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**The Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs**  
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**MISSOURI FEDERATION OF SQUARE 'N ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.**

Minutes of October 20, 2024

President Merle called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon at the Lowell Mohler Hall on the Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, Missouri

**Invocation:** Merle Hall.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Led by Merle Hall

**Roll Call:** Liz Rooks. Full Quorum achieved. (6 Executive Board members; 12 District Directors; 8 Staff/Past Presidents).

Guests in attendance: Kelly Bockover, Roslie Mogerma, Carol Schlogel, and Robert and Lucy McMillion.

Host District and Club Thank You: President Hall thanked the St. Louis District for hosting the meeting and lunch. Cathy Hall gave recognition to Robert & Lucy McMillion for the lunch as well as organizing the food options during the festival.

Wanda Kruse shared that the representatives from the 74<sup>th</sup> NSDC convention were very impressed with the Saturday taco lunch and want to see about doing that at their convention.

**Approval of July Minutes:** President Hall asked for corrections or additions to the July 14, 2014, minutes.

Dave Roush moved to accept the minutes as corrected; motion was seconded and carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rosa Davis reported a beginning checking balance as of July 1, 2024 \$5,666.70. Revenue for this quarter of \$757.49 and Expenses of \$3,533.39. The ending checking account balance September 30, 2024, \$2,890.80. Total CDs plus interest \$41,717.46 for Total Funds on hand of \$44,608.26. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

39 Rosa reported she had received a \$2,500 check from the St. Louis District for the  
40 festival start-up money they received, and this will cover the club insurance rebates that  
41 are paid at the end of the year.

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43 Rosa mentioned we would need to decide the amount of the club insurance rebate for  
44 those clubs who qualify for that.

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46 She also mentioned there is a possibility of needing to redeem the Academy CD that  
47 matures in January depending on our end-of-year checking account balance as we try  
48 to keep \$10,000 to \$20,000 in the checking account; this will be dependent on the  
49 amount of money received from the 2024 State Festival.

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51 Rosa also reminded everyone that club dues for 2025 are due by November 1; she has  
52 already received the dues from a few clubs.

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54 **Membership and Club Longevity:** Rosa Davis reporting: 41 clubs currently. She  
55 mentioned the St. Louis District has a new caller run club “Friendly Squares” that will be  
56 joining the Federation effective January 1, 2025 and the Jefferson County Squares will  
57 close at the end of 2024.

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59 There were no Longevity awards to be presented at this time.

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61 **Correspondence:** Liz Rooks reporting: Get Well and Thinking of You cards were  
62 signed for Alice Beal, Carol Morris and Kevin and Nanie Hawkins.

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64 **Boundaries and Relations:** Dave Byers reporting.

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66 **Constitution and Bylaws:** Cathy Hall. No report.

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68 **Publications:** Chris Shoemaker reporting. No report

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70 **DOIN’S Editor:** Edythe Weber reporting. The next deadline is November 15 for the 2025  
71 issue for January, February and March. It does not seem possible that 2024 is almost over!

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73 September-August clubs need to send me their 2025 dates if they have not done so. I am  
74 expecting the January to December clubs to begin sending in annual schedules by November  
75 15. Even if you only have part of it, I need the January to March part for the magazine I will be  
76 working on. If I do not hear from you, you will be getting an email or a phone call.

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78 I am pleased to see that we are increasing the number of Doin’s subscriptions, a little at a time.  
79 Hopefully the upward trend will continue.

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81 We hope you like the Word Search Puzzle Book, if that is your thing, and you purchased one.  
82 The funds raised from this commemorative book will help subsidize the Doin’s expenses.  
83 Consider purchasing one to give away to someone who no longer dances or is in a senior living  
84 home that can do these puzzles. It might bring a smile to their day or bring back a sweet  
85 memory!

