

**CE Membership Meeting  
October 11, 2009  
Hosted by Dakota Grand Squares  
Salem Lutheran Church – West Saint Paul**

Officers Present: Jerry and Nancy Knoth, Tom and Shirlee Feneis, Marv Greeninger, Mary Kay Amberg, Virgil and Marion Rasmussen. Becky Tjornhom and Don Diement have resigned for personal reasons. Thank you to them for their years of service.

Welcome to all dignitaries, callers/cuers, and federation officers.  
Roll Call of Clubs

Secretary's Report: Minutes of May meeting: There were 2 minor grammar corrections. Elaine Zeller made a motion to accept with corrections; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Maiden; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report & Bills: See report. 381 sent dues in so far. All bills paid except for those today. New insurance forms have been sent to clubs. Copies are available here. If member is here, please take to president or treasurer. Nine clubs returned out of 29. Club membership dues and lists are NOW DUE. Also need list of clubs holding lessons with people taking lessons and day and place. No cost for lesson insurance. Becky Tjornhom made motion to accept treasurer's report pending audit; second by Cindy Radant; motion passed.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report: See report read by Tom Feneis. Discussion on CE Planning / Upcoming Events Listing on website and in The ROUNDUP. People are not sending in information. It was designed to help clubs schedule special dances and out-of-state callers and not compete with each other. Another part of problem is that clubs don't seem to care about scheduling on top of each other. We need coordination between clubs within the CE Region. Dee has a suggestion: Call a meeting with people booking callers and work out details. Spread callers around each month – not just an Abe month, a Dick month, etc.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report: NO 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

Past President's Report: Not now – later. Virgil will have a lot to say.

MRDC Report: by Ken LaBau. After state convention, MRDC had a meeting and it went well; it was worthwhile. More classes in the Twin City area this season and going well.

Swingmasters: by Dick Reuter. Good turnout at Mid-summer Magic; it was a success. Will repeat next summer, same location probably. Mid-winter Magic is January 30, 2010, same location as last year.

The ROUNDUP: report by Jeanine Maiden. 2 openings on board – spotlight and enhanced dancing. Meetings on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of month.

Webmaster: given by Brian Freed. If you see something that needs changing, please send Brian an email; otherwise it may stay indefinitely. Website has expanded.

FSTM: given by Dee Scott. 147 shows done. State Federation will dance on show on Dec. 5. No production costs. Only costs are making DVDs to give away to 75 stations. Dee takes donations to cover costs of producing DVDs.

Telephone Hotline: 17 calls to Rasmussens. Seven requests for callers. Some from bumper stickers; some from website.

**Old Business:**

CE Region sponsored lessons: report by Art Janota. Lessons to start mid-season, promoted by CE Region, held at West 7<sup>th</sup> Community Center (donated site), Swingmasters provided callers. Worked out well. Also arranged to start January 25, 2010, same location, time-6:15-8:00pm, callers provided by Swingmasters. Center wants us back. Promotion done by Center with Art's help. See Art's report. If someone else has a location, and if we can arrange callers, and if we have a coordinator and dedicated angels, we could do another one.

**New Business:**

Home School Seminar: report by Virgil. We had a table at their seminar, had FSTM tapes showing, planted seed. Some clubs have had home school families in their lesson programs with varying degrees of success.

Report on State Federation Meeting: by Tom Feneis. Most regions are doing the same things as we are. There was much discussion on new insurance requirements. The CE Region received a check for \$527.89 as our share of the station convention proceeds, and a check for \$1000 as our honorarium for hosting the convention. Next State Federation meeting will be December 5, starting with dancing on the FSTM show, lunch at Grandview Middle School and then the meeting. All are welcome.

The person who did all the promotion at State Fair for many years is no longer doing that job. Many groups were asked to donate \$10 toward a bench at State Fairgrounds in his name. The CE Region did so. The State Federation did also. All regions of the state were also asked to donate.

Promotions: We all need to evaluate our promotion efforts. Where do they come from? Do they stick with it? Dee will collect from clubs, tally it, and then share.

ABC Support: The CE Region has budgeted \$300 to cover losses, if any. All promotions should be self-supporting. A caller in Wisconsin has started an ABC Club. According to research coming out, we are an 'instant gratification' society and people don't want to commit.

We will have the 'new dancer coupon books' again. This gives new dancers a free dance at area clubs.

Next membership meeting is Sunday, February 7, hosted by Bloomington Swirlers and held at St. Richard's Catholic Church, 76<sup>th</sup> and Penn in Richfield. We need many new Board members. Please set forward.

No longer using \$2 off coupons toward a dance at host club.

Thank you to callers and cuers who came today. Thank you to Dakota Grand for hosting.

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Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.  
Respectfully submitted, Mary Kay Amberg

