

## NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Presidents Carol Hershey & Tom Miller called the quarterly meeting of the Northwest District to order on Sunday, April 28, 2019 @ 1:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken and a quorum present.

A motion was made by Fred Goucher to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2019 meeting as sent out. Motion seconded and carried.

The treasurer's report was given. (See attached) Carolyn Goucher reported that the audit of the treasurer's books was in progress.

### General Reports:

Correspondence: A card was sent to Eldon & Connie Graham on Eldon's continued improvement in health.

District Presidents Report(s): See attached.

State Meeting Report(s): See attached.

Youth Square Dancing: a report was given on the Missouri Federation's new partnership with Missouri 4-H. (See attached) Edythe reported that Clay County will have some square dancing demos during 2 upcoming summer camps. Lois Edmiston thought that Savannah Sashayers would be doing a demo at the Andrew County Fair.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> Northwest District Dance - August 10

- a. Discussion on layout of facility, servicing refreshments, etc.
- b. Remind all clubs to bring items for Silent Auction, door prizes, and refreshments.
- c. A reminder that we approved to subscribe to the Doin's for callers/cuers who call at the District Dance. It might be a new subscription, or it might be a one-year extension of a subscription they already have.
- d. Carol will send an email to callers/cuers and a second letter to club presidents/delegates about the dance.

#### Missouri State Festival – Diamond Jubilee - Oct. 18, 19, 20, 2019

- a. A free pass donated by each club in the NW District will be used as a special drawing to encourage visiting all around the state. It is recommended that all clubs participate in this free pass donation.
- b. Carol reminded clubs to nominate someone for Square Dancer of the Year and Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame. Edythe stated that at this time we do not have a caller who qualifies. We do probably have a cuer who meets the criteria. Deadline for both is August 1 to the State chair. The District President(s) must approve the nomination form. Questions, contact Carol or Tom.

- c. Reminder that the July meeting is now August 10, 5 p.m. prior to the District Dance

**NEW BUSINESS:**

All Friendship Visitation cards must be turned in by May 31. We collected a number of cards at the meeting to begin tabulation early. Send any additional cards for May visits to Jack & Becky Rockaway.

Auction clock for Northwest District Dance – a clock was donated to the district by Hershell & Sylvia Herrell, former member of the Ramblers. They won it at a Savannah Sashayers dance. It is handmade by Bill & Mary Dally, both deceased members of the Sashayers. The clock did not run when it was given to us, but it will be running by the District Dance. Raffle tickets have been made up to raffle off this clock at the District Dance. Envelopes were handed out for each club.

Edythe discussed ads in the State Festival Program Book. We have purchased a full page ad in the past. Edythe made a motion to purchase a full page ad. Motion seconded and carried.

Live Wires and Silver Dollar Squares would like more yellow square dance signs. Jack said he might need to place another order for the State. He would check.

Mary Miller recognized Carolyn Goucher for receiving a nice jacket, awarded to her at the HOA Caller Festival for her behind-the-scenes work for the festival and the organization. Kudos to Carolyn!

Al Benz stated that he hopes the Northwest District, Missouri Federation and the new officers of the Heart of America can work together to build square dancing up again.

Everyone was reminded that the next meeting is August 10, 5 p.m. at Graceway, prior to the NW District Dance.

Fred Goucher made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted

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Edythe Weber, Secretary

**2019 MEETINGS:** January 20, April 28, August 10 (Saturday 5:00 pm, prior to the NW District Dance at 7:30), October 14.

**Northwest District  
Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance  
Treasurer's Report**

Balance on of Jan 20, 2019 \$6308.72

Income:

Total Income:

Expenses:

Printing Handbook-C Hershey #2117	164.43
Printing NW Dist Dance Flyers-E Weber #2048	117.65
Bars-North Forty Engraving	21.00

Total Expenses: 303.08

Balance on of April 28, 2019 \$6005.64

Treasurer's Report Submitted by

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Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs  
President's Report February 24<sup>th</sup>  
North Kansas City Hospital, NKC, MO

Jim Weber presented a demonstration on how to fill out the Insurance forms for each club online. Jim sent a letter to each club's representative stating the following; (paraphrased) Each club can manage the insurance requirements and needs from initial enrollment to adding new members, as well as adding new dance locations and receive the certificates faster and directly to you.

To use the USDA Portal, you must have internet access and email. There are enclosed instructions as to how to use.

This is a national system, so multiple clubs of the same name may pop up. Choose your Club Name Northwest District, Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs. Choose the one with Your Club USDA number.

If anyone has problems or questions you can call Jim Weber.

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A handout with information for Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame and Dancer of the year were passed out to the presidents. This can be found in the Standing Rules.

Also, the 60<sup>th</sup> MO State Festival asked that each club in the state give a free pass to the festival to be used as a door prize. There was discussion about the fact that there was a good possibility that the pass might not be used because of dancer and club locations.

Liz Rooks was appointed chairman for Square Dancer of the Year committee.

Meeting adjourned

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Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs  
President's Report April 14<sup>th</sup>  
Moberly, MO

Packets for the MO State Festival were distributed to the Presidents. Please promote the dance in October. There are many prizes that will be raffled this year. The committee has obtained many items that were donated as prizes. There will be a banquet on Saturday which will need reservations. Noah Seigman is calling and Cathy and Fred Fisher are cueing.

There was a discussion on what votes delegates got. Sometimes there are Mr&Mrs for one delegate and sometimes there is a single person for one delegate. All districts are voting one vote per delegate, except one. This probably will change.

