

Minutes of HSRDC 1st Quarterly Meeting 2010

Garden Oaks Baptist Church
3206 North Shepherd, Houston, TX
Saturday, January 23, 2010

The meeting was called to order by HSRDC President Jim Stephens at 4:30PM.

Pledge of Allegiance by all, followed by a moment of silence in memory of Gene Osteen

Opening prayer by Tom Welker

Secretary Louis Perkins stated that a quorum of 8 or more clubs is present.

Secretary Report: Moved, seconded and passed (MSP) that minutes of the 4th Quarterly Meeting are approved. Jim Lambert reiterated that all reports of this meeting should be submitted electronically, either before, during or after the meeting to incoming Secretaries, Louis & Sarah Perkins.

Treasurer Report:

Dave announced that financial reports were prepared and available for pick-up at the front desk and that account balances were as of December 31, 2009. Dave also advised that most club dues are current. However, those who are not were urged to do so soon. Dave announced that forms for reimbursement of expenses can be obtained by contacting him or Vicky. Forms are also available on line at HSRDC's website.

Attendees questioned why financial reports were not available on line. Jim Lambert responded by explaining that financial reports should not be publicized by placing on the website but are available at quarterly meetings as appropriate.

Installation of Directors and Appointed Officers by Dee Stephens:

Dee Stephens read duties and responsibilities for Directors and Appointed Officers to all present. All agreed, were sworn in and duly installed. Those present were:

District Directors:

Jerry & Susan Pierson
Tom & Judy Welker
Joy Gould
Leonard & Joyce Magnuson
Cindy Markos
Jeff & Margaret Dixon

Appointed Officers:

Tom & Judy Welker
Donna Meiers
Oscar & Suzie Aleman

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Randal & Marilyn Ann Diamond
Cindy Markos
Valorie Wieland

Appointed Officers:

Gaylene Bynum
Ray & Martha Montgomery
Bill & Kaye Lewis
Jerry Tucker
Bruce & Roxie Behrens
Mary Pickens
Bill Jenkins & Sharon Green

Officer's Reports:

TSFSRD Nominating Meeting – Charles & Twyla Woody

This event took place in Winnie, TX, January 15th & 16th. We danced on Friday and Saturday nights and the business meeting on Saturday morning. The primary purpose of this meeting was to introduce 2010 – 2011 nominees for TSFSRD Council Executive Board officers. Also, votes were cast to determine the city to represent Texas should we gain the nomination to host the 2016 National convention. Those competing for Texas' host city were Amarillo, Houston & Austin. Majority votes came in favor of Amarillo who was selected.

Nominations for the Teen Scholarship Fund is due not later than March 31, 2010. Nomination forms can be printed off the TSFSRD website. Jim Stephens has provided Teen Scholarship Fund packets for member clubs.

Other Officer's Reports:

Insurance Director, Cindy Markos noted that in the event of an accident, claims must be filed on a member's personal insurance first; the state coverage is filed as secondary. Also, if a facility requires a Certificate of Liability (COL), please notify the Insurance Director.

Tom Welker, Chaplain, asked member clubs to notify him & Judy of any dancer's illness/health issues, deaths or any other needs that they may be able to help with.

Friendship Director, Oscar Aleman reported that 20 cards had been filled out and 20 plus danglers had been awarded with each level. Oscar and Suzi will review the current process for this program and submit their findings/recommendations at the next meeting.

Old Business:

TSFSRD Club Rosters – Jim & Dee Stephens

Club Rosters should be sent to TSFSRD Membership Coordinator, Valerie Wieland. They should be sent in electronically and the list should include last name, first name and primary club.

Rosters are due by TSFSRD by February 1, July 1 and October 1.

Roster updates can be done at any time. State payments for insurance are based on a club's July 1st roster. Clubs should send their checks directly to David & Vicky Willis.

Lifetime Achievement Awards – Jim and Dee Stephens:

This award is designed to honor long-term, outstanding leadership and dedication to dancing. Nominees can be individual or couples who have achieved definitive leadership in their dancing field and over the span of their lifetime; have indelibly contributed to the advancement of folk dancing.

Nominations can be taken at any time. Nominations will be presented to the executive board and requires 100% approval. Once approved, the award will be presented at the next major dance in which the recipient would normally attend. The dance can be either Club or Council sponsored.

New Business:

Formation of Audit Committee – Dave & Vicky Wills:

John & Paulette Brown will audit books this year.

Visitation Schedule for Elected and Appointed Officers – Jim and Mary Lambert:

Jim Lambert announced that efforts should be made to represent the Council by attending as many special dances, i.e., class graduations, anniversaries, etc. A list of these dances can be accessed on line.

Tom Welker suggested we remind council members to wear the Council badge any time you represent the Council. Gaylene noted that the By-Laws specify that Council badges will be worn at all activities and can be worn along with club badges.

Other Announcements:

Bob Lester reminded members to submit ads for this year's June 10th State Festival Program Book and reminded HSRDC that as the host member of the Festival, we are entitled to two, free full pages in the book.

Sarah Perkins announced that there is a need for additional ads for this book and to please consider placing ads for your clubs. Retail ads are also welcome; any help members can give is appreciated. Deadline for ads is March 1, 2010.

Judy Welker announced that ads for the Where N When must be camera ready and must be sized appropriately. She suggested you print out the current ad before submitted and compare the size to the one printed in the previous issue. If it doesn't match, it won't work.

Charles Woody reminded members to consider visiting distant clubs i.e., El Campo Squares for their special dances.

Jerry Tucker thanked HSRDC for an outstanding turnout at the State Nominating Meeting in Winnie, January 15 & 16.

Cypress Swingers extended an invitation to their Mardi Gras Dance, beginning rounds at 7:00PM and squares at 7:30PM.

TSFSRD President, Carolyn Smith extended thanks to all for a great attendance at the State Nominating Meeting in Winnie, TX. She further encouraged everyone to urge dancers to pre-register for the State Festival, scheduled for June, 2010 in Galveston, TX. She also reminded everyone about the Federation Gold program, giving great detail about how the program works. These details can be accessed on line at the TSFSRD website. The State website can be accessed through HSRDC's website.

Jim Stephens announced the next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2010, at Jones Hanger, 901 Buckingham, Friendswood, 3 to 5PM (District Directors 2:30PM) and adjourned the meeting at 6:00PM.