

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES
Sunday, October 13, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by Presidents Hershey and Miller.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Roll call was taken by Edythe Weber. A quorum of 11 of 13 clubs was present. Not present were Maysville Wranglers and Live Wires.

Teddy Ballard was introduced as a guest from the Santa Fe Trailers. Stash Tosio and Norma Popp were present representing the Diamond Rounds who are joining the district.

A motion was made by Fred Goucher to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2019 meeting as emailed to the members. Motion seconded and carried.

Fred Goucher read the treasurer's report in the absence of the Wheelers. It was filed for audit.

GENERAL REPORTS:

Correspondence: Edythe reported sending a card to Larry & Cathy Liebig in the death of their son and Ethan Pauley in the death of his life partner.

No additional names were received for deaths in clubs for August or September.

District Presidents Report(s): Tom Miller read the report from Carol.

District President's Meeting: August 18, 2019 in Webster Grove, MO

The St Louis district and St Louis Metro are merging into one district. The Metro was not affiliated with the St Louis District previously. Ray and Vicki Wittman have been president of the St Louis District and are passing the gavel to Cathy Hall as District President. Cathy Hall belongs to the Spinners Square Dance Club will become the St Louis President.

Jim Weber announced to the President's meeting that there would be a seminar on processing the insurance at the Missouri State Festival on Saturday at 1:00. Clubs please have someone there for instruction as to filling in the Insurance forms for the coming year.

Carol Morris announced deadlines for ads for the program book as September 1.

Robert Turner announced the Southeast District Dance September 14.

Liz Rook led the meeting for the 2019 Square Dancer of the Year. The winner will be announced at the Missouri Festival in October.

State Meeting Report(s): Edythe Weber read the summary report for the August 18, 2019 State Meeting in Webster Groves:

- Roll call was taken, minutes approved and treasurer's report given.
- The Travelers Square Dance Club in the Central district is celebrating 55 years in September.
- A total of 323 Doin's were mailed.
- Jim is giving a seminar of the new insurance program at the State Festival in October. The people responsible for the insurance in each club should plan to attend.

- Cathy Hall was introduced as the new president of the St. Louis District. She will take over from Ray and Vicki Wittman who have been district presidents for probably 20 years. The St. Louis Metro organization is becoming the new St. Louis District.
- A report was made on the status of events going on during the State Festival. They are adding more drawings, the dinner is set up, and plans are going good. All they need is more dancers.
- Liz Rooks gave an audit committee report that everyone who handles money for the Federation is doing a good job.
- The District Presidents committee met and selected the Square Dancer of the Year, who will be announced at the State Festival.
- The Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame committee met and the recipient will be announced at the State Festival.
- Wisconsin requested a letter of support for Wisconsin to host the 2024 National Square Dance Convention. Missouri will write that letter.
- Liz Rooks reported that 300 tickets were sent out for the State Fair Day of Dance, but only 175 people signed in. We had 10 callers.
- The nominating committee will propose the following slate for officers in 2020: President Fred & Carolyn Goucher, 1st Vice President David & Penny Byers, 2nd Vice President Merle & Madeline Hall, 3rd Vice President Dave Shafer, Secretary Liz Rooks, Treasurer Rosa Davis. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Lotawana Sailors gave raffle tickets to Edythe to turn in at the festival. Jean Wheeler has purchased a \$50 gift card for the Northwest District donation to the silent auction. Clubs should take their club banners for display and grand march. Multiple emails have been sent by the festival to keep people up-to-date on what is going on next weekend.

24th Northwest District Dance - August 8, 2020 – Host club needed. Dance will be held at Graceway. Talk to your clubs.

There was no other old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

The **Nominating Committee** report was given by Edythe Weber. Al Benz and Jean Wheeler were the other committee members. Saying they would retain their position for 2020 were Co-Presidents Carol Hershey & Tom Miller, Vice President Jack & Becky Rockaway, Secretary Edythe Weber, Treasurer Jean & Dan Wheeler, State Delegate Jim & Loretta Marron. We are needing one state delegate and an alternate if we can get them. We can go ahead and elect the slate we have and continue to look for a new State Delegate. Jim Marron asked if Dan & Jean could do it. Edythe explained that each district is allowed 3 votes, the president and two delegates. For our district to have 3 votes, the president and delegates need to be people who are not holding other state offices that have votes. Marrons actually have two votes – one as state delegate for the NW District and one as Toot Your Horn committee chair. But they only get to vote once, so it would be preferential that the delegate not hold another state office that has a vote. It would not be beneficial for Wheelers to take that position. If you know someone in your club that like to do a little bit of traveling, would be willing to attend a meeting every other month somewhere in another district in the state, and represent the Northwest District, please contact either Edythe, Tom or Carol. Meetings are held in February, April, June (usually 2nd

weekend), August, October (hosted by district hosting State Festival) and December (usually 2nd weekend). Meetings are usually 3rd Sundays, but districts have the option to move one week either way.

The recommended slate came from the nominating committee. Carol Hershey asked for a vote to approve the slate of returning officers. Motion carried. We will continue to search for another State Delegate.

Edythe Weber shared some news about Mary Pitts, delegate from Shooting Stars and Alternate State Delegate. She is currently in NKC Hospital diagnosed with Stage 4 Kidney cancer. The tumor and cancer have spread into other organs and the lymph nodes. Surgery is not an option. They are currently trying to get her strong enough to possibly go home with health services or hospice. Cards can be sent to Mary in care of Frances Casteel, 5116 S. Cottage Avenue, Independence, MO 64055. She is currently in room 416 at NKC Hospital, but that might change. Visitors are welcome.

Carol Hershey asked which month in 2020 the Northwest District would like to host the State Meeting. The District presidents will discuss this in October and final decision will be made December. Following discussion, we will request February 16. Cross Trailers dance the night before, and we would need a host club for providing lunch on Sunday the 16th. Talk to your clubs. The Missouri Federation pays \$200 to the host club.

Carol said she has confirmed the North Oak Room for our meetings on January 26, April 26, and October 11, 2020. The 4th meeting is August 8, prior to the District Dance.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Edythe Weber, Secretary

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

Balance on of August 10, 2019 \$5867.04

Income:

Dancer Donations	557.00
Clock Raffle	39.00
Silent Auction	161.00
50/50	33.00

Total Income: 790.00

Expenses:

Doin's subscriptions for callers	150.00
Donation to Graceway for use of Hall	100.00
Mileage – Jack Rockaway – Webster Grove	50.00
Advertising – Souvenir Program Book	30.00
Silent Auction gift from NW Dist	54.95

Total Expenses: 384.95

Balance on of October 13, 2019 \$6272.09

Treasurer's Report Submitted by

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