

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 22, 2023**

The quarterly meeting of the Northwest District was called to order on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:05 p.m. at North Kansas City Hospital Pavilion, Burlington Room, 2790 Clay Edwards Drive, North Kansas City, by President Carol Hershey. The meeting was held in person only.

Roll call was answered by eight clubs. A quorum was present.

Libby and Dick Gilbert were introduced as guests and alternate delegates for the Savannah Sashayers.

President Hershey asked if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the October 23, 2022 meeting that were emailed to all delegates. Edythe stated there was one correction in a date in the treasurer's report. Fred Goucher made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded; minutes were approved by unanimous voted.

Dan Wheeler read the treasurer's report. Balance August 24, \$3,967.04. Income \$1,908.74. Expenses \$659.40. Ending balance January 22, 2023 of \$5,216.38. Report was filed for audit.

**GENERAL REPORTS:**

**Correspondence:** None at this time.

**District Presidents Report(s):** (January 15, 2023) – Future State meeting dates were discussed. The next meeting will be April 15/16. The dance on the 15<sup>th</sup> will be the NE District Dance in Brookfield. The meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> will be held in Chillicothe. They discussed possible changes to the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame criteria and also the Square Dancer of the Year criteria. These have to be approved by the full board.

**State Meeting Report(s):** (January 15, 202) – A check for \$3,000 was given to the State Festival; a donation from \_\_\