

NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

January 31, 2022

The quarterly meeting of the Northwest District was called to order by president, Carol Hershey, on Monday, January 31, 2022 at 6:05 p.m. at the Clay County Annex, 1901 NE 48th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. The meeting was held both in person and via Zoom.

Roll call was answered by nine clubs. A quorum was achieved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 24, 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 \$6,427.29. A correction from Maysville to Savannah Sashayers was made in the name of the club receiving the lessons assistance check under expenses. The report was filed for audit.

GENERAL REPORTS:

Correspondence: Edythe stated she sent out several thinking of you and get well cards. A number of names were given to her to send cards.

State District Presidents Report: Carol provided a brief report for the January 16 meeting. Chairman of the Square Dancer of the Year committee was chosen. State deadline is August 1 to the State Committee Chair. Future dates of State meetings is April 3 in Springfield, July 17 in the St. Louis district, and October 9 following the State Festival in Sedalia. It was noted that our district has three recipients of this award, Louise Coleman - 2021, Dan & Jean Wheeler - 2012, and Jim & Edythe Weber - 2007.

State Meeting Report(s): Highlights provided by Carol Hershey and Jim Marron. See attached report.

OLD BUSINESS:

26th NW District Dance – August 13, 2022. Graceway has been reserved. We need a host club. Two clubs said they would discuss with their members. Discussion and review of host club responsibilities followed. It is on page 25-26 of the District Handbook. Once a host is decided, the flyer can be finished and we can post online and begin advertising.

63rd Missouri State Festival: October 7-9, 2022, Caller: Dan Preedy, Cuer: Bob & Gerry Tevlin, St. Louis, MO. Northeast District is hard at work. The new process of selling raffle tickets that has already begun was discussed. Several clubs are doing well and making it a club fundraiser as well as support of the state festival. Packets for clubs will be picked up at the April State Meeting.

Other old business: Carol brought up that the host club for the State meetings is reimbursed for actual expenses of providing the lunch up to \$200. The couple that came representing Savannah Sashayers and provided the food for the January 16 meeting has told her that they do not want reimbursement. They were happy to be able to provide the food for the meeting. Following discussion, it was decided to send the couple a personal thank you card and also one to Savannah Sashayers recognizing their support for the meeting. The weather ended up to be snowy and icy and not very many attended the in-person meeting; more attended via Zoom. The food was delicious. An email will also be sent to Rosa Davis, Mo Federation treasurer, to let her know that no check needs to be written.

Carol reported that she had attended the Diamond B's to present their club's 25-year award. She also attended River City Squares dance to present Gene Miller with his 50-year plaque for being a caller.

NEW BUSINESS:

State Festival in 2023 hosted by the Northwest District: Site visits have been made to multiple locations (Sedalia State Fairgrounds, St. Joseph Civic Center, Marriott by the Airport, Hilton by the Airport, and others) by members of the committee. Dates have been discussed – second weekend Oct. 13-15 or third weekend Oct. 20-22. It has not been confirmed and approved by the Missouri Federation that hiring of the featured caller and cuer for the festival is the responsibility of the Festival Committee for that year's festival, not the Past President's Committee as has been the practice in the past. The committee will be meeting following this meeting to make some decisions. The committee members are: Carol Hershey, Al Benz, Gouchers, Wheelers, Ruth Ann Reynolds, Edythe Weber and Lois Edmiston. Any input from all clubs and dancers is welcome. Contact Carol Hershey if you have input to share.

Other new business: Carol mentioned that clubs need to be thinking about nominations for Square Dancer of the Year. All clubs have someone, or more than one someone, who goes above and beyond for square dancing. Consider nominating them for the Square Dancer of the Year. Nominations need to be to Carol Hershey by July 1st so she has time to review and forward on to the State. The State deadline is August 1st.

Carol was approached by Al Hutchins, President of Heart of America Federation (HOA) to co-host a special benefit dance. His suggestion was a PAWS dance, July 9, with Jon Jones and Deborah Carroll-Jones being hired as the callers. All proceeds after paying the callers would be donated to PAWS. Discussion followed. Concern was not to detract or take away from the annual dance that is held and sponsored by Jay & Linda Krebs each fall. Savannah Sashayers is already holding a PAWS benefit on May 15th. The concern was that if too many of these dances are held closely together, either dancers might not attend them all and/or donations will probably drop. A suggestion was made to propose co-hosting a

benefit, with a less expensive caller, for another charity. Carol mentioned co-hosting something similar to the Newbie Dance, which would give us until next fall to plan. Carol will follow up with Al. Edythe said she could attend the HOA meeting on Feb. 13 to see what is said during that meeting about this. She would represent the Northwest District if asked to speak.

Dan Wheeler reported that he has been working on QR Codes. Discussion followed on how these would be used for square dances, flyers, websites, etc. If you are interested in something like that for your club or special dance, contact Dan.

Jean Wheeler asked about the audit of her treasurer's books for 2021. Carolyn Goucher and Liz Rooks volunteered to do the audit.

The next meeting will be Sunday, April 24, probably at the Clay County Annex. Watch for meeting notice.

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 by a motion made by Fred Goucher. Motion seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Edythe Weber, Secretary