NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Clay County Courthouse Annex, 1901 NE 48th Street, Kansas City, MO 64118 October 23, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.

The quarterly meeting of the Northwest District was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Clay County Annex, 1901 NE 48th Street, KCMO by President Carol Hershey. The meeting was held in person only.

Roll call was answered by seven clubs. A quorum was present to conduct voting business.

Martin and Linda Kline were introduced as delegates for Heartland Squares. Larry Liebig was welcomed as representative for the new Stewartsville Cutups. Jim Marron was welcomed back since he and Loretta have been ill and have not attended a meeting for a while.

President Hershey asked if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the April 24, 2022 meeting that were emailed to all delegates. Lois Edmiston made the motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Motion seconded and vote carried.

President Hershey asked if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the August 13, 2022 meeting that were emailed to delegates. Pandora Davis made the motion to approve the August meeting minutes. Motion seconded and vote carried.

Dan Wheeler read the treasurer's report. Balance April 24, \$3,967.04. Income \$1,207.00. Expenses \$734.40. Ending balance October 23, 2033 of \$4,439.64. Report was filed for audit.

GENERAL REPORTS:

Correspondence: None at this time.

District Presidents Report(s): (Oct. 9, 2022) – Carol reported that state meetings dates for 2023 have been set. January 15, Southwest District hosting; April 16, Northeast District hosting; July 9 or 16, St. Louis District hosting; and October 15, Northwest District hosting on the Sunday following the State Festival in Sedalia. We will be needing a club to host the lunch for this October meeting. Anything that your club wants to advertise should be sent to Dan Wheeler for him to post on your club website. Every club has a website, whether they know it or not. He posts flyers, specials, newsletters, almost anything.

State Meeting Report(s): (Oct. 9, 2022) – Changes to the Constitution and ByLaws were approved, eliminating the 3rd Vice President position. The 2022 Festival committee updated the board on attendance at the Festival. They felt everything went well for all the changes to the schedule. They anticipate a profit of about \$2,500. There were 250 in attendance. A youth group from Southeast Missouri did a demonstration and it was nice seeing youth at the Festival.

Membership dues for the District/State are due immediately. Please check with Edythe to see if your club has paid.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

64th State Festival October 13-15, 2023 hosted by Northwest District: Report were made by President Hershey with update on meeting August 12 and October 12. We reviewed the surveys taken at the festival. Many good comments and other recommendations to consider. People liked the one-hall concept with the small numbers we are having at festivals. Signage is key, needed some improvement. Need back-up turntable if computers don't work. We need to fill more committee positions. Edythe will create and email and have Carol review it to send to all club delegates and presidents for them to share with their

NEW BUSINESS:

Did you know that Northwest District has a Facebook page? Carol posts to it. Check it out if you are on Facebook.

26th NW District Dance – **August 12, 2022, Graceway Fellowship Hall**, Callers: District Callers, Rounds: District Cuers, Mainstream/Plus/Rounds/Lines, Pre-rounds 6:30, Dance 7 - 10 PM. We need a host club for this dance. We should begin advertising as soon as possible.

Edythe Weber gave an insurance update. Premium for 2022 is \$5.00, Premium for 2023 will be \$5.25. The portal is not open yet, but hopes are that it will be soon.

Meeting dates for 2023 are January 22, April 23, August 12 (prior to the District Dance), and October 22. Locations are to be determined. Carol has tried contacting North Kansas City Hospital with no reply yet. We can use the Clay County Annex as long as Edythe keeps working here. The YMCA on Iron Street & Armor in North Kansas City charges \$100 per meeting. Carol is checking out the new library on Green Hills Road, but they charge, also. We have a while to make a decision.

Members of the Nominating Committee for 2023 officer election were not present. We had polled current officers at the August meeting and most said they would remain for another year. Following discussion, Carol stated that Louise Coleman, State Delegate, had declined to stay on with her declining health. Linda Kline made the motion to accept the nomination of the current officers remaining for one more year. Motion second and vote carried. Officers for 2023 are: President Carol Hershey, Vice President Al & Betty Benz, Secretary, Edythe Weber, Treasurer Jean & Dan Wheeler, State Delegate Jim & Loretta Marron, Alternate State Delegate Lois Edmiston. The second State Delegate position will remain open until we get a replacement.

Liz Rooks asked if the meeting time could be moved to 2 p.m. to allow a little more travel time for those clubs coming a distance, like from Sedalia. Following discussion it was decided to move the meeting time to 2 p.m.

Carol asked for updates from clubs:

- ✓ Live Wires have about 20 new students. They have a new facility and have worked with the Community Education in Raymore.
- ✓ Linda Kline said that Heartland Squares lessons were postponed. Johnson County Community Education did not advertise soon enough. They have dropped their 5th Tuesday dances and are only dancing 1st and 3rd.
- ✓ Lois stated that Savannah is holding lessons on Wednesdays.
- ✓ Larry Liebig said they have seven new people in lessons and one refresher. He gave us his line-up of callers for January through March while he is in Texas: January, Connie Graham; February, Wilma Randall; and March, Chris Wildhagen.
- ✓ Liz reported that Diamond B's were going to 7-9:30 after January 1. They normally have 1-2 squares at their dances.
- ✓ Santa Fe Trailers are proud to have Stan Brooke back as their caller. Bill Reynolds has graciously approved to be his backup if he is not able to call.
- ✓ Silver Dollars is struggling.
- ✓ River City Squares is folding.
- ✓ B-N-R Squares has an energetic, enthusiastic group of dancers that took lessons 1 year ago who are out visiting in force.

The next NW District meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 22, 2023, location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Edythe Weber Secretary