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87 If there are questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone on the Doin's staff.  
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89 **DOIN'S Circulation:** Penny Byers reporting. Subscriptions for the DOIN'S this period  
90 were 213, 1 exchange copy, and 15 for staff, historian and post office for a total mailing  
91 of 229. We had 83 electronic subscriptions, 38 renewals, 3 new subscriptions and 14  
92 student copies. 52 postcards will be sent to subscribers whose subscriptions will expire  
93 with the October - December issue.  
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95 Financial report: The balance brought forward on July 1, 2024, \$100 with a total income  
96 of \$645.00 from subscriptions. Expense for Doin's Dance State Festival \$50.00. A  
97 check for \$595.00 was given to the Federation leaving an ending balance on September  
98 30, 2024 of \$100.00.  
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100 98 dancers signed in for the Doin's Dance and 12 callers signed in to call. 36 renewal  
101 subscriptions were received as well as 3 new subscriptions. Donations for the dance  
102 totaled \$677 and expenses of \$56.94.  
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104 **DOIN's Advertising:** Crystle Swager reporting. We had a balance brought forward of  
105 \$100.00. We took in revenue for two DOIN'S ads of \$100.00 and there has been no  
106 expenses. A check for \$100.00 was given to the Federation leaving a balance of  
107 \$100.00.  
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109 **Promotions:** Fred & Carolyn Goucher. No report.  
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111 **Member Services Committee:** Fred & Carolyn Goucher: No report.  
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113 **State Festival Site Screening:** Dave Shafer: No report.  
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115 **Insurance Coordinator:** Edythe Weber reporting. 910 dancers are insured through  
116 Missouri Federation with 177 dancers insured through other federations for a total of  
117 1,087 Missouri dancers in 41 clubs.  
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- 119 • *Thank you to the club insurance people who continue to enroll dancers for your club.*  
120 *Thanks for your continued hard work.*  
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- 122 • The 2024 Insurance premium is \$5.50 per dancer; this premium covers members  
123 that join your club that do not have insurance anywhere else. There is no pro-  
124 rating insurance premiums. If you want to insure a new dancer for the rest of  
125 2024, you must send me \$5.50 per dancer.  
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- 127 • Sorry, as of this date (Oct. 11) I do not have info on the premium for 2025. You  
128 will know as soon as I know.  
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- 130 • Do not make checks out to "Edythe Weber", make them out to "Missouri  
131 Insurance".

- 132 • **Important:** If you need to communicate with me about insurance, PLEASE use  
133 the Missouri Federation Insurance email at [moinsurance@kc.rr.com](mailto:moinsurance@kc.rr.com) . Do not  
134 send insurance info or email questions to the Doin's email address. It just delays  
135 communication.
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- 137 • Please contact me first to get answers about insurance before going around me  
138 to Elizabeth Sanders, the USDA coordinator. If I don't know the answer, I will  
139 contact her. 95% of the time it's a quick answer.
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- 141 • You should never delete a dancer from your roster after initial enrollment, even if  
142 they move or pass away.
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- 144 • Remember to send me a roster of lesson names. There is no charge until they  
145 graduate.
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- 147 • If you need additional information or have questions, please contact me. If I do  
148 not know the answer, I know who to contact to get it.
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150 **Financial Report:** Beginning balance as of July 1, 2024, \$242.71; total income of \$93.50  
151 and expenses of \$156.00 leaves an ending balance on September 30, 2024, \$179.61.

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153 **Travel Missouri:** Debbie Moffitt reporting: Orders were received for 13 dangles and 1  
154 Blue Bar for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (a single SE dangle for and a Blue Bar for a dancer in the St.  
155 Louis District and 2 dangles each for the NW, St. Louis, SE, and NE Districts for  
156 members of the Southwest District.

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158 **Balance on Hand July 14, 2024, \$33.38, money received \$14.00, and Balance on Hand**  
159 **October 1, 2024, \$47.38.**

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161 **Blue Bird Coordinator:** Penny Byers reporting: Orders have been received for 6 Blue  
162 Bird Kits, 5 of which have been paid for. Balance on Hand July 1, 2024, \$80.00, income  
163 \$75.00, expenses of \$46.00 plus a \$20.00 donation to the school for printing the blue  
164 birds leaving a Balance on Hand, October 15, 2024, of \$89.00.

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166 **Webmaster:** Dan Wheeler reporting: This has been an exciting, difficult month. Our  
167 provider, Deerfield Hosting, decided to move our website to a newer, faster, better, etc.,  
168 server. Web servers are the place where all our web pages are located. When you  
169 look at a web page, this is where it actually comes from.

