

Southwest District Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2019

Call to Order: The Southwest District meeting, held at the Schweitzer Brentwood Library, 2214 S. Brentwood Blvd, Springfield, Missouri, was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by Co-President Carol Morris.

Invocation: Given by Art Petty.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all, led by Darrell McLemore.

Roll Call was taken. There were 6 Executive committee members present, including both Co-Presidents, and Delegates from 8 clubs, members included: 1 from Hi-Hashers, 2 from Kountry Kuzins, 1 from Mo-Kan Squares, 1 from Traditional Dancers, 2 from Trail Blazers, 2 from Twirl-A-Rounds, 2 from Twirling Funtimers, & 1 from Western Twirlers. And 2 guest. A quorum was achieved to hold meeting. Quorum was achieved for any voting on Constitution/By-Laws.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 5, 2019 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 January 5, 2019 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Sharon Glenn. Copies of the financial report for the period of January 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019 were distributed. Beginning balance was \$5,249.63 with an ending balance of \$4,807.74. Expenses included to \$10.00 each to Carol Morris, Loretta Compton, & Shirley Winans for State mtg 12-9-18 Delgates. \$40.00 to Catherine McLemore for card stock & ink for District Dozen Cards. \$40.00 to Carol Morris for reimbursement for Craig Grothous Memorial. \$50.00 each to Twirling Funtimers, Trailblazers, Carolyn Ahart (Twirl A Rounds), Kountry Kuzins, Traditional Dance Society, Western Twirlers, Mo-Kan for State incentive rebates. \$200.00 to Springfield Park Board for rental of O'Reilly Teft for 1-5, 3-2, 9-7, 11-2 dates. \$50.00 to Alton Flutterwheels, Western Grand Squares, Tanglefooters for State incentive rebates. \$100.00 to City of Mt. Vernon for rental of MARC for District Dance. \$300.00 to Lisa Corbitt for rental of NorthView Center for Doin's Dance. \$80.00 to Show Me Doins for full page ad Mar/April ½ page ad for May/June District Dance. \$398.50 to Show Me Doins for proceeds from Doins Benefit Dance. Income of \$550.00 for State Incentive Rebates, \$50.00 from O'Reilly Tefft gym for rental return after mtg dance 1-5-19. \$225.00 Doins Dance return deposit from Doins, \$398.50. Interest of \$1.09 & \$0.96.

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 Kansas City, MO February 23, 2019 had checking account balance \$11,558.85, Money Market account balance of \$10,227.58, total CDs is \$40,303.86 with total of \$62,090.29 reported by Secretary Penny Byers in absent of Treasurer Rosa Davis.

Doins Editor Edythe Weber reported that some club articles were not received by the deadline for the March/April issue. Please get the information in before or by the deadline. The next deadline is March 25.

Doins Circulation reported by Ruth Ann Reynolds current subscriptions is 314. At the SW Dist. Doin's dance there were 18 renewals and 1 new subscription.

Promotions report by Jack Rockaway; 2 requests for lessons Grants were given out and Toot Your Horn awards were given out.

Insurance coordinator Jim Weber reported: there are now 46 clubs, 1,142 Missouri dancers insured through the MO Federation and 292 dancers through other federations. This is a total of 1,433 dancers. Jim has mailed each club info for the online portal usage. Each club can use this portal to add new dancers being insured at the same rate of \$4.75.

Webmaster Dan Wheeler reported that in 2018 the MO Federation website had about 1,200 hits. The clubs websites have been updated, please check them out. If there are any updates or corrections needed, please contact him. Also if your clubs website needs history info, please contact him.

USDA report by Edythe Weber; the 501-3c process is continuing. There is a scholarship for \$1000.00 that seniors in high school need to apply for.

2019 State Dance Festival by Catherine McLemore; total of 133 have registered. There are 18 callers signed up. Asked that ads for business ads be increased and it was approved. Asked that raffle be changed to multi prizes and it was approved.

