

RSCDS Delaware Valley Branch
Annual General Meeting
St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill
May 14, 2011

14 Branch members in attendance (same as in 2010)

- I Summary of 2010 minutes (Kimberly Boice)- approved
- II. Treasurer's Report (Jill Emery)- approved (budgeted to lose about \$4700, but only lost about \$2000; see handouts)
- III. Publicity Committee Report (Morgan McMillan, outgoing chair)
 - report- paid for a few advertisements in some local newspapers that provided the Branch with a few new members, community events (Scottish/Irish Festival @ the Valley Forge Convention Center- table + 2 mini-classes), posting @ various on-line calendars (SCD groups, general dance groups, + events pages), website overhaul (easier to maintain, better use as a marketing tool, look to the 'News' page for new information, 2 calendars (Events + Classes), updates done by Chrissa Pedersen & Justin Giacoletti), upcoming projects (Demo. team marketing packet, more community festivals, dance photo. shoot-website + publicity), TUs (Paul Schultz, Justin Giacoletti, & Chrissa Pedersen for their technical advice on the website) (Chrissy Gore, Amy Cummings-Leight, Connie Crush, Kimberly Boice, & Geoffrey Selling for their work as committee members)
 - change of leadership (new co-chairs: Chrissy Gore/Kimberly Boice)
- IV. Membership Report (Kathy Giacoletti, outgoing chair; see handouts)
 - change in membership coordinator: Cecily Selling
 - Headquarters established new membership categories
 - 109 members for the 2010-2011 dance year
- V Report on classes (Kathy Giacoletti)
 - Attendance reports/charts forthcoming
 - Crosslands + Chestnut Hill classes holding strong
 - Other classes a bit lower, especially @ end of year
- VI. Chairman's Report (Geoffrey Selling)
 - A. Major and special events
 - new website!
 - Delaware Ball- lots of new dancers
 - New location for Social Class (Sangha Space in Media)
 - Ceilidh dance workshop and ceilidh dance with Elaine Brunken
 - Hogmanay 2010/2011
 - Teacher Workshop with Robert McOwen
 - Spring Fling Youth Weekend(not a Branch event but a Branch supported event)
 - New college class at Eastern University
 - Growth of new class in Chestnut Hill to two sets, sometimes more
 - Ongoing classes: backbone of our Branch

B. Events Upcoming:

This dancing season:

- Garden Party- Sunday, May 29 @ 3pm- Chestnut Hill
- Morstein picnic, swim and dance- Saturday, June 18 @ 4pm
- Morstein Workday- Saturday, July 30 All day

Special (unique) events during next dancing season:

- Paul Anderson music workshop and social dance- Saturday, Sept. 10 @ Swarthmore Friends Meetinghouse
- Hogmanay 2011/2012 with Tom Pixton and friends @ Swarthmore College
- March music workshop with George Miekle and Gordon Simpson (from Scotland), with evening dance event- Friday-Sunday, March 9-11 2012

C. Significant changes for 2010-11

- Opening of an Intermediate class in Chestnut Hill area; closing of Moylan Experienced Class in Media (due to change in geography of current members)
- Beginning in September, the Branch will resume social dancing at Whittier Meeting House in Swarthmore
- Changing of dates /time-of-year of Morstein events
- Folding some specialty workshops into regular class structure (Advanced + Intermediate technique classes)
- Incorporating some repertoire workshops into evening social dances (Highland steps)

D. Acknowledgement of live music, demonstration/performance team

E. Ongoing work and challenges

- building up membership;
 - class hosts: maintaining sign-in sheets & checking in with absent members
 - publicity- Jane Roberts suggested having a presence @ Lansdowne Art Festival
- Delaware County situation: social dancing and classes, basic Class (no additional space or willing teachers)
- College classes- attendance @ Swarthmore College down right now; Gaffneys suggested contacting staff @ Penn State-Brandywine (gym class credits)

F. Appreciation of the Executive Committee

VII. Attendance and participation report (Denny Kilp- unable to attend)

- Chrissy Gore reported that all of our attendance numbers are UP

VIII. Report on communication with membership (Chrissy Gore)

- Requested to send basic communications to Branch email (delvalrscds@gmail.com)

IX. Thank yous (Kimberly Boice)

- Teachers, class hosts, Executive Committee members, Sub-committee chairs, location hosts, event chairs, membership coordinator, demo. team coordinator

X. New and ongoing business

A. Business from the floor-

- Mickey + Jim Gafney presented the Branch with set of flags to use @ events (Rampart Lion, St. Andrews Cross, US, & bag)
 - Chrissy Gore suggested looking @ replacing the current sound equipment (old, cumbersome, & works irregularly); Josh Burdick to look at the built-in sound equipment @ St. Paul's in Chestnut Hill
- B. All present briefly discussed what sorts of "special' or extra events people would like to have:
- Guest teachers?
 - In-house extra workshops?
 - Formation clinics?
 - Technique sessions?
 - Ball prep workshops?
 - Deviser themed workshops?
 - Try out new dances sessions?
 - Try out session for dances devised in the Branch? etc.
- Send ideas to the Branch email account (delvalrscds@gmail.com)
- C. Signing up to help carry the Branch's work forward
- Most jobs filled...thank you!!!
- XI. Election of Officers
- A. Treasurer: Jill Emery unanimously elected to stay as Treasurer
- B. Member-at-large: Justin Giacoletti unanimously elected to MAL
- XII. Adjournment @ 10:00pm-ish