St Louis area has the St Louis District and Metro Federation. There are IL clubs in the Metro Federation. There seems to be some discourse in the St Louis area which they are trying to remedy.

# State Federation Meeting April 14, 2019

## Held in Northeast District

### Moberly, MO

1. The President Called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM.
2. The meeting was called to order and attendance was taken, minutes of last meeting and treasurer's report was read and approved.
3. No club longevity awards to be given at this time.
4. We have 47 clubs in the Federation which includes one new club in the Southwest District the Pioneers.
5. Publications - electronic version of DOIN's is going well.
6. A discussion on Dan's web site. Because all clubs whether they belong to the Missouri Federation or not are listed on it. After much discussion it was decided to leave the web site as it is because people from all over the country use it to find dances in Missouri when they are passing through. The DOIN'S will continue to list only federation dances.
7. Insurance information will now be entered electronically by the clubs from now on.
8. Travel Missouri stated that 3115 dangles have been earned by dancers.
9. the Web Master again stated that if you send a sheet of information to **PLEASE** but the date in lower right hand corner. This is so he know if it is an update or just another copy of what he has already recived .
10. Districts Presidents report - one vote per office. St Louis area is considering merger due to unbalance of men and woman at some dances.
11. New youth chairman stated that the 4H is adding square dancing to their activities. Those who take part in Square Dancing can win dangles for various achievements. The best caller will go to State Fair. We are also trying to see if FFA would be interested in including Square Dancing in their activities.
12. 2019 State Festival has 180 pre registered and packets our out. They asked if two new callers could call at Festival it was decided they could not call as they do not meet requirements set in constitution.
13. The 2020 State Festival committee requested \$2500.00 as start up money. The 2020 State Festival will be held in Sedalia, MO on October 16 - 18, 2020 the color for this dance will burgundy.
14. The June 2 2019 meeting will be in Central District at Eldon County Fair Grounds.

Jim & Loretta Marron  
Northwest District Representative

## Edythe

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**From:** Penny Byers <pbyers@live.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 31, 2019 2:54 PM  
**To:** Secretary@SquareDanceMissouri.com  
**Subject:** Fw: 4-H report

Hi All!

This is Merle's report on the 4-H Program he was telling us at the last meeting.

Please read through it. He will be doing some follow up under unfinished business. You can let him know if you have any questions or ideas.

Thanks!

Penny Byers

"Life is a dance. Enjoy every minute!"

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**From:** merle hall <merlehall583@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 30, 2019 4:46 PM  
**To:** Penny Byers, Mo Fed Secretary  
**Subject:** 4-H report

The Director of the state of Missouri's 4-H Maria Lupita Fabregas met with representatives of the Missouri State Square dance federation on March 25th to discuss adding square dance as a 4-H project.

The following ideas were discussed:

- 4-H Club Making the activity fun
- Use sashes, vest, badges or dangles as awards
- Dance portion - Award each mastery of 11 moves. Maybe have a vest for boys and sash or vest for girls with a square dance emblem on it. To attach the dangles or badges, Different colors for mainstream, plus, round dance, lines, barn dances, contra.
- Calling portion award different dangles for calling modules and sight, – mini squares, mainstream singers, mainstream patter, plus singers, plus patter, Hot hash, round dance and barn dance/contra.
- Sewing portion different dangles. Sewing square dance, and blouses, or vest and sashes, neckties, prairie skirts
- Maybe different dangles if a 4-H participant gives a history of square dance, style of square dance, the evolution of square dance, and the same for contra, line dance and round dance.
- Additional badges for attending dance parties, square dancing at state fair, at state square dance and at nationals.
- Sponsor dance party nights during the year and have the kids plan and put on the dance party.
- At county fair for competition to see which dancers move on to state have a square dance and a last square standing or hothash competition. Have potential callers call and judge their ability with a tip.
- Then at state fair have a square dance, have the participants call and dance, Then end with a last square standing. To see what group wins.
- Have a competition for hot hash to see which callers can win.
- Include in the dance round dances, line dances, and contra.

- Showcasing how folk dance has been part of the agricultural history of Missouri and America. How Barn dances were a big part of weddings and celebrations in rural America. They were one of the major social events in rural America and pioneer life.
- Follow the Standard curriculum used to teach square dance in schools. And supplement that with teaching lines, contra, barn dance and traditional country dances like Virginia Reel, and round dance if there is an interest.
- Resources, local square dance clubs, local callers, the Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance, Caller lab, Roundalab, The American Callers Association,

Maria liked all of our ideas and wanted to start a pilot program in Lynn, Macon, Lewis, and Randolph counties. She suggested we use our normal teaching protocols. However, she did caution that anyone working as a volunteer with 4-h kids would need to get a background check and take a volunteer course that is provided online concerning proper leader skills and interaction with youth.

The background check will not cost anything.

She also suggested we focus on healthy living and culture as our avenue into 4-H. Maria mentioned that volunteer project leaders would be required to have a minimum of 6 one hour to one hour and 1/2 meetings .

She also mentioned that we might consider doing workshops at 4-h camps. She said there were several throughout the year and throughout the state each year. Apparently they are heavily attended.

She mentioned there are over 60,000 4-h participants.

Maybe the kids could demo and teach at the 4-H conferences.

I will provide a copy of a flyer for the 4-H clubs in our area to distribute.

Merle Hall