

## RAF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2020

**WELCOME/MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:30 PM.

**ATTENDEES:** Amy Aeckerle, Kris Aeckerle, Debbie Blood, Jeffrey Blood, Sue Eddy, Peter Emmel, Jim Gotta, Lorraine Granath, Gary Granath, Jane Jones, Stu Jones, Sharon Meyer, Carol Ann Stahl

**CALL-IN PARTICIPANTS: (DIAL-IN NUMBER: 605-313-4441, ACCESS CODE: 347590)**

Donna and Rick LaDonna

**AGENDA REVIEW:** No changes were made to the agenda. Sequence of agenda topics changed so Peter could attend to duties at Village Squares.

**QUORUM:** Gary/Lorraine: Yes, we have a quorum. Seven clubs represented.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No corrections from board members. Jim: appreciated the note regarding confusion of amount of profit sharing for Sikorsky Dance. The amount of profit sharing will remain 1/3 of the profit. Motion to approve minutes as amended: Carol Ann made motion to accept. Jeff seconded. No one opposed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rick and Donna via Dial-In: Bank statement ending balance January 13, 2020: \$17,605.29. Total funds available 2/19/2020: \$17,640.54.

Any bills that need to be paid, send a PDF file of an invoice, and we would be happy to write a check from here. (Rick and Donna are in Alabama.) Jim paid the down payment on the Town of Perinton Rec Center for the DOR. ***Jim to turn in paperwork for reimbursement.***

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Dance-O-Rama:** Ribbons and dinner tickets went to clubs last month. They were out by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. April 1st is the deadline for clubs to report their sales, send in their payments and provide us with volunteer information. (Clubs may bring checks to the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Federation meeting.) Graduate packets will be assembled in April. The packets will be given to club presidents at DOR. We have a letter prepared that will go out by the end of this week asking for a list of graduates from each club. We are verifying which clubs are willing to donate one free dance to new graduates. These clubs will be listed on the "free dance card". We need to make Silver 25 booklets. Jim put together cash-box procedures a few years ago. Jeff and Debbie read them. They are currently out for review. Hopefully, these will be finalized, and implemented at DOR. Rick and Donna would like to discuss the procedures. Next month we will go through and outline what is due the day of DOR and check on graduate packets. Need to give a count to the caterer a week before DOR. We are on track.

**Insurance:** Carol Ann. Graduates need to be insured once they graduate. Carol Ann needs the names of graduates and checks. Question arose as to what insurance coverage includes. Rick LaDonna believes insurance covers accidental (example slip/fall) medical

supplemental, and damage to the building. It is not believed to cover the loss of personal items unless the item is lost or damaged in an accident.

**CCR:** Nothing new to report. Many callers are down south.

**Promenader/Web Site:** Peter: Business as usual. *Peter needs President's report from Jim Gotta.*

**Nominations Committee:** Eileen Webster and Peter Emmel. (Eileen is not present tonight.)

President: Jeff and Debbie Blood

Vice President: No prospects. VP chairs the DOR committee.

Treasurer: Rick and Donna LaDonna

Secretary: Two viable candidates. They are considering sharing the position.

Promotion Committee Chair: Amy and Kris Aeckerle

Vote will be taken at the next meeting. Please consider joining the Rochester Area Federation Board. Any recommendations for potential candidates: please submit to Eileen Webster or Peter Emmel.

**Promotions Committee:** Kris and Amy. We have not had a meeting yet this year. Next meeting for the Promotions Committee is in March. Looking into yard signs. We received new business cards. Jim and Tracy ordered the cards and will submit a form for reimbursement to Rick and Donna. Preparing a list of those who would be willing to participate in demos. Kris will begin making announcements at various dances to bring awareness for the need for a pool of volunteer dancers. A sign-up sheet will be available. This will also promote awareness of the Promotions Committee. *Contacted Gary and Alice regarding three summer dances.* Gary and Alice are anticipating a call from the Fire Hall regarding availability of the Hall. Will keep checking with Gary and Alice. If the Fire Hall is available, we will then check the Promenader calendar to avoid coinciding with other dances/events. A flier listing the dates of all three summer dances will go into the graduate packets. We will distribute fliers to clubs. A Webster School, grades K-5, has requested a demo. Tentative date is Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 p.m. Amy has secured a caller. Would like enough volunteers to fill two squares.

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

A topic of a personal nature was discussed at length. The Board members reached an agreement, and the topic was closed. No action was taken at this time.

**Amateur Night:** Cloverleaf Squares, Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Open mic for potential callers and for anyone who would like to call for fun. If interested, contact Henry Capron at Cloverleaf Squares. He will provide MP3 file and mic. The winner goes home with a roaring tiger to keep for one year. There is also an open mic scheduled at DOR.

**Daphne Norma Award:** Nominations are due now. We have received 11 to date.

**Fall Ball 2020:** September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Any suggestions for fund raiser versus community service. Original thought was to help pay for the Fall Ball. Community Service was most appealing to Board Members. Suggestion was made to bring nonperishable food to support the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf. Possibility of Food Shelf picking up the food the same evening. **Topic tabled until next meeting.** *Donna LaDonna suggested the nonperishable food donation idea may be preferable for the Promotions Committee's summer dances as food donations are few during summer months. **The Board Members agreed to have dancers bring nonperishable food items to the three free summer dances instead of the Fall Ball.***

**Bylaw Updates:** Jim is working with Rick on definitions of budgets. **Amy and Kris to compare Jim's write-up regarding Promotions Committee and the write-up that Amy and Kris handed in. Amy and Kris to choose one, or rewrite combining the two. Amy and Kris will get final to Jim prior to April meeting.** Debbie asked if DOR date information is complete. Jim: If Debbie and Jeff approve wording, then it is complete.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Dance locations.** The Webster church where Mark and Marlene Thone danced has closed. They have found a location in Rochester, on the East Side. Sharon remarked the new location is not large enough to accommodate a large group. It is a comfortable size for round dancers.

Sharon suggested St. Dominic's Parish in Shortsville (East of Canandaigua) and Flaherty's, 113 Pittsford-Palmyra Rd., Macedon, as possibilities for dancing.

Carol Ann suggested: St. Catherine's Community Center in Mendon.

Pieters Center. Hours are limited. May be an option for summer dances.

**Item of interest: Alternative to clubs' announcements.** Waterwheel Squares list all announcements on paper and place them on the sign-in table. People can read or take a copy. This eliminates interrupting the dance. Debbie mentioned this was a good idea as people do not have paper and pencil available at time of announcements to make a note of what interests them. Also, this may cut down on fliers if all critical information is given on this sheet.

**USDA Annual meeting at the National Convention in Spokane, Washington:** Jim received an email regarding this meeting. Date of convention June 17<sup>th</sup>. Jim knows of a couple interested in attending. **Carol Ann suggested Jim provide the couple with Debbie and Jeff's contact information** as they have been to a National Convention and USDA Annual Meeting. Anyone interested in attending the USDA National Convention contact Jim Gotta for information.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:50 PM.**

Next RAF Meeting: April 2, 2020 at 6:30 PM. (Followed by DOR meeting at 8:00 PM)

Location: Bill Grays, 1225 Jefferson Road.