

SVSRDA BUSINESS MEETING
January 13, 2013

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
150 Jefferson Avenue
York, PA 17401

1. Meeting was called to order by President Tom Kern at 2:00 pm.
2. Prayer was led by Chaplain - Ken Baker.
3. Roll call of clubs by Ruth Buehler. Three clubs not present at this time: Continental Squares, Panhandlers, and Shippen Squares. A representative from Shippen Squares did arrive later during the meeting.
4. Recording Secretary's Report - Cheryl Rakes. Motion was made by Ruth Buehler to waive the reading of the minutes. Seconded by Bob Lawn and passed unanimously. One correction noted to the minutes that it should be 80% of profit (not 20%) from Presidents' Ball went to host club, Prettyboy Swingers. Motion made by Bill Buehler to accept the minutes. Seconded by Bob Lawn and passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report - Naomi Fisher, Assistant Treasurer. Bonnie Hemperly is no longer involved with the activity; and therefore all treasurer duties have been handed over to Naomi.

Beginning Balance 5/1/2012

Ending Balance 12/31/2012

Checking Account \$6,922.64	Total Receipts \$2,095.37	
	Total Disbursements \$1,134.14	Checking Account <u>\$7,883.87</u>

Treasury Detail Follows:

Income:		Expenses:	
Club Dues	\$175.00	Board Meetings	\$80.00
Visitation Program	\$270.00	Books	\$338.14
Patron/Books	\$1,186.00	Mainstream Dances	\$427.43
Grad/President Balls	\$347.87	Demo Dance Program	\$150.00
New Dancer Program	<u>\$1,165.50</u>	Office Expenses	\$43.97
Total Income for the year to	<u>\$2,095.37</u>	Misc.	<u>\$134.60</u>
Total Available cash is	\$9,018.01	Total Expenses for the year are:	<u>\$1,174.14</u>

Tom asked about the CD with an approximate value of \$2,500.00. Not all information has been turned over to the new treasurer. Glen Haagen audited the books at the time that everything was turned over and said all is Okay.

6. Corresponding Secretary Report - Ruth Buehler asked everyone to check your email address with the sheet that is coming around the room.

7. Reports of Committees

a. Nominating Committee - Linda Prosser accepted the position / task of Chairman. It was asked what positions need to be filled: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. The By-Laws have been changed to reflect the new pattern to elect the officers.

b. Showcase of Ideas - Need a volunteer for this as Bonnie is no longer involved. We have acquired two SVSRDA banners to promote the association. The banners can be signed out for use by a club. And additional material is available about the history of SVSRDA.

c. Visitation Report - Bob Lawn reported 31 visits so far with a total of 389 visitors. Flirts & Skirts is the only club to have visited all clubs in the association plus one additional club visit. Do-Pas-O had 34 visitors at their last Saturday dance.

d. Presidents' Ball - April 28, 2013. Swing Thrus Report given by Jack and Patty Stone. Please return the white sheet today with the number of tickets you need for your club. The location is the Valencia Ballroom in York, PA. It starts at 2:00 pm. Caller is Tom Miller, Cuer is Linda Prosser. Dave Kreiter will call for the new dancers. See the flyers in the packet for cost and other details.

e. Presidents' Ball - April 27, 2014 - Flirts & Skirts volunteered to host reported Ivy Lair. They will possibly use the Valencia,

f. Presidents' Ball - 2015 - need a host. Tom commented that two clubs can host together. At the Valencia a minimum amount of work is needed, no chair set up as the Valencia does it, free parking, and your club can make money with a minimum number of dinners.

g. Graduation Ball - 2013 -Gad-Abouts & Shippen Squares. Bob Lawn report that flyers are in the packets. It will be held at Scotland Community Center, Chambersburg, PA (Exit 20 off I-81).

h. Graduation Ball - 2014 - Do-Pas-O will host.

i. Graduation Ball - 2015 - need a host.

