

August 19, 2015

SDM Members:

The annual membership meeting was held on July 19, 2015, at the Whitney Center in St Cloud. Not only was it our “Summer Celebration” for our first anniversary, we were also able to celebrate that our application for 501(c)(3) group exemption was approved by the IRS on July 15, 2015.

We had over 90 dancers at the dance and meeting. Thanks to Beaux and Belles and ETTA Square and Rounds for hosting the dance and Tom Allen for being the emcee and all the callers and cuers for donating their services. Five individuals were elected to serve on the Board of Directors – Don Hanson for one year, Mary Kay Amberg and Bob Meyer for two years, and Deb Hollimon and LeRoy Elfmann for three years. Awards were presented after the meeting with 21 “Live Lively” awards (2 – 80 years and 19 – 70 years), 2 “Traveler” awards, and 5 “Most-Active Dancer” awards. We also donated over \$300 to the Whitney Center.

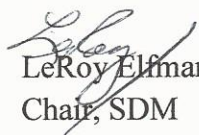
The Board of Directors met on August 4, 2015. Dee Scott volunteered to serve as the Marketing Chair and the board approved her unanimously. The volunteer members of the Nominating Committee (Vernon and Bonnie Eidman, Dee Scott, Bob Meyer and Don Hanson) were thanked for their service and formally disbanded.

The newly elected board members selected the individuals to fill the positions of Chair – LeRoy Elfmann, Vice Chair – Don Hanson, Treasurer – Deb Hollimon, Secretary – Mary Kay Amberg, and Education Director – Bob Meyer. Mary Kay Amberg was also confirmed as the Membership Chair. The Board conducted its annual review of operating procedures.

The State Fair runs from August 27 to September 7, 2015, and square dancing demos will be at 1:00 and 3:30 p.m. daily. The Fair Board has given us free tickets for all dancers and callers and all have been reserved. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help.

SDM dues for calendar year 2016 are \$10 (which includes \$5 for USDA insurance) and are due on October 1. A member only has to pay SDM dues and insurance one time. Please pay your dues now and be sure to let your membership person know if you have already paid at another organization.

Please continue to send your dance information for the “Calendar” and “News” to squaredancemn@aol.com. If you know of a member who does not have e-mail, please give them a copy of this update. Thanks


LeRoy Elfmann
Chair, SDM