

## **NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting will be held on ZOOM.**

**August 14, 2021 5 p.m.**

The quarterly meeting of the Northwest District was called to order in person by president, Carol Hershey, on August 14, 2021 at 5 p.m. at Graceway Church.

Additions to the agenda – a letter from the Missouri State President was added to the agenda under new business.

Roll call was answered by nine clubs.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 25, 2021. Fred Goucher made a motion to accept the minutes as sent. Motion was seconded and carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dan reported that the balance as of this date is \$5,808.09. Report was filed for audit.

### **GENERAL REPORTS:**

**Correspondence:** None.

**State District Presidents Report:** Carol provided a brief report for the July meeting.

**State Meeting Report(s):** Highlights provided by Carol Hershey and Dan Wheeler.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**25<sup>th</sup> NW District Dance 2021** – August 14, 2021. The host club is the Live Wires, Dana Schirmer will be the MC, Stash Tosio will cue, Carolyn Goucher will do lines, dancers should wear masks, everything is planned. We are just waiting for the dance to begin following this meeting.

**Friendship Visitation:** Since our district dance was cancelled for 2020, we will be recognizing awards for two years. Awards were mailed for 2019-2020 – Participation: B-N-R Squares, Cross Trailer, Dan's Dancers, Heartland Squares, Live Wires, Ramblers, Savannah Sashayers, Shooting Stars, Silver Dollars. First place B-N-R Squares, Second place Cross Trailers, Third place Savannah Sashayers. Presenting at dance tonight for 2020-2021 – Participation: B-N-R Squares, Cross Trailers, Dan's Dancers, Savannah Sashayers, and Shooting Stars. First place: Savannah Sashayers, Second place B-N-R, Third place Shooting Stars.

**62<sup>nd</sup> Missouri State Festival:** October 8-10, 2021, Caller: K.O. Jeans, Cuer: Paul & Linda Robinson. Lebanon, MO. The dance is a go. Please register.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Nominating Committee:** Volunteers for the nominating committee are Al Benz and Carol Hershey. They will report at the October meeting.

**Potential dates for State Festival in 2023 hosted by the Northwest District:** Discussion was held whether to host the state festival on the second weekend (Oct. 13-15) or third weekend (Oct. 20-22) in 2023. Locations were discussed. It was recommended that checking on locations available would be best before deciding on a date. One question – do we know a Chief’s schedule in 2023? Carol asked for volunteers for a committee to check these things out. Volunteers were Al Benz, Gouchers, Wheelers, Ruth Ann Reynolds, and Edythe Weber.

**Missouri State President’s Letter:** Carol read. Discussion followed. See letter with these minutes.

**Other new business:** Savannah Sashayers turned in a request for reimbursement of lesson expenses through the Member Services. With the budget cuts at the state level, we do not think this will be funded for the rest of 2021 or for 2022. This request was passed on to Carolyn Goucher, chairman of the State committee to handle this. It was suggested that maybe the district could help out some if this was not going to be funded by the State.

Carol will be checking on the NKC Pavilion for 2022 or possibly other locations.

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**NW District meeting dates for 2021** – Traditional quarterly dates would be January 24, April 25, August 14 (meeting prior to District Dance), October 24.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 5:45 p.m. Motion was made by Fred Goucher to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

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

Balance on of April 25, 2021 \$6253.09

Income: 0.00

Total Income:

Expenses:

Bars & Badges	109.50
Visitation	15.50
Change for NW Dist Dance	320.00

Total Expenses: 445.00

Balance on of August 14, 2021 \$5808.09

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August 8, 2021

From: Dave & Penny Byers

On behalf of Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs

To: All Missouri Federation Member Clubs

We are reaching out to the Missouri Federation Clubs to let you know due to basically 2 years of no income the Federation feels we have reached the point we need to roll back some of our expenses. Therefore, we are temporarily putting some programs on hold and cutting out others we may be able to do without. We feel the Federation is important to maintain as it brings all the clubs together with one voice in the state and the nation.

The way this will most directly affect your club will be temporary suspension of reimbursement for lessons and advertising. Also, it may affect the amount of insurance rebate your club receives. We will know more for sure when we get the 2022 budget completed.

Just some thoughts of ways to handle this... if clubs can get their caller to donate a night of calling, promote this dance as a "lesson cost benefit dance" then use the funds from this dance to help pay your caller and venue for lessons. As a part of that, try your best to attend the "benefit dance" of your club and surrounding club dances.

If you need promotional materials like flyers, signs, etc., reach out to someone on the board. Others might have some things they can share.

Lastly, it is very important to promote and attend the Missouri Federation State Festival this year and encourage other dancers you haven't seen in a while to register and attend as well. This is the primary income for the Missouri Federation.

As always, it is our pleasure to serve you in this capacity. If you ever have any questions or ideas, please don't hesitate to call, text, email, drop by or catch us at a dance and let us know.

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