SW Dist. Doin's Dance reported by Carol Morris; after expenses were paid, a check for \$398.50 was given to the Doin's.

Next meeting will be April 14, 2019 in Moberly, MO.

2019 State Festival: Report given by Catherine McLemore. Banquet for Saturday night was approved. Will be catering the Caller/Cuer luncheon also. If wanting banquet buffet, please get registered now, 38 are preregistered. Working on getting

entertainment during dinner. Will be doing a ticket party to prepare raffle tickets assembling. Major prizes include, diamond/pearl ring, wood sculpture, & wknd in Branson. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5, or 12 for \$10. Working on an incentive for clubs on selling most tickets. Oasis has 900 sq ft. of flooring for use that they will put down. Which will help lower the amount that has been contrac/trented from Dancing Delight in Chicago.

Shirt Sales: Report given by Ann Cook. Have ordered so far 249 items of apparel, sold 183.

2019 Treasurer report: Karen Ebert stated checking account balance is \$4,007.31. Total profit so far is \$1,544.92.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Today's deadline for financial records of 2018 Audit. Per Carol Morris, please get everything to audit committee. Per Mark Gentry reporting on 2018 treasurer's audit so far all monies are accounted for. Please get original receipts to turn in.

Today's deadline for Ambassador/Year nominations. Per Loretta Compton. Nominations are due at end of meeting. Committee meeting will meet after this meeting. So far 2 applications received. Award will be announced at District Dance in May.

District Dozen update: Shirley Winans offered suggested proposals to changes to Working Rules District Dozen Guidelines. Adding extra dance & change boundary area. Karen Ebert made motion to except changes, Gaylynn Crosby 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voted & approved. Giving 18 dance oportunites to complete a District Dozen Card.

2019 Doin's Dance: Sharon Glenn reported \$398.5 donated to the Doin's after expenses. 81 in attendance. Looking at possibly a different venue for future dances. Northview charges \$75 per hour, Oreilly Tefft charges \$25 per hour. Will address in future meetings.

2019 Doins Dance Gratitude: Carol Morris thanked all workers & dancers for success in attendance & chili meal. Everyone was appreciated.

2019 District Dance: Lisa Corbitt chairperson is planning an Ice Cream Social, please sign up if you would like to provide or help with expenses of ice cream & toppings. Activities will include desserts for cake walk, door prizes, 50/50, & silent auction. Dance starts at 6:30pm. District meeting will be at 2:00pm at Marc, Mount Vernon, MO. Theme is Celebrate Spring. This is the Districts only money making event.

Hosts- 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dances: Ann Cook asking for Clubs to sponsor dances for June, August, & November. If club would like to host dance that would be held in Springfield. Host club will need to bring cups, cookies & coffee. Kountry Kuzins will allow their coffee pot to be used. Funds collected at dance after expenses is divided between callers/cuers who call or cue. Dance can be held in your own town if possible. Shirley Winans stated Western Twirlers will host June 29<sup>th</sup>. Opportunity to get dancers in your area.

2019 State Festival Contest: Carol Morris stating that there is a contest in the works that she would like a Free Pass from each club donated as a prize. These free passes are to be from all clubs within the state. Free Pass is for a regular dance does not include National Callers. For 1 person or a couple. Pass would be valid for 1 year of November 1, 2019 thru October 31, 2020. Deadline to turn in is August 1, 2019.

### **New Business:**

Supply reimbursement/after meeting dances: Carol Morris stated that Kountry Kuzins has provided coffee for past District Dances & were considering reimbursement. If other clubs will provide their own coffee for their dances. Kountry Kuzins has just been donating for District Dances/after meeting dances & will take donations. But should considered expense from door amount before caller/cuers are paid.

Parliamentarian: Carol Morris asking for anyone wishing to be parliamentarian. Will need to follow procedure for meetings. Present Parliamentarian is Tony Ahart but he will be stepping down due to busy schedule for the upcoming year.