170 The move was supposed to happen during the early morning hours of a Sunday  
171 morning, and was to be so transparent that Deerfield didn't even tell me that it was  
172 going to happen.

173 Sunday morning, I started working on the website, and some of the pages didn't open  
174 correctly. Then I started getting E-Mails telling me other pages wouldn't open correctly.  
175 When I looked at the files on the server, some were missing. I tried to replace the  
176 missing files, but the uploading program wouldn't work. I finally figured out a clumsy

177 workaround that would let me upload pages and I replaced all that I found missing, and  
178 that fixed some of the problems, but I couldn't seem to fix them all.

179 I sent a problem ticket to Deerfield and that's when I was told about the move and the  
180 problems with the move. Finally, Deerfield got most of their problems fixed but the  
181 uploading program still didn't work correctly. It didn't start working correctly in a few  
182 days.

183 I believe that I have uploaded all the missing files, but I have no way of being sure.  
184 Although this all happened about three weeks ago, I found a missing file last week. If  
185 you happen to open a page on our website that has all sorts of strange words written on  
186 it, please let me know. When I know about any of these problems, I can fix them. It's  
187 actually possible that they are all fixed now. We live with hope.

188 I have mentioned this in the past, but the problem arose again, so I will go through it  
189 again.

190 When you copy a web page address and add it to a flyer, letter, publication, etc., the  
191 address you get starts with "http://" or "https://:". The difference is the letter "S". The  
192 web pages with the letter "S" are "Secure" web pages. The ones without the letter "S"  
193 and "Not Secure".

194 When you include the "http://" or "https://:" you force your web browser to open the page  
195 "Secure" or "Not Secure" even if that format has changed. When you enter a web  
196 address without the "http://" or "https://:" your browser is allowed to figure the "Secure" or  
197 "Not Secure" format by itself. It can do that, and it will select the correct format. If the  
198 format has changed, and you have used the wrong one, the page may not open. The  
199 solution is simple. Just leave the "http://" or "https://:" off.

200 The other part of this is the "www". When you type a web page address in a flyer, letter,  
201 publication, etc., and at the end of the address, you hit the space bar you will notice that  
202 the web page address turns blue and is underlined. If you leave the "www" off, this  
203 doesn't happen.

204 This can be important for several reasons:

- 205 1. We are used to seeing web addresses in blue and underlined so they stand out  
206 on the page.
- 207 2. If you convert what you are writing to a pdf, the pdf automatically converts the  
208 blue, underlined web page address to a "Hot Spot Link", that will open the web  
209 page if you click on it.
- 210 3. This is also true when you send them to me, and I upload them to the website.

211 I realize that the "www" is not necessary for the address to work. But it is necessary for  
212 the address to be visible, to stand out on the page, and to work as a link.

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214 **Historian:** Dan Wheeler reporting: No report.

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216 **License Plate:** Catherine McLemore reporting: Two requests for two-year renewals  
217 were received. We are down several license plates from where we were at this time in  
218 2022.

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220 Balance on Hand July 1, 2024, \$350.00, income \$100, expenses \$74.00, and a check  
221 has been given to the Missouri Federation for \$276.00 leaving a balance on October 20,  
222 2024, of \$100.00.

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224 **USDA:** Edythe Weber reporting: If you know of a high school senior or a freshman in  
225 college in your square dance world, please make them aware of the \$2,500 youth  
226 scholarship. Deadline is February 1, 2025. They have 4 months to look it over and get  
227 all the paperwork done and submitted. Applications should be sent to Dan Reedy,  
228 USDA Youth Coordinator.

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230 If you know of a dancer that is marking their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, please check out the  
231 Centennial Award. Get them recognized by USDA.

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233 As of writing this report, I have not heard from the USDA National Insurance Chairman  
234 about the insurance premium for 2025. Hang on, you will know when I know. I will send  
235 an email to each club insurance contact that I have information for as well as the  
236 Federation officers.

