

MDSDF DELEGATES MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2018
CATIONSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm by President Carol Eyre, followed by the Pledge and a welcome to all delegates and board members by Carol.

MINUTES: The minutes from the Sept 16 meeting were reviewed. Correction to be made: "Swingin' Squares" needs to be changed to Swinging Squares. With the proposed changes, Betty Jones moved to accept the minutes; Amy Shotting seconded. The minutes were accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cheryl Rakes presented the report. Amy Shotting moved to accept the report; Bruce Simperts seconded. The report was accepted as presented.

FESTIVAL 2018: 5-3-2 Charity - Johns Hopkins will receive \$2,550.00. Norva Pope needs to perform final review of numbers, but amount of donation should not change by much. This is approximately the amount given in the last few years. Cheryl Rakes announced the 2018 Star Spangled Banner Festival had a profit of \$437. Carol requested that dancers visiting other clubs and festivals make announcements for the SSBF. The attendance needs to increase in 2019.

FESTIVAL 2019: Last Saturday was first SSBF theme dance at Belair Square Cats. Angie Clark has contacted the Clubs to schedule dances. Committees are almost set. Festival committee will meet with Hunt Valley Hotel in January. Norva Pope requests 6,000 tickets for 5-3-2 raffle. 5-3-2 tickets will be available at the January Delegates meeting. Norva announced that Friendship Square's bestselling weekend at Lauer's Supermarket was Father's Day weekend. Norva is requesting help for coverage for Father's Day weekend 2019 as she has her granddaughter's wedding. Laura Vykol said she had a big sign to explain why they were there. Most people walked up and bought tickets. Laura is happy to make signs for clubs this year. Registration is \$50 for adult dancers in 2019. Don Pahl asked if the new dancers graduating in 2019 would receive free registration again. Carol Eyre answered that the 33rd money is allocated to pay for students to attend SSBF. This is still the plan. Carol asked how many students are there currently. There are about 30 students. Ellen Linsenhardt asked that the Festival committee chairs check with hotel in the coming week. Some people are having issues booking the rooms. The corporate reservation line for the hotel says they do not know about the festival and do not recognize the code provided by Hunt Valley for the Festival. When Hunt Valley hotel is contacted directly, they have also claimed they do not know about the Festival. Carol said a call will be made to the hotel this week. Average cost of room is \$123 plus taxes.

FESTIVAL 2020: Carol along with other directors and Tom Buchanan will visit Turf Valley Monday, Nov 19, 2018 to see if they can meet the needs of the Festival in 2020. Is this the only hotel being visited as an option? Carol said that Tom may be looking at hotels by airport, but she was not aware of any specific hotels. Carol said the decision needs to be made by January as to where the Festival will be hosted.

MEMBERSHIP: Peggy Lea has the list updated except for Amyable Rounders, which was turned in on Sunday at meeting, and Kincaid Classics. Angie Clark will talk to John and Peg and ask them to update and return to Peggy Lea. Frederick Promenaders did not renew membership with MDSDF. MDSDF now has 16 clubs.

WEBSITE: Carol stated that the Delegates minutes will be available online. The last meeting's minutes were not posted as they were not sent to Bill in time to be put online. Once the minutes are available, an email announcement will be sent out. MDSDF is requesting that members read the minutes when they are posted and bring copies of the minutes with you to the next meeting. The minutes will be posted online as reviewed but not approved. The approval of minutes will occur at the next delegates meeting. MDSDF will have a few copies available at the meetings.

AMBASSADOR DANCES: Emma Hahn announced that there are no ambassador dances scheduled until spring.

HEART FUND DANCE: Emma Hahn has a letter compiled to go to callers. There is not a flyer created yet. The date is February 24, 2019, Churchville Rec Center - Level Building, same place as last year. Cheryl Rakes asked if they needed clothing for the second hand rose sale. Emma said they will accept more clothing although they have a lot of clothing. Emma said to check with Bill Koppenhaver for any clothing donations. Ribbons have not been ordered yet. Emma asked for list of name and addresses of Club presidents to send flyers and ribbons once they are received and printed. Laura Vykol will provide the list to Emma.

APPRECIATION DANCE 2019: Bev Sumy - May 5th, 2019 at Catonsville Senior Center 2-5 pm, free to all MDSDF Club dancers. Dayle Hodge is calling and Amy and Ken Shotting are cueing. The host club is Four County Squares.

MAINSTREAM QUARTER DANCES: Angie Clark - 65 dancers in attendance. Virgil Forbes was calling, and Amy & Ken Shotting were cueing. \$124 50/50, \$62 winner and \$62 to MDSDF for support of future quarter dances. The next quarter dance is the third quarter on March 25, 2019 at Catonsville Senior Center. Art Lavigne will call, and Peg and John Kincaid will cue. There will be a second hand rose sale and 50/50 at this dance. This dance is always free to angels and students.

