

MDSDF Delegates Meeting

November 19, 2017

The Delegates Meeting, held at the Catonsville Senior Center, was called to order by President Miriam Feit at 2:12pm. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members and Officers Present: Max & Miriam Feit, Carol Eyre, Cheryl Rakes, Mike & Bev Sumy, Peggy Lea, Norva & Joe Pope, Manny & Ruthye Steinberg, Laura Vykol and Ellen Linsenbardt.

Missing: Angie Clark.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 2017 Delegates Meeting were not available.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl Rakes presented the monthly report commenting that it was short since it is the start of the fiscal year. No comments. Virgil Forbes made a motion to accept the report. Ruthye Steinberg seconded it. Approved.

Festival 2018: Carol Eyre reported that we are finalizing the committee. She reminded everyone of the \$5 discount until Dec 31, 2017. Lynda Brady reported that 102 have registered – with 24 rollovers. The 5-3-2's and the ad information will be distributed at the January meeting. We have gotten some new volunteers for 2018, but no Asst. Directors yet. Lynda is doing some research over the past 3 years about why our numbers are down. We can't change the pay for the callers and cuers. The flooring is a very big cost. Plus and Plus_DBD are most of the people that register. For flooring, we have been back and forth about what we're doing and what we have to do. With having 400-450 dancers, we are lucky to break even given all of the other expenses. We need to advertise more in the VA, DC and other surrounding state areas. There are 2 holiday dances in the DC area where we could promote the festival. We have to promote the Grad Ball to get the new dancers. If we have people for the Grad Ball, but not for the whole weekend – that the 33rd pays for – none of that helps our money. The callers and cuers – in all areas need to invite the new people to come – and we could go visit and invite them too. We could even go down to Richmond.

Website: Bill Phelps reported that there is nothing new on the website. He has been working on getting the Delegate Meeting minutes out on the site so they will be available for MDSDF members only. He will let us know when it is ready for use.

Ambassador Dances: Emma Hahn reported that the fall dances are done and they will stop for the winter. The dances at Solo Stars and Four County will be in the spring.

Heart Fund Dance: Emma Hahn reported that the Heart Fund Dance will be on Sunday, February 25, 2018 from 1pm until 4:30pm at the Churchville Rec Center. She has ribbons for those interested.

Appreciation Dance: Bev Sumy reported that the dance will be Sunday, May 6, 2018 at the Catonsville Senior Center. Art LaVigne will call and Kincaids will cue. Frederick Promenanders will be the hosts. Cheryl Rakes thanked the club for stepping up to help this year.

Recruitment & Promotion Committee: Bev Sumy reported that there are 43 new dancers this year. The one-quarter dance went well. There were 22 students, 55 angels and 10 round dance couples. The student

calendar is included in the report packet and it includes all the clubs. The Meet-Up site is still working. The half-way dances will be coming up and they are encouraging dancers to come. If any clubs are interested in having a half-way dance, talk with Bev and she will have Bruce or Virgil send out the list of taught calls for your caller. The Fund-Raiser Dance had 34 dancers in attendance and they had a 50/50. The three-quarter dance will be March 25, 2018. The budget and the schedule are in the report packet. Bev reported that the average age of the new dancers is mid to late 50's. There are more ladies than men, so some of the ladies are learning the men's part during their second year helping to angel.

Membership: Miriam Feit reported that John Comes has resigned. He has worked and been in membership for a long time. Peggy Lea will be the new Membership person. She reported that the information for all of the new clubs has been entered. However, she just got Amy's list, and Belair Square Cats are missing – otherwise she has all of the other clubs.

Bylaws: No report.

Club Insurance: Bob Larson reported that he gave Cheryl Rakes the info for this year's three clubs that are participating – Four County, Solo Stars and Dublin Dancers.

Sickness/Distress/Sunshine: Laura Vykol reported the following cards had been sent out since last time.

GetWell – John Graf, Jerry Hoetz

Sympathy – Max Feit

Thinking of you – none

License Tags: No report.

Telephone Tree: No report.

33rd Trusteeship: No report, but it was commented that they will probably not be funding the new grads for either WASCA or SSBF in 2018.

MACA: Ruthye Steinberg reported that the yearly membership was already held, and if you are interested in joining, you can send your \$5 fee to Beth Brackett in VA.

WASCA: No Report - Vacant

USDA: No Report.

SDLBA: No report.

Parks & Recreation: Peggy Lea reported all is good for now.

Google Group (GG): Don Pahl reported that there are 326 names on the group list. Bob Larson asked if there was a way to put the meeting minutes and committee reports on the GG? It was responded that that's what Bill Phelps is working on because it was felt that just using the membership list of email addresses was not safe enough.

Historian: No report.

Roll Call: Laura Vykol reported that 13 Clubs were present. Belair Square Cats and Kincaid Classics were missing.

Break time... resumed again at 3:33pm.

Old Business: Dancer Letter – Cheryl Rakes reported that she had mailed out the letter to all dancers and that we had gotten some responses. The letter is asking about getting help for the 2018-2019 festivals. We're being positive about it. If we do not get someone, we may not have a 2019 festival.

New Business:

- 1) Miriam Feit stated that we need 2 more Board Members. If you know of someone who may be interested, let us know and we will contact them to explain what's involved. Please talk with your club or talk with someone here – and if you get someone, give us the name.
- 2) Cheryl Rakes – the Directory Editor, asked about what club information should be included in the directory. With GPS's, the printed maps are probably no longer necessary; just the addresses. The printing and the selling of the new book expects to break even. The cost will be around \$5 per book. There is a list of the callers and cuers in the book. Tom Sellner would like to add the callers from his current federation into our book. The Board would have to discuss about putting this directory on the website.

Club Announcements:

- 1) Swinging Squares – December 18 will be the Christmas Dance and it is open to all dancers including class people. On January 12 they will begin a new class for Mainstream (the current one ends December 15).
- 2) Solo Stars has their Banner Dance tonight – all are invited.
- 3) Friendship Squares – The Holiday Dinner Dance is December 2 with Tom Miller and Kincaids.
- 4) Crabtown Squares will have their Toys for Tots Dance December 8. One unwrapped toy is your admission. Any extra money donated will go to Toys for Tots also.
- 5) Tom Sellner commented that the Toys for Tots Dance in VA on December 3, will also include class level dancing – in order to get the new people out.
- 6) Tom Thumbs – December 15 will be their Christmas Dance – and it is also a half-way dance for new students.
- 7) Linda Turlington from Friendship is having major surgery on Tuesday.

Virgil Forbes made a motion to adjourn. Peggy Lea seconded. Approved. Meeting ended at 3:57pm.

The next Delegates Mtg will be Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Catonsville Senior Center, at 2pm.

The next Board Mtg will be a dinner meeting in December, and the next regular meeting in February.

MOTIONS from this Meeting: *(does not include approval of minutes, treasurer's report, or adjournment)*

Respectfully submitted:

Ellen Linsenhardt, Recording Secretary