group formed for Central PA – Western PA has also formed a Google Group. There are now four groups in our greater area – Yahoo group which is the WASCA (Washington Area Square Dancers Cooperative Association) group and has 445 members; There are 352 family members in the Del Val Google Group. There are 21 members in the Central PA Google Group. Bill encouraged all the clubs to have their dancers become members of the Central PA Google Group; the web site address is <http://groups.google.com/group/central-PA-sqdan> or you may subscribe by visiting <http://psrdf.org/svsrda>. This is a great way to get club information advertised. (see Presidents Note addendum to these minutes)
- j. Ruth appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Martha Thompson, Charles & Marti Eshelman and Jerry & Mary Ann Goshorn to come up with suggestions to support the new dancer program. Emails sent to Bill will be forwarded to this committee and Charles & Marti Eshelman will make a presentation at the President's Ball.

#### 10. Good of the Association

- a. Next meeting – Sunday, April 27, 2008, Mechanicsburg Middle School following the President's Ball dance and dinner.
- b. Jay Shuman had a concern regarding non-member dancers being covered by our insurance. Bill suggested he email Pete Wex for the answer.
- c. The September meeting will be held 2:00 p.m. September 7, 2008 at Grace Lutheran Church.

#### 11. Adjournment

- a. Jerry Kammerdiener made the motion, seconded by Dave Kreiter, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dave & Joanne Meyers*

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