

Southwest District Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2018

Call to Order: The Southwest District meeting, held at the Schweitzer Brentwood Library, 2214 S. Brentwood Blvd, Springfield, Missouri, was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Co-President Carol Morris.

Invocation: Given by Gene Holtgrewe.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all, led by Melvin Bond.

Roll Call was taken. There were 8 Executive committee members present, including both Co-Presidents, and Delegates from 6 clubs, members included: 1 from Kountry Kuzins, 2 from Lost Creek, 2 from Mo-Kan Squares, 3 from Trail Blazers, 2 from Twirl-A-Rounds, & 2 from Twirling Funtimers. A quorum was achieved. 1 guest attended meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 19, 2018 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 May 19, 2018 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Sharon Glenn. Copies of the financial report for the period of May 19, 2018 through September 14, 2018 were distributed. Beginning balance was \$4820.97 with an ending balance of \$5262.76. Expenses included to Carol Morris, & Loretta Compton \$10.00 each for April State meeting. Peggy Gentry \$67.90 for Ambassador plaque, badge, & corsage for District Dance. \$75.00 each to Kenton Sullivan, Pat Christie, Carolyn Ahart, Bill Cochran, Jay Wright, & Phyllis Cochran for Caller/cuer/lines at District Dance. Lisa Corbitt \$249.96 for District Dance decorations. Missouri Federation \$30.00 for full page ad for SW district in State Festival book.

Income of \$1197.00 from proceeds of District Dance. \$15.00 each from Western Grand Squares, Hi-Hashers, Twirl-A-Rounds, & Traditional Dance Society for 2019 dues. Interest of \$0.49, \$0.44, \$0.83, & \$0.89.

Breakdown of the May 19, 2018 District Dance Festival
INCOME

Admission 69 dancers @ \$7.00	\$483.00
Silent Auction	\$217.00
50/50 tickets	\$43.00
Tea Cup Raffle	\$142.00
Club donations	\$312.00
Total	\$1197.00

EXPENSES

Hall Rent	\$100.00
Plaque/badge/corsage Ambassador	\$67.90
Callers, Cuers, & Line Dance instructor	\$450.00
Decorations	\$249.96
Total	\$867.86

NET

\$329.14

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 August 19, 2018 had checking account balance \$7,150.92, total CDs is \$50,467.60 with total of \$57,618.52.

Doins editor reported by Edythe Webber next deadline is September 25, 2018. Please send in articles as soon as possible. Total subscriptions is 286, received 45 renewals, 18 that need renewed.

Insurance coordinator Jim Weber reported that the current Missouri Federation dancers insured is at 1,277, 335 dancers through other federations for total of 1,612 dancers. 2018 Insurance forms must be used now. The 2019 insurance packets will go out in September.

Webmaster Dan Wheeler reported that the 2018/2019 dance schedules are needed at this time. The web site is getting about 1,000 hits per month.

License plate reported by Sharon White: there were 9 1year & 5 2year licenses renewed. There was 1 new 1year & 1 new 2year license.

2018 State dance reported by Sharon Crisel: there are 197 registered dancers for the 2018 State dance. Be sure & bring the clubs silent auction items & banners. There will be raffles, fashion show, & vendors. There will be a luncheon for the caller/cuers this year.

2018 National Convention report by Carl & Cindy Boone: there was total of 3,170 registered for the Nationals and 585 were Missouri dancers. They are in negotiations with the Marriott Hotel about the rooms.

USDA reported by Dan Reedy: they are going forward with the 501 c3 paperwork with the IRS. This will include the state federation, but not the clubs in the state.

State fair dance reported by Liz Rooks: there were 200 signed in, but estimated 225 were in attendance. The ad went out to 100,000 newspapers and hope this will generate interest in square dancing.

Electronic Doins is now being offered. With your subscription you now have the option to get the Doins by either by mail or by email.

Rebate for the insurance this year has changed from \$35 to \$50. Be sure & get it in early so you club will qualify for the rebate.

