

Southwest District Meeting Minutes  
January 6, 2018

Call to Order: The Southwest District meeting, held at Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library in Springfield, Missouri, was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Co-President Carol Morris.

Invocation: Given by Mark Gentry

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all, lead by Don Miller

Roll Call was taken. There were 6 Executive committee members present, including both Co-Presidents, and Delegates from 6 clubs, members included: 1 from Hi-Hashers, 1 from Kountry Kuzins, 1 from Lost Creek, 3 from Mo-Kan Squares, 2 from Trail Blazers, 2 from Twirl-Arounds. A quorum was achieved.

Minutes: Minutes of the November 4, 2017 meeting had been distributed to board members 2 weeks following the last meeting via e-mail and hard copies. Carol Morris stands the Minutes for November 4, 2017 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the financial report for the period of November 4, 2017 through January 5, 2018 were distributed by Sharon Glenn. Beginning balance was \$5695.83 with an ending balance of \$5646.98. Expenses included \$300.00 to Springfield Park Board for rental for Doin's dance (2/11/18), \$200.00 to Springfield Park Board for rental for Oreilly-Teft gym for after meeting dances (Jan, March, September, & November 2018). \$19.79 to Shirley Winans for supplies.

Income of \$50.00 for November 16 meeting dance reimbursement. \$420.00 for State Incentive Rebate. Interest of \$0.46 & \$.48. Carol Morris stands the report as written & to be audited by Mark Gentry.

## Committee Reports:

Missouri Federation: Loretta Compton reported the State Meeting held in Eldon on December 3, 2017 had checking account balance \$12,013.93, total CDs is \$50,195.57 with total of \$62,209.50. Membership dues were paid by 49 clubs. Longevity awards were given to Beaux & Belles for 65 years (NE Dist) & Western Twirlers for 70 years (SW Dist-Joplin, MO).

Doin's Editor Edythe Weber reported that the next dead line for the articles, schedules is January 25, 2018. Please send before this date if possible.

Doin's Circulations: Jim Weber reported 319 subscriptions. At the state dance there were 34 renewals & 14 new subscriptions.

Insurance reported by Jim Weber: 4.75 is still the amount for each dancer for the insurance. In 2017 we had 56 clubs and 1,379 MO dancers & 328 insured by other associations. Total for 1,707 dancers. Don't forget to turn in the roster for lessons so that new dancers will be covered & the location if it is different from your dance location. Don't forget the 2018 accident report forms are on the website. 38 club dues were received in time to receive the rebate of \$35.00. For 2018 we have 49 clubs, 1,459 dancers. (1,122 MO dancers & 333 other)

Next meeting will be on February 18, 2018, hosted by the NW District.

District Dozens: Catherine McLemore stated new cards being updated for 2018. 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Southwest District Dance will be included. Also motion made by Catherine McLemore to add the 2018 National Dance. Tony Ahart 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voted & approved.

Ambassador of Year 2018: Chair Committee member Gene Holtgrewe stated that rereading the working rules states there should be 4 members on the committee. Mark Gentry was appointed to join Gene Holtgrewe, Bill Thomas, & Stanley Forste. Deadline to receive nominations is by end of March 3, 2018 meeting.

2019 State Festival: Catherine McLemore states the 2019 State Festival will be Southwest District's 60<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary. Using the theme "Diamond Jubilee". Still working on getting a package together to present to State Officers to hold dance in Springfield MO. Asked meeting attendees if they would like a Banquet with a meal on Saturday, everyone was in favor. Oasis Hotel has 174 rooms with price of \$95 per room double occupancy. Other hotels are within walking distance along with restaurants. Dance dates are October 18, 19, & 20, 2019. Featured caller is Noah Seigmann from Nebraska. Ann Cook has been checking on companies to make the designed T-shirt. Catherine McLemore states everyone needs to get involved to make this a success being our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our district gets to host the State Festival every 7 years. Help promote throughout the district & bordering states. If you know a business that would like to help sponsor, get their name & information to Catherine McLemore. Anyone wanted to help with committees would be greatly appreciated.

## **Unfinished Business:**

Doin's Dance: Carol Morris presented the 2018 poster & theme for February 11 dance. Theme is Balloon Fest. Held in Springfield to promote Doin's magazine. Would like nice items for silent auction. There will also be a 50/50 pot. Would like each club to bring cookies. Anyone wanting to volunteer to be there by 1:30pm. Dance will be between 2:00-4:00pm with area callers. Admission by donations.

5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dances: Carol Morris asking clubs to sponsor the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Southwest District dances in 2018. Dates are March 31, June 30, September 29, & December 29. Kountry Kuzins volunteered for the March 31. Gene Holtgrewe motioned to cancel June 30 due to National wknd in Kansas City. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon Taylor. Voted & approved. Discussion of changing the time frame for the December 29<sup>th</sup> to an afternoon dance in Springfield to help promote the district for the upcoming year. Also as fun dance for New Years Eve wknd. Will discuss more in next meeting.

2018 Club Dues: Sharon Glenn has received rebates for each club that paid before the deadline. Will pass out at end of meeting. If you have not received it, contact Sharon Glenn.

## **Other:**

2018 Scholarships available: Square Dance Federation scholarship for \$1,000 application is due by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Missouri Federation scholarship for \$500 is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information check the state website.

## Announcements:

Recognition to Western Twirlers-Joplin MO for 70 years as a club by the Missouri State Federation. Banner pin received by Shirley Winans secretary.

Reminder that all visitors/guests & dancers MUST sign in at Dance for insurance purposes.

Reminder of Southwest District dance to be held May 19, 2018 at the Marc in Mt Vernon MO.

## Other:

Forms for Accident Reports at Lessons or Dance given to each club. Reminder to document as soon as it happens not later.

**District Dozen Promotion:** Co-President Carol Morris would like to see more participation in District Dozen. Which is to dance 12 times within your district to receive special recognition danglers.

**Toot Your Horn Promotion:** Co-President Carol Morris would like to see more Toot Your Horn Promotions by clubs. Clubs needs to help promote within their city help keep square dancing alive. Completion requirements can be sent to Jack & Becky Rockaway.

**National Convention:** Would like to see a lot of clubs participate being in our home state. Volunteers are needed for 1-2 hours. Working registration tables for different events. National Convention website is [www.67nsdc.com](http://www.67nsdc.com) or check with Co-President Carol Morris.

Prayer list for Craig Grothaus, Ray Corbitt, & Evelyn Davenport.

**Dance Announcements:** Western Twirler evening dance with Johny Eubanks, Carolyn Ahart will be starting Fox Trot lessons, Kountry Kuzins will have Monty Hackler-Jan 13, Lost Creek Promenaders will start dancing at 7:00pm. Trail Blazers now has 2 dance nights available, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays in Nixa, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays in Springfield.

Rangers club that closed at end of 2017 donated their leftover monies to Convoy of Hope & local Ronald McDonald House.

Books are ready to be audited by Mark Gentry.

**Next Meeting:** March 3, 2018 @ 1:00pm. Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell, Springfield. Dance following meeting at O'Reilly Tefft gym at 3:00pm with local callers.

## **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. with no other discussions Ann Cook stands the meeting.

Submitted by:

Shirley Winans, Secretary

The next meeting of the Southwest District will be held on Saturday March 3, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.