New Club Membership: Carol Morris states that we have a new club asking to be members of Southwest District. Roy Hestand presented paperwork asking to be a club member of Southwest District. Club name is "Pioneers" from Mountain Home, Arkansas. Roy Hestand presently is the caller with caller ran club with 12 members. As members build up will become officer ran club. Presently associated with Arkansas State & District since forming last fall. Presently dancing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. Presently members have insurance thru Arkansas. Carol Morris makes motion to except club into District. Sharon Glenn 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voted & Approved.

Committee Review Const./By-Law, Working Rules: Carol Morris asking for volunteers for committee to work & review Constitution/By-Laws, Working Rules. By-Law/Working rules states to review and or update every 2 years. Carol Morris asked Bill Thomas & Mark Gentry to co-chair committee. Also selected was Anita England & Karen Ebert. Catherine McLemore stated that District sees a need to input into Constition/By- Laws an Official Caller Cuer Delegate position for more representation. Committee to have meeting before next District meeting.

USDA Insurance Program: Carol Morris reports insurance applications will change in the fall. Normally sent to Jim Weber insurance coordinator for state. Jim Weber will have seminar at State Festival to explain new process.

Reimbursements: Carol Morris states Delegates from District that attend Federation meetings out of town other than meeting held at State Festival have been awarded \$10 each for each meeting attended. Lisa Corbitt has been attending these meetings as pre-registration coordinator for festival. Carol Morris suggests that Lisa Corbitt be awarded \$10 for each meeting she attends and reimbursed for past last wks meeting. Carol Morris asks for motion to cover \$10 to Lisa Corbitt for each State Federation meeting she attends. Gaylynn Crosby accepts motion made, Bob Ebert 2nds. Voted & passed.

Resolution: Carol Morris asked Ann Cook to read a Resolution received from Mo-Kan Squares.

Following the reading, members present had a long and emotional discussion of intentions and consequences of the decision passed at the last meeting regarding the SW District Dance in May. No one disagreed with the contents of the Resolution presented and the importance of supporting our local callers and cuers. However, as we attempt to change or do things a little differently there have been hurt feelings on the part of the Callers and some members of their clubs. It was agreed that future discussions will be needed to clarify and update working rules and procedures to better reflect the direction members of the SW District would like to head.

Carol Morris stresses the need to have all Clubs send representatives to every meeting. Otherwise, Delegates present make decisions for everyone. Board member and Carol Morris stated it may not be known that every dancer in the Southwest District are invited and welcome to attend a meeting. Every dancer, caller, or cuer not designated as a delegate are asked to sign in as guests. Each club has 3 representatives or delegates of those representatives that have voting rights. Everyone at the meeting who wants to speak can do so. It is not a closed meeting to anyone who is a paid member of a Southwest District Club.

## **Announcements:**

Bill Sherrill Death/John Ryan Memorial service notices

Toot Your Horn 2018 Clubs Achievement Kountry Kuzins

5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance March 30<sup>th</sup> hosted by Kountry Kuzins 3-5pm @ Oreilly Tefft Gym

Twirling Funtimers associate caller Donna Gellenbeck has had recent health issues.

Karen Sullivan asks about getting a list of delegates attending meetings.

Shirley Winans states she will attach the meeting sign in sheet to minutes.

Karen Ebert ask is Mo Kan Square qualified for Missouri Toot Your Horn Award. Carol Morris states from the State Meeting they were not acknowledged at the meeting.

Karen said they were having trouble sending it thru email. Carol Morris said we will need to check on progress.

Carol ask for motion to adjourn meeting. Gaylynn Crosby made motion, Bob Ebert 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

Next Meeting: May 18, 2019 @ 2:00pm. Location – Marc, Mount Vernon, MO.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. with no other discussions by Ann Cook.

Submitted by:

Shirley Winans, Secretary

The next meeting of the Southwest District will be held on Saturday May 18, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. location Marc, 822 W. Mt. Vernon Blvd, Mt Vernon, MO PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE THIS IS BEFORE THE EVENING DISTRICT DANCE TO BE HELD AT 6:30PM.