

St. Andrew's Society of Mid-Maryland, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2015

Call to Order

President Marianne Elliott called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM. Also present: Charly Mac Farland, Barbara Collins, Bill Elliott, and Joe Wiggington

Opening Remarks

Marianne opened the meeting with wishes for a Happy New Year for the board. She reported that she had met with the John Avery to discuss leadership styles. The request was made that the board members send her their reports when unable to attend the meeting.

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report:

The minutes were read. The corrected report was moved approved by Charly and Marianne seconded. It passed.

Vice President's Report

None was made.

Treasurer's Report:

Charly presented the assets report but was not able to get to Baltimore to resolve the tax issue. All forms have been submitted by August but there has been no response from the state. The Maryland sales and use tax number certificate has not been received. The lack of this certificate results in SASMM paying hundreds of dollars in taxes that it should not have to pay (e.g., tax on hotel rooms, etc.). The society is on the Federal and state tax exempt list but no state certificate has been received. Joe suggested that the society contact Mary Ann Ferguson for a recommendation of a tax lawyer. Marianne said she would contact her and requested February 1st for resolution or further action on this issue. The motion to approve the report was made by Barbara and seconded by Marianne.

Membership:

Dana sent in a report that we now have 101 members.

Old Business

Past Events Recap

Hogmany was well attended with 49 paying guest and several children. The dancing participation was enthusiastic.

Christmas cards were sent to members again. It was requested that a way be established to document activities, such as the cards, that are done by members to benefit the Society.

Scottish Country Dancers have a sub account at PNC Bank under the one with SASMM. The insurance for the group is through individual membership in the Washington, DC Dance group.

Continuing Business

A line account in the treasurer's report is needed for grant and charitable donations by the society and for the Scottish Country Dancers. Scottish Country Dancers have a sub account at PNC Bank under the one with SASMM. The insurance for the group is through individual membership in the Washington, DC. Dance group. We need to find out if there is a way to cover

the group under a SASMM policy. Joe recommended that the Festival chairman be considered an Ex Officio member of the Board of Directors so that the position would be covered by insurance.

New Business

Ideas for 2015 as suggested by president Marianne.

1. Update the outdated Bylaws if SASMM is to undergo an audit and to maintain our 501(c)(3) status.
2. Update the Society website to promote actions and activities other than the festival.
3. Send information to Marianne on topics such as the Night at the Keys, Kirkins, and the Dancers.
4. Promote greater involvement by members such as encouraging participation in two events a year by each member.

A sound system may be donated by the Bortons. A donation letter is to be sent to acknowledge the donation. We will need to check if the system can be used for Burn's night and other uses.

Burn's Night Banquet.

Bill and Marianne have met with Katie twice to discuss plans for the event. Matt Johnson will not be available that evening to do the sound system. The Knights of St. Andrew (KSA) will help with the setup, break down and cleanup for the event. There was a request to allow the KSA to attend without charge. After discussion of options, Joe suggested a grant to the Knights instead of a free dinner. It was moved by Barbara that the Knights be offered a discounted meal price (\$20) and grant for their assistance. Charly seconded and the motion passed.

Web Master Report

The web site has been changed so that people can now pay on line for events such as the Burn's Night Supper.

The next meeting is to be on February 11 at the Urbana Library.
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Marianne M. Elliott
President