

**MDSDF DELEGATES MEETING
SUNDAY, MARCH 17
CATONSVILLE SENIOR CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:52 pm, followed by the pledge.

MINUTES were accepted as read. The motion was made by Virgil Forbes, seconded by Norva Pope.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted. Motion to accept made by Norva Pope, seconded by Virgil Forbes.

2019 FESTIVAL:

REGISTRATION-125 persons are currently registered

ADS-We do have a few ads in already. Ad forms are on the website. Please print out form and sell to friends, neighbors, local businesses. Clubs can buy an ad to support the Festival. A business card size ad is only \$25.

PATRONS-Peggy Lee Gosnell needs the list of patrons for the Program Book. She will be contacting clubs by e-mail soon to request the patron list. The cost is only \$1 per person to be listed in the book.

5-3-2 TICKETS are now available. Last year Friendship Squares set up a table at a local supermarket and sold tickets to the public. Other clubs might want to consider doing this for this year's sales.

BASKETS-Mary Dean sent a letter to advise clubs of participation guidelines. It was noted that all money raised through the Basket Raffle will go directly to the SSBF.

THEME DANCES still to be held include Crossfires on April 7 and Dublin Dancers on April 13.

(NOTE: Since this meeting, the Dublin date has been changed.)

2020 FESTIVAL:

The 2020 Star Spangled Banner Festival will be held July 16, 17, 18, 2020 at the Red Lion Inn (formerly the Radisson). Other venues that were explored either did not have enough space for all our dancing or were not in our budget.

STAFF for this festival includes callers Bill Harrison, Tom Miller, Todd Fellegly, possibly Mike Seastrom. Cueing staff includes the Blackfords, the Worlocks and the Bradts.

A THEME is still needed for this festival. There was discussion around this idea. John Maloney suggested a Red, White and Blue theme in keeping with the name of the festival OR something dealing with the flag itself OR something tied in with Baltimore.

BUS TRIP IDEA: John also suggested the idea of trying to arrange one or more bus trips into the city as an extra event for dancers, especially those from out-of-town who may not have had the opportunity to see the sights.

2021 FESTIVAL:

Hunt Valley is reserved on July 15-17, 2021 for this event. We are getting the caller/cuer contracts in order. Norva Pope raised the question, "If we love the Red Lion, can we stay there in 2021?" Carol Eyre said no, because we already have a contract with Hunt Valley. IF we really want to go back, it would have to be 2022.

MEMBERSHIP: Peggy Lea Gosnell reported that we currently have 325 members.

WEBSITE: Bill Phelps reported that printable ad forms are available on the website. He is working behind the scenes to make the site better. He said we need to update the contact list.

AMBASSADOR DANCES: The last two Ambassador Dances of this dance year are scheduled for Sunday, March 17 at Solo Stars, and Saturday, April 20 at Four County Squares.

HEART FUND DANCE: Emma Hahn reported that the recent dance raised \$1000 for the American Heart Association.

APPRECIATION DANCE: This dance is scheduled for May 5 at the Catonsville Senior Center from 2-5 pm. Dayle Hodge will call and Amy Shotting will cue. Four County Squares is the host club. Bev Sumy also reported that the 2020 dance is “penciled in” on the calendar.

NEW DANCER QUARTER DANCES: The Three-Quarter Dance will be held on Sunday, March 31 from 2-4:30 pm at the Catonsville Senior Center. Art Lavigne will call and Peg Kincaid will cue.

SICKNESS/DISTRESS: Laura Vykol reported that several cards were sent out. The following people received cards: Lois Auer, sympathy on loss of husband; Jake Oswalt, sympathy on loss of father; John Frick, Ken Shotting and Chris Powers all received get well cards.

PARKS & REC: Peggy Lea Gosnell reminded us that we need waivers signed for any event held at the Catonsville Senior Center. Participants must sign the waiver once each dance year (starts in September, ends in August). We will need to have waivers available for both the Three-Quarter Dance and the Appreciation Dance.

MACA: Linda Sellner is the new rep. They are having their 2019 Spring Dance Weekend on May 4 & 5, featuring caller Ross Howell, at the Catonsville Senior Center.

SDLBA: Bruce Simperts reported that CallerLab will be meeting in Richmond in April.

GOOGLE GROUP: Don Pahl reported that the MDSDF Google Group currently has 332 members.

USDA: Ellen Linsenbardt, Carol Eyre and Cheryl Rakes will represent the MDSDF at the meeting to be held in Atlanta just prior to the National Convention.

ROLL CALL: Laura Vykol reported that 12 of the 16 clubs were present at this meeting.

NO REPORTS were presented about the License Plates, Telephone Tree, Club Insurance, or WASCA.

OLD BUSINESS:

THE MDSDF DIRECTORY has been delayed. The final membership list should be available in 2 weeks, then we will move forward with the directory.

BANNER RAIDS: Virgil Forbes is reviewing/updating rules and regulations regarding Banner Raids. He will e-mail a report to the Board and Delegates when complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

KINCAID CLASSICS has changed their name to Round-Ups to reflect a new focus on members moving to a higher level of round dancing.

NOMINATIONS are now open for Board members. Peggy Lea Gosnell was nominated to be re-elected

for another term on the Board. We need new members!

FUNDRAISERS for MDSDF. Carol Eyre spoke to the need to hold some kind of Fundraiser. Other organizations hold a Booster Dance to raise money. Can we do something like this? The event would need to be family friendly. Please think about possibilities for a fundraiser. Think outside the box!

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLO STARS is dancing tonight, March 17, at the Bykota Senior Center at 7:30pm.

FRIENDSHIP SQUARES is hosting an Old Time Barn Dance on June 1 with Tom Miller and Peg Kincaid. Their annual Christmas Dance will be Saturday, Dec. 7 with Tom Miller and Peg Kincaid. The theme for this dance is Currier & Ives. Linda Turlington will be collecting small figures, small cars and trucks, and magnolia pods to make the decorations for this dance. Please start collecting now! Friendship will be changing their venue in September, 2019. All classes and dances will be held at the Lindale Middle School instead of Linthicum Elementary.

TOM THUMB TOOT! (anniversary dance) will be held Friday, April 5 with Tom Miller and Amy Shotting. The dance will begin at 7:30 pm and will be held at Waverly Elementary, Ellicott City.

SWINGING SQUARES will host their 40th Anniversary Dance on Saturday, March 30 with Virgil Forbes calling and Amy Shotting on rounds. The dance will begin at 7:30 pm at Meade Middle School. Students are invited to attend.

BELAIR SQUARE CATS next dance will be Saturday, March 23. The theme is La Fiesta Grande. Dayle Hodge will be calling, and Peg Kincaid will cue the rounds.

BETTY JONES commented that it would be helpful if club flyers included the day of the event and not just the date, ie, Friday, April 5 instead of just April 5.

NEXT DELEGATE MEETING will be Sunday, May 19 at 2 pm at the Catonsville Senior Center.

NEXT BOARD MEETING will be in April, time and place TBD. The regular meeting date is Easter Sunday, so it will be re-scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: Virgil Forbes moved to adjourn the meeting; Bill Phelps seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helena Jester
Recording Secretary