8. Old Business

a. The change has been made in the By-Laws so that the President and Vice-President are elected at the same time/same year.

b. Visitation Policy. Jim Haverstick from Do-Pas-O read a proposal to amend the visitation rules that would allow a club to skip one club from the first round of visits. This would encourage a second round of visits to be started and could be a benefit to smaller clubs that could still get income from additional visits. Lively discussion followed with suggestions to try each method (must visit all clubs or can skip one club before starting on second round of visits) for one year and then evaluate whether to revise the visitation program. Discussion was stopped and a motion was made by Dan Prosser to table this until the April meeting. Seconded by Bob Lawn and passed unanimously.

c. Farm Show Booth - January 5 - 12, 2013. Tom thanked all those who participated in the booth. Tickets for a "free" admission to a dance were handed out. Clubs were listed on the back. State paid for yellow brochures.

d. Farm Show Competition & Demonstrations - Dan Prosser. Everyone received a ribbon for participation; a lot of blue ribbons were given out. If anyone lost their ribbon, Dan has extras. Set up for sound was a problem; did not have enough time after the previous event. However, the previous event was a good draw to get people there and many stayed to watch the square dancing. The sound was a problem especially since the callers could not hear the music. Only a limited number of parking passes are available. If you need to unload equipment, don't use main entrance. They will let you unload if you go to the Maclay Street. Parking passes need to be given out to both the people helping with the booth and for the demonstration dancing.

e. PSRDF Club Membership - Norm Diefenderfer reported SVSRDA has 450 members which includes 46 life members and 47 members from the Panhandlers. We have 142 new members for 2013 and we lost 46 members. These are approximate figures as a report is still needed from Fair Squares. Norm also modeled the new 2013 PA State Convention polo shirt.

f. PSRDF - Bill and Ruth Buehler set up a fund that clubs can apply for promotional monies for PSRDF and SVSRDA programs. Can be used for a new class or a demo.

g. 62nd National Square Dance Convention, Oklahoma City, OK - June 26 - 29, 2013

h. 20th PA State Convention, Camp Hill, PA - August 9 - 11, 2013. Tom and Dee Kern were asked to Chair the Convention; Tom reminded everyone to sign up for the convention. He hopes to see everyone wearing a blue convention ribbon. It is being made into more of a festival-like program that people would want to come to. A project that Tom wants to complete by the end of March is that everyone in each club gets a ribbon showing they are registered. \$30.00 for 3 days of dancing plus a free trail in dance on Thursday night with National caller Gary Shoemake. There will be a 2 1/2 hour special dance on Saturday night with Tom Miller and Bill Harrison. Fantastic tours are available. Mainstream to C1; there will be a hall for everyone to dance in.

9. New Business

a. Joe Pryluck read a statement concerning scheduling conflicts. If you schedule a dance other than on your usual club days, please check to see if another club is dancing. Joe requested that when the annual dance schedule is being put together for the SVSRDA Directory, that if two clubs have scheduled a dance with conflicting dates, the clubs be notified. It was noted that the clubs need to resolve the conflict, not the person assembling the Directory.

b. Bonnie Hemperly sent a letter of resignation effective January 7, 2013. Naomi Fisher will officially take over as treasurer for the remainder of the term.

c. 21st PA State Convention, State College - August 15 - 17, 2014

d. 63rd National Square Dance Convention, Little Rock, AR - June 25 - 28, 2014

e. 64th National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA - June 24 - 27, 2015

f. 22nd PA State Convention, Harrisburg, PA - August, 2015

10. Good of the Association

a. MDSDF would like to encourage people to advertise their dances in the Star Spangled Banner Festival Program Book. Samples of the program book from a prior year were available. Forms were given to each club to place an advertisement for the Maryland Festival being held in July.

b. Do-Pas-O Heart Fund Dance, Lancaster, PA - Sunday, February 10, 2013

c. MDSDF Heart Fund Dance, Havre de Grace, MD - Sunday, February 24, 2013

d. Directories - Ruth Buehler has extra books. They could be given to new dancers. A motion was made to give one free book to each club for every 5 paid books. Dan Prosser approved the motion. Dee Kern seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

e. Next meeting: April 28, 2013 (After the President's Ball) - Valencia Ballroom, 142 N. George Street, York, PA 17401

11. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Rakes
Recording Secretary