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From: Boundaries & Relations Committee
On behalf of Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs

To: All Missouri Federation Member Clubs

As your Boundaries & Relations Committee Chair, we would like to reach out to all of the federation clubs and encourage you to keep dancing until the music stops.

There are lots of new faces in square dancing around the state, which is encouraging. If you have any ideas on how we can better promote square dancing, please be sure and share them. Sometimes things you try may not work at first, but then end up working down the road. We just have to keep trying to grow square dancing everywhere we go.

In January the federation unfroze spending. We still need to watch what and how we spend, but it is the desire of the federation to spend money supporting the clubs that make up the federation.

With that being said we encourage you to reach out to us if you need help with lessons or venue costs. There are some funds available. If we aren't able to help you the first time you ask, please request again. There is a committee in place to decide how we spend. We may not be able to meet every need, but rest assured, the people on that committee are passionate about supporting clubs.

Also don't forget you can and should nominate someone from your club, every year, for square dancer of the year and a caller/cuer for caller/cuer of the year. Please work on the Toot Your Horn award. It encourages club activity and participation. We have the Square Dance License Plate you can get to help support square dancing. We have the Scholarship Program for high school seniors. We have the Doin's Magazine once a quarter, as well. We are blessed to have Dan Wheeler doing our website. All the information and forms for these things are on the website: <a href="https://www.SquareDanceMissouri.com">www.SquareDanceMissouri.com</a>

Also, please set aside the dates for the state festival every year, as this is the opportunity to reconnect with square dance friends you only see maybe once a year. It is the one and only event like this that the state puts on and the proceeds go to support the clubs of the federation. In other words, the funds raised go back to support your club.

If you have questions or issues you would like brought up at a federation meeting, please feel free to reach out to us or your state delegates.

As always, it is our pleasure to serve you in this capacity. If you ever have any questions or ideas, please don't hesitate to call, text, email, drop by or catch us at a dance and let us know.

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