Miriam Feit spoke for a few minutes, expressing gratitude to members and clubs for their support during this time. She requested to please continue the calls and cards as it has been so uplifting.

SICKNESS/DISTRESS/SUNSHINE: Loss of 4 significant callers this week: Marshall Flippo, Lee Kopman, Lyle Kirkendall, and Frank Lane. Laura Vykol needs addresses for the families to send sympathy cards. Peggy Lea Gosnell sent Lyle's obituary to the MDSDF Google group. Get well card was sent to Pat Reid for outpatient surgery on Friday.

LICENSE TAGS: Laura Vykol – nothing new to announce.

TELEPHONE TREE: Norva Pope is assembling a new telephone tree. It should be ready soon.

CLUB INSURANCE: Bob Larson sent report to Cheryl Rakes. Three clubs are participating - Solo Stars, Dublin Squares, and Four County Squares. Insurance covers 46 members. There was a reminder to Clubs that the insurance year runs Jan – Dec. New Club members who join in Sept through Dec are not covered, unless added to the roster. All members should be added. USDA (United Square Dancers of America) website is a good place if you have questions. The website is <https://www.usda.org/>. Bev requests coverage statements for the quarter dances.

GOOGLE GROUP: Don Pahl announced that there are 329 members currently.

PARKS & REC: Peggy Lea Gosnell - No news. Just a reminder that once a square dance year (Sept – June), dancers must sign the waiver of liability for Baltimore County Recs & Parks. Each and every dancer must sign one.

SDLBA: Bruce Simperts nothing to report

MACA: Peggy Lea Gosnell – the membership dance is the first weekend in December. Linda Sellner is new representative for MDSDF. The spring dance is same weekend as the MDSDF Appreciation Dance.

USDA: Norva Pope is not sure about making it to the meeting at National Convention in 2019. If someone is going to the Convention and can make the USDA National meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 1 pm, please consider representing MDSDF at the meeting. USDA appreciates representatives from all organizations.

WASCA: CT Montgomery - 36 more dancers are registered compared to this time last year. They are up 110 room nights for the 2019 festival. Calls and Cues is losing money, but they continue to produce it.

ROLL CALL: Laura Vykol reported that 13 of 16 clubs are present.

OLD BUSINESS

DIRECTORY: It is still in progress. Carol Eyre says hopefully it will be finished as soon as the last club submits completed roster.

NEW BUSINESS

Virgil Forbes - CallerLab conference is in Richmond VA in 2019. Virgil and Bruce Simperts will be attending.

Linda Turlington questioned about a Club stealing Friendship's banner when Friendship holds that Club's banner. Linda asked if we had rules for the banner stealing. There are rules for banner dances in the directory and on the website, but nothing addressing this specifically. Friendship allowed the club to take Friendship's banner instead of the club's banner. This would be a Club's decision. Virgil Forbes volunteered to review the rules for the banner dances/raids and make suggestions to the Board for revisions to be made before the next directory is completed.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tom Thumbs - John Maloney – Only had one dance in November, therefore, they are hosting a dance at Holifield Elementary on Friday, November 30, 2018, from 8:00 pm – 10:15pm.

Friendship Squares - Laura Vykol – Friendship Squares holiday dance 'Feed the Birds' is Saturday, Dec 1, 2018, with Tom Miller and Peg and John Kincaid at the Severna Park Elks Club. There is still time to register.

Solo Stars – Bruce Simperts - canceled tonight, Sunday, Nov. 17th. The banner dance has been rescheduled in June.

Crabtown Squares – CT Montgomery - Toys for Tots dance is Dec. 14, 2018 beginning at 7:00 pm to allow time for the Restaurant Raffle and still have plenty of dance time. Bring your unwrapped gift to give to the Marine's Toys for Tots.

Swinging Squares – Virgil Forbes - Class Progression Dance 7:30-9:30 Meade Middle Nov 30, 2018. The Christmas Dance is open to new dancers and will be on Saturday, Dec 15, 2018, from 7:30pm – 9:30 pm at Meade Middle School.

Virgil Forbes – Annual Toys for Tots Dance presented WASCA and the National Capital Area Square Dance Leaders Associations at Lee Center Exhibit Hall in Alexandria, VA on Sunday, Dec 1, 2018 from 2-4:30 pm; Dancers may drop toys to Virgil on Tuesday at Belair Square Cats Class, on Wednesday at Friendship Squares class, or at Swinging Squares Progression Dance on Nov 30, 2018.

NEXT DELEGATES MEETING will be held Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the Catonsville Senior Center.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING will be held Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the Catonsville Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT: Virgil Forbes moved to adjourn the meeting; CT Montgomery seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 pm.

Recorded by: Angela Clark, MDSDF Board, Treasurer

**Minutes will be reviewed and voted to accept at the January 20, 2019, delegates meeting