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238 Although I am no longer secretary, I am still on several committees. USDA's next  
239 meeting will be the Winter Meeting in Tucson, Arizona, January 16-19, 2025

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241 **ARTS:** Edythe Weber reporting: I have been asked to see if anyone is using or has  
242 used the short videos that ARTS has made. If you don't know what I am talking about,  
243 check out the videos made by doctors on the benefits of square dancing that are online  
244 and available to use: [https://www.arts-dance.org/Promotion\\_Videos.php](https://www.arts-dance.org/Promotion_Videos.php). More videos  
245 on the health aspects of square dancing are planned so watch for them.

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247 Dan has a link on the Missouri Federation home page. Just click and watch. They are  
248 well done and useful to recruit new dancers. And they are FREE. Let Edythe know if  
249 you use any of them.

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251 Also, ARTS has a new trifold brochure on the health benefits of square dancing. It is  
252 colorful and full of information. Just print it, type a label with your contact info on it, and  
253 use as much as you like. We should have some of these at the State Fair Day of  
254 Dance!

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256 **District Presidents' Report:** Cathy Hall reporting: The dates and hosting districts for  
257 the 2025 Federation meetings are as follows: January 19, NW District somewhere in  
258 the Kansas City area; April 13, NE District in Brookfield or Macon, their District Dance is  
259 on the 12<sup>th</sup>; July 13 or 27, Southwest District with location to be determined, and  
260 October 12, Southeast District in Cape Girardeau.

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262 Upcoming district activities:

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264 Central District: Two clubs have lessons: Travelers with 10 students and Duck 'n Dive 5  
265 students. Northeast District: Dec. 31 Peppy Promenaders New Year's Eve Dance with

266 Don Boyer, Kenny Bailey and Leroy Conrad calling. March 15, 2025, Brookfield Hog  
267 roast. July 2024 Beaux and Belles Campout. Peppy Promenaders have lessons going  
268 with 4 male students. Northwest District: January 4, 2025, Blast Dance and July 26  
269 District Dance. Southeast District: Working on the 2025 state festival. Southwest  
270 District: February 15, 2025, Doin's Dance and May 17 District Dance. St. Louis District:  
271 Three clubs are having lessons. November 3, 2024, Benefit Dance for John & Bev  
272 Stuart with two other clubs also having had a benefit dance for them and May 3, 2025,  
273 District Dance.

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275 **Youth and Children's:** Connie Graham reporting: No report.

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277 **Mo Fed Scholarship:** Bob & Shirley Turner reporting: Will have a report under  
278 Unfinished Business.

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280 **2024 State Festival:** Cathy Hall reporting: This is an unofficial report with the official  
281 report being given at the January 2025 Federation meeting.

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283 296-299 people attended. Money raffle with part of the proceeds going to clubs and  
284 approximately \$700 to the Federation; Silent Auction \$925; Resale Store \$575; 50/50  
285 tickets \$360, and approximately \$600 from the food station. Estimated gross profit of  
286 \$7,000 with approximately \$1,300 to go to the St. Louis District.

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288 **2025 State Festival:** Sharon Crisel, Festival co-chairman: The colors for 2025 are red  
289 and white. 63 Pre-registrations have been received (57 paid and 6 complimentary) and  
290 approximately 50 shirts have been sold. The venue is a little larger so may be able to  
291 do a few things a little differently. Bob Turner will be working with the schedule and  
292 callers and cuers. Special registration fee of \$25.00 through November 1, 2024, and  
293 then it goes up to \$35.00 through September 18, 2025, and \$42.00 September 19  
294 through festival time.

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296 Sharon also reported Nanie Hawkins' husband is undergoing cancer treatment and they  
297 have a connection with Mercy Hospital who is doing a benefit in December for patients  
298 undergoing cancer treatment. It will include a dance and the Little Dancers will be a part  
299 of that; some of it will also be televised.

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301 **Special Funds Committee:** Art Kruse reporting: No report.

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303 **Unfinished Business:**

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305 Election of Officers: Penny Byers, Nominations Co-chair read the following slate of  
306 nominations: President – Dave Shafer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president – Cathy Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-  
307 president – Art Kruse, Secretary – Liz Rooks, and Treasurer – Rosa Davis.

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309 President Hall asked for nominations from the floor for President; there were none.

310 Penny Byers moved that nominations cease, and Dave Shafer be elected by  
311 acclamation; motion was seconded, and carried.

