

Southern Maryland Traditional Music and Dance Annual Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2013
Christ Church Parish Hall, Chaptico, Maryland
6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Board of Directors::

Greg Penk - President

Debs Szymkowiak - Treasurer

Mike Barbour - Vice President (also Publicity Chair)

Rita Holden – Secretary

Suzie Gonsalus – Hospitality Chair

A total of 33 people were in attendance for this meeting, and a quorum was verified by a count of members over the age of 16. Prior to the meeting, Harmony Grit played a concert for the members.

Old Business:

- Greg presented the President's report, which is filed separately.
- Mike Barbour summarized Publicity accomplished for the year.
- Secretary, Rita Holden read the minutes from last year's annual meeting.
- Treasurer, Debs Szymkowiak, reported a balance on hand of \$2,048.76.
 - Debs noted that we may need to raise prices next year for non-members. The new 2014 Board will take this under consideration.
- Suzie Gonsalus presented her Hospitality report.
- We are still searching for a new meeting location and think we will most likely relocate to Still Creek Winery in Avenue. Owner, Mr. Charles Beaver, will charge us \$50.00 per event. We will confirm this after we determine if his barn will be available.
- Greg presented the Membership report for Joan. Membership stands at 66 members. This report is filed separately.
- Greg thanked Suzie Gonsalus, chairman of Hospitality Committee, for doing such a good job this year in getting members to bring great snacks to all of our events. Suzie encouraged everyone to participate in this effort.
- Greg thanked Mike for all the publicity he rendered with the newspapers, radio and web sites. Mike also notified WAMU radio station, The Enterprise, The County Times, The SOMD Web site and the Tri-County Web site among others. Greg thanked Alan Newhouse for his help in finding new web sites to post our events..
- Greg thanked Rita Holden for her efforts as Secretary.
- Greg thanked Joan Paribello for her work as Membership Chair.
- Greg thanked Debs for all he work over her 4 years as Treasurer, particularly for reestablishing the non-profit status, and getting the IRS and Maryland taxes under control.

- Greg thanked Bob Augustine for scheduling all the great concerts, and for Harmony Grit playing before the meeting.

New Business:

Election of Officers:

Slate of Officers included:

- President: John Garner
- Vice President Mike Barbour
- Secretary: Rita Holden
- Treasurer: Suzie Gunsalus
- Hospitality: Terry Nevins
- Member at Large: Alan Newhouse
- Membership Chairman: Joan Paribello

Appointed positions:

- Publicity Chair: Mike Barbour

Slate was voted on and approved as presented.

- Member Survey - Alan Newhouse is working on a member survey to solicit feedback on all SMTMD events and the dates/times they feel would be most desired for enhancing attendance. It will also include proposed initiatives to increase cash flow into the treasury.
- Contra dance to follow the meeting tonight at 7:00.
- Greg noted that Tickets for a Crystal Gale, Lee Greenwood concert at the Strathmore Music Hall will be given away at the November 22, 2013 open mic.
- The next Contra Dance will be on December 13th.
- Elgin Perry suggested that since we are officially a non-profit organization, members might consider making a tax-exempt donation to SMTMD and in this way keeping the money close to home.
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The next board meeting will be held after we determine the status of the hall. Place TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita Holden, Recording Secretary

