MDSDF Delegates Minutes

March 19, 2023

The meeting was the first LIVE meeting since Covid at the Catonsville Senior Center

The meeting started at 2:43pm by President Cheryl Rakes and reciting the pledge.

Present: Cheryl Rakes, Carol Eyre, Brandt B, Betty Jones, Helena Jester, Laura Vykol, Ellen Linsenbardt

Missing: Peggy Lea, Derek Haber, Norva Pope

Cheryl made a brief announcement stating that Dayle’s Dancers were now members of our Federation. And possibly DC Lambda Squares from the DC area may be joining.

Minutes: The January 2023 minutes were reviewed. No changes were necessary. Virgil F made a motion to accept; Joyce B seconded. Approved.

The minutes from the Membership Meeting from October 2022 were also reviewed, with no changes found. Virgil F made a motion to accept; Betty J seconded. Approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Brandt B reported that we have $17,271. $9,922 is in a reserved accounts. They are in separate accounts for designated uses. $5,060 is in reserve for the 33rd Trusteeship. We have $1786 for flooring money. These and the 3-2-1 ticket money are in separate accounts for the Festival. Virgil F made a motion to accept the report, as is. Jackie B seconded. Approved.

A comment was made that the new student prices for the Festival are $20 for MDSDF Club students, and $30 for non-MDSDF Club students.

58th Festival 2023: Carol Eyre reported that there are 109 people registered. There are flyers to take to places when you go. The 3-2-1 tickets are being distributed today. It would be nice if each Club coulc get permission to set up a table at one store to sell. If any Clubs need more tickets than they were given, please contact Mary Dean. There are 3-2-1 posters to take with you to stores – that show and explain what we’re doing for Johns Hopkins. Patron List – Betty Jones is working on collecting names from the Clubs. It’s $1 per name per line. It gets our members listed in the Program Book and it is a fund raiser for the Festival. The Second Hand Rose room will need volunteers on Thursday, maybe Wednesday, for setup. They’ll also need help on Sunday for the tear-down of that room. Will also need people to sit and sell in that room. If you are interested in helping, email Mary for times and other info. Maybe we could have a Volunteer ribbon? The ¾ Student Dance will have a Second Hand Rose too. The Program Book will be digital again this year. We plan on having ads for a small cost. There will be information to follow about emailing, deadlines, full and half page only. Want files that can be directly inserted into book, do not send the ad in pdf format.

59th Festival 2024: Ellen L reported that they are working on getting the Hotel contract signed. Setting up their committee. Deciding on a theme. Finalizing the staff. Working on startup organizing.

Roll Call: 11 of 15 Clubs represented. Missing Crabtown Squares, Frederick County Promenaders, Galaxy Stars, Swinging Aces. There were 6 guests present at the meeting.

Membership List: Laura reported that she needs to add in the new Clubs – approx. 300 names. Dayle’s Dancers will be considered one club that dances multiple programs.

The Federation Membership dues are requested by November of each dance year. This is the first “normal” year since 2020.

Nominations for Board Positions: Cheryl stated that we have a 6 member Board, each serves a 3 year term. Betty Jones has agreed to run for another term. Helena Jester has also agreed to run for another term. Norva Pope is on the Board forever and can participate when she wants. We have 2 vacancies on the Board and their term would be done in August 2024. August 2024 will also be when the current Officers term is complete. Board Members participate in Federation activities and get to vote. Some of them do step up to an Officer position.

Ambassador Dances: Have had 3 of the 4 dances… Friendship Squares, Tom Thumbs and Chesapeake Squares. March will be the Four County Squares dance. That will be the last one for the year.

Appreciation Dance: Four County Sqs will be hosting. See the flyer. It will be June 11, 2023 at the Senior Center. All are invited. There will be a 50/50 and door prizes. There will be Round Dancing in addition to Mainstream, Plus and Advanced squares. Usually this is the first Sunday in May, but. The PA President Ball is the last weekend in April. The MACA dance doesn’t conflict with the Appreciation Dance as they dance just in the morning on Sunday and on Saturday.

Promotion & Recruitment: Helena Jester reported that all of the classes are going well. April 23 is the ¾ Dance at the Catonsville Senior Center. Art LaVigne will call, Amy Shotting will cue. It will be 2 – 4:30pm. There will also be a Second Hand Rose sale.

Insurance: No report.

Google List: Some of the new students have been added to the list.

Website: Cheryl has been talking with Bill P about working on Website and getting it updated.

Sickness: Diane Gill, Bruce Simpers, Keenan?

License Tags: No report.

MACA: The Spring Dance will have Mike Kellogg calling. All Saturday and Sunday morning will be C1 and C2 only. Mike will be calling for several other Clubs while he’s in town. For the summer dance in late July, it will be Advanced and C1 with Doren McBroom and John Marshall.

USDA: We need representatives for the June meeting at the National Convention.

WASCA: The Festival just ended last night. Attendance was just shy of 700 this year.

VASARDA: VA State Convention will be February 15-17 2024, nothing in 2023.

CallerLab in Reno, NV – April 23-26, 2023.

NSDC: 72nd in Mobile, AL – June 21-24, 2023

 73rd in Milwaukee, Wisconsin – June 26-29, 2024

 74th in Shreveport, Louisiana – June 25-28, 2025

OLD Business:

1. 501 (c) 3 organization – this is in the works. It will make some things better.
2. Membership Meeting – need to work on getting the writeups done about the job vacancies.

NEW Business:

1. Nominations for the Board – Laura V nominated Mary Dean for the Board – to finish one of the available terms. Voting is in May. Nominations are due now – March.
2. When the Festival Dance schedule is ready, it will be time to get volunteers for various jobs during the Festival.

Club News:

* Casual Squares will not dance until summer. Maybe fall.
* Swinging Squares will dance the 3rd Saturday in April. Location TBD. Also hope to dance in May and during the summer.
* Chesapeake Squares had their SSD class in the fall. Now the MS is done. May 21 will be Dick Otis. Look for the July 30 dance.
* Friendship Squares had one student that was moved to Four County. From June to August, they will have their Summer Wednesday’s Plus Workshops. April 1 will be a dangle dance. June will be Tom Miller and Kincaids.
* Four County Sqs – Doren McBroom will call March 26 – the Ambassador Dance. The 2nd Tuesday in May will not dance because Mike Kellogg at Chesapeake Sqs.
* Tom Thumbs will have their TOOT in April with Tom Miller.
* Time to start the List of Clubs for Classes to start gathering new dancers.

Be sure to get your Johns Hopkins Raffle Tickets before you leave today!

Next Delegates Meeting via ZOOM……………..…….. Sunday, May 21, 2023; 7pm

Next Board Meeting via ZOOM….……..…………….....Sunday, April 2, 2023; 7pm

**MOTION:** none

Motion made by Virgil F to adjourn meeting. Helena J seconded. Approved.

Meeting ended at 4:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Linsenbardt