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313 President Hall asked for nominations from the floor for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president; there were  
314 none. Dave Roush moved that nominations cease, and Cathy Hall be elected by  
315 acclamation; motion was seconded, and carried.  
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317 President Hall asked for nominations from the floor for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president; there were  
318 none. Catherine McLemore moved that nominations cease and Art Kruse be elected by  
319 acclamation; motion was seconded, and carried.  
320  
321 President Hall asked for nominations from the floor for Secretary; there were none. Art  
322 Kruse moved that nominations cease, and Liz Rooks be elected by acclamation; motion  
323 was seconded, and carried.  
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325 President Hall asked for nominations from the floor for Treasurer; there were none. Art  
326 Kruse moved that nominations cease, and Rosa Davis be elected by acclamation;  
327 motion was seconded, and carried.  
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329 Scholarship Committee: Bob Turner reported the recommendation of the committee  
330 that was reviewing the scholarship criteria is leaving the criteria as written.  
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332 State Fair Day of Dance: Liz Rooks gave the following report for Billie Jean Butler:  
333 Approximately 200 dancers signed-in and 11 callers from around Missouri participated.  
334 There were 11 squares on the floor for the last tip of the afternoon to dance to Leroy  
335 Conrad calling.  
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337 The 2025 Day of Dance is planned for August 13; Merle Hall will be the MC.  
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339 **New Business:**  
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341 Dan Wheeler shared he felt it would be wise for the Federation to have a committee to  
342 explore and learn the ins and outs of how the website is set-up and come up with a plan  
343 on how to manage and work with the website for when someone else has to do it.  
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345 Rosa Davis, treasurer, stated when she received a letter from the USDA regarding our  
346 2025 dues they also asked if the Federation would be interested in making a donation to  
347 the USDA Scholarship program. She stated we had not done so since 2020 and our  
348 donation at that time was \$300. At that time, it was discontinued as we felt the need to  
349 decrease our budget some. After discussion, Dave Shafer made a motion for the  
350 Federation to make a \$200 donation to the USDA Scholarship Fund; the motion was  
351 seconded and passed.  
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353 Edythe Weber reported two callers, James Shaw (Northwest District) and Drew McCoy  
354 (St. Louis District), qualify for a quarter page complimentary Beginner's Caller Support  
355 ad in each issue of the Doin's for 2025. She made the motion for them to have their ad  
356 in the Doin's for 2025; motion was seconded and passed.  
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358 Edythe Weber made a motion that clubs who have their insurance premiums paid by  
359 December 13, 2024, and their club dues by November 1, 2024, be eligible to receive the  
360 club rebate; motion was seconded and passed. The rebate for 2024 is set at \$35.00  
361 per club.

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363 David Israel shared he had a conversation with the Heart of America Federation  
364 regarding the possibility of merging their Fed Facts publication with the Doin's and  
365 having one publication. After discussion, Dave Shafer recommended our Publications  
366 Committee get together with their committee to discuss the possibility and report back at  
367 our January 2025 meeting.

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369 Debbie Moffitt reported she and Dave Shafer had been reviewing the SOP (Standard  
370 Operating Procedure) document for the Travel Missouri program and had some  
371 changes or updates to share. After discussion, it was evident many members of the  
372 board were not knowledgeable about the purpose of the Travel Missouri program or  
373 how it works. It was recommended research be done into what other states are doing  
374 as well as what happens on the national level and bring a report to the January meeting.

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376 Penny Byers shared information regarding the article in the Sedalia Democrat  
377 newspaper regarding the Day of Dance and asked who to give the article to.

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379 Merle Hall, outgoing president, "passed the gavel" to Dave Shafer, incoming president  
380 as of January 1, 2025. The current officers and committees will continue their  
381 responsibilities until the Federation meeting in January.

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383 Merle announced Madeline had purchased the equipment and inventory of Lost Art  
384 Engraving and will be making badges, dangles, etc.

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386 Liz reminded the districts to get their officer and delegate information for 2025 to her as  
387 soon as possible.

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389 The next state board meeting will be January 19, 2025, hosted by the Northwest District  
390 in the Kansas City area with the specific location to be determined.

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392 By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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396 Respectfully submitted,  
397 Liz Rooks  
398 Secretary

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