

## MINUTES FOR DOR MEETING OF APRIL 2, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

DIAL-IN ATTENDEES (605-313-4441, ACCESS CODE: 347590): Kris Aeckerle, Amy Aeckerle, Debbie Blood, Jeff Blood, Jim Gotta, Gary Granath, Lorraine Granath, Ann Granger, Stu Jones, Jane Jones, Donna LaDonna, Rick LaDonna, Sharon Meyer, Chuck Meyer, Warren Olson, Sue Sepkowski.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the February 19, 2020 DOR meeting were approved by Rick LaDonna 1<sup>st</sup>, Sue Sepkowski seconded.

AGENDA REVIEW: No new items were suggested.

SPECIFIC ACTION ITEMS:

Debbie: Pending DOR Cancellation Action Item List: In light of the directives coming from the Federal Government and the New York State Government regarding social distancing and nonessential gatherings, I believe we need a motion to cancel the DOR that was scheduled for May 2, 2020. Lorraine G. made a motion to cancel DOR and Ann Granger seconded. No one opposed.

**Jim Gotta will follow up with the Perinton Recreation Center.** We are asking **Jim to reserve the Rec Center for May of 2021.** A down payment of \$200.00 was made to the Perinton Rec Center for the DOR of May, 2020. Jeff suggested we leave that down payment with the Rec Center as a down payment for the 2021 DOR. **Jim G. ask Perinton Rec if they will hold our down payment and apply it to the 2021 DOR.**

**Jim G. will contact the callers and cuers.** Do we want to ask the same callers and cuers for next year? All agreed to keep same callers and cuers for next year. DOR 2021 will be the first Saturday in May (May 1, 2021).

**Jeff and Debbie Blood will contact Club Presidents.** We will be asking clubs to refund the money for the ribbons and dinner tickets back to their members. Ticket sales, approximate numbers: up to the first week in March, at least 123 ribbons were sold and 55 dinners. Twelve of these were new graduates.

DINNER: No deposit was made to Otto Tomotto. Because of the decree made by the government, we do not anticipate any problem with cancelling the caterer. The final count for dinner did not need to be in until the end of April. The food would not have been purchased yet.

PROMENADER: **Deb will ask Peter to update. Deb will take care of Facebook and contacting club Presidents.**

CLASS: We have 52 graduates this year: 38% of the class is made up of couples (20 people), and 62% (32 people) are singles. We have the graduate list, and we can generate the labels for the graduate packets. The graduate welcome letter draft is done and was emailed to Jim this

evening for **Jim's approval**. The silver books are complete. The free-dance card is ready to print. We can print the cards here. We can put the packets together, so there is no need to come together or coordinate with helpers. We need to get the Promenader cards from Peter. We have the flier for the three summer dances and can print them at home. The flier lists all three dances: June 26, July 17, and August 7. Free summer dances are all on Friday nights with Gary and Alice at the Henrietta Fire Hall. We may be adding additional callers to the summer dances. We need to get Square Dance business cards from Amy and Kris. We will be giving the graduates two pages of RAF Website to direct them easily onto the site. Peter did a great job incorporating the RAF guide into the new dancers' page. Working on a special October dance. Flier for this RAF dance does not need to go into the graduation packets.

OPEN DOR ITEMS: Daphne-Norma Leadership Award Presentation, 2019-20 Graduates' Recognition Parade, Distribute Graduate Packets, Basket Raffle.

Jim Gotta, Amy, Kris, Jeff and Deb held a phone conversation discussing whether we should consider scheduling a special dance as DOR will definitely be cancelled. The dance would provide an opportunity to present the Daphne-Norma Leadership Award, give recognition to the new graduates and distribute the graduate packets. Questions arose: should we schedule a special dance, utilize one of the free summer dances, and should it be a dinner dance?

A suggestion was made to have the special dance in the fall on the date the Fall Ball was to be held. That date is unavailable. The Fall Ball was cancelled due to a conflict with the Penn Yan Friendship Squares' Watkins Glen Weekend.

Kris: The summer dances are not as well attended as we would like for a special event, and they are scheduled in two-hour time slots. There would not be enough time in one dance session to do all the activities mentioned above.

Donna: If well attended due to the nature of the special dance, we may need a larger venue.

All agreed utilizing one of the free summer dances would not work well.

Question: Should we include a dinner? DOR is focused on dancing. A dinner would take away from the focus of this special dance. All agreed no dinner.

**Deb will seek a venue, and check the dance schedule to see if there are any conflicts. A letter will go to club presidents to let them know the 2020 DOR has been cancelled, and we plan to schedule a dance in the fall to give recognition to our new graduates and honor the Daphne-Norma Leadership Award Recipient.**

Jim: When to schedule. We need to wait until after open houses in September. All agreed to target October. **We would like a four-hour, Saturday or Sunday, dance.**

**Jim to check with Perinton Rec Center to see if they have an opening for a two-hall dance on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, with use of the kitchen for snacks.** Jim believes he will have an answer regarding availability within a day or two.

Rick suggested we need to offer both mainstream and plus.

The Daphne-Norma Leadership Award, parade of new graduates, and distribution of graduate packets could easily be included in a four-hour, October dance.

Deb Questioned: Would those who are presently on the DOR committee be willing to help with the October dance. Many on the committee offered to help.

Basket Raffle: Jim – Cloverleaf Squares and Copy Cats have baskets ready for a raffle. Jane J. mentioned Belles N Beaus would be happy to donate a basket for the raffle. Donations to the baskets stopped in early March due to the governmental request of banning group gatherings.

**Deb: the letter to the Presidents will mention the option of donating a basket for the raffle.**

Baskets would be appreciated. The basket raffle is the main source of income for the Federation for recruitment of new dancers.

Warren: As soon as we schedule a date, we can locate callers and cuers. Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, is first choice.

Copy Cats meets on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, 2020. Cloverleaf Squares has a class on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Special dance on that day would affect the volunteer angels.

Warren mentioned the Baptist Church in Penfield has a second room upstairs that could be used for dancing.

**Jim to find callers for a special RAF (October 3<sup>rd</sup> if possible) dance.**

Motion to end the meeting: Rick LaDonna motioned to end the meeting. Gary G. seconded.

Meeting ended at 7:27 p.m.

Next meeting: May 12, 2020. Telecommunication: 605-313-4441, ACCESS CODE: 347590