Next meeting will be in Lebanon on October 21, 2018

New Dancer Club coupon: Gene Holtgrewe stated that coupon books are available. If you have someone that uses a coupon & your club would like reimbursed, please use new form presented. 1 club has had a coupon used. If you have not received any books, see Gene Holtgrewe.

2019 State Festival: Report given by Catherine McLemore. Several committee's are needing a chairperson & committee workers. Ann Cook & Carol Morris will be selling shirts & ribbons. Colors of Azure blue & silver. Looking for participants for several committees. If you are interested in a specific committee, please contact Catherine McLemore or LorettaCompton. Next meeting will be in October at Oasis Hotel & Convention Center.

Unfinished Business:

USDA 2018 convention: Carol Morris updated on recent convention that just over 3,000 attended. Southwest District received a letter from the National Committee for all the volunteers who helped during the convention. A thank you to Loretta Compton who worked every day of the convention. 2018 MO Date dance updates- raffle tickets still available. Cash prizes your club gets half of your money back. Please keep your portion before sending in. Each club has been asked to donate a \$25 gift basket or \$25 value prize. Please be sure to bring your club banners. Please try to participate in Last Square Standing judged by how the book reads.

2019 Club dues: Sharon Glenn updated membership form and club roster due today. Most clubs have turned in their paperwork.

2019 District Dance: Lisa Corbitt presented ideas for the upcoming District Festival held in May. Theme of "A Spring Freeze" with ice cream & cake walk. At May meeting had discussed changing venue to another area but was not able to meet requirements so will be held at Marc in Mt. Vernon. Discuss at next meeting possible changes for 2 years out for date & callers/cuers.

New Business:

2019 District Officers: Bill Thomas chairperson for the nominations for 2019 District Officers. All officers have agreed to be nominated for another year. Voting will be done at next meeting in November & officers will be in elected & begin at end of November meeting.

Constitution & By-Laws: Carol Morris offered a discussion for change in the Southwest District Constitution/By-Laws Article III Membership. Section 5-last sentence stating "Mail the renewal to the District President". Whereas the Southwest District Working Rules section 3 Membership-last sentence stating "All membership submittals to the MO Federation shall be made by the District Treasurer". Should we change the Constitution & By-Laws to read District Treasurer. Carol Morris motion's to make changes in the working rules from President to Treasurer & to add September as due date. This is tabled for next meeting to be amended to read word for word to be added to the Constitution By-Laws.

Review District Dozens: Carol Morris suggesting changes to the District Dozens. Suggestions to add more dances from other districts or out of state dance. Presently there are several opportunities to get the 12 dances needed to fill card for this years dangles. No new or extra dances added at present time. Get notice to all club dancers that program is available.

2019 T-shirts & Polos: Ann Cook presented the T-shirts & Polos that will be available for the 2019 MO State Festival. Made locally with an addition of a sweatshirt jacket this year to be "special order

only". Ann Cook & Carol Morris are taking pre orders now. Pricing is T-shirts-\$10, Polo is \$20, Jacket is \$30. To be available in October.

Promote square dancing: Loretta Compton updated on how group is working on promoting awareness to square dancing with the "Change Up Buckets" (donation bucket at dances), business cards are available to pass around to get non dancers interested. Free promotion items for district to use. Also Change Up Buckets of donations will help to purchase signs & advertisement material in the future. Presently selling stickers that can be put on vehicles. Group is made up of volunteered concerned dancers, not sponsored by Southwest District.

Announcements:

Today-Dance at O'Reilly Tefft Gym 3-5pm with Jay Wright & Carolyn Ahart.

5th Saturday dance is September 29th 3-5pm at O'Reilly Tefft Gym sponsored by Kountry Kuzins.

5th Saturday dance on December 29th 3-5pm at O'Reilly Tefft Gym sponsored by Trail Blazers.

Next Meeting: November 3, 2018 @ 1:00pm. Location – Schweitzer Brentwood Library, Springfield, MO.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. with no other discussions by Carol Morris. Bill Thomas 2nds.

Submitted by:

Shirley Winans, Secretary

The next meeting of the Southwest District will be held on Saturday November 3, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. location Schweitzer Brentwood Library, 2214 S. Brentwood Blvd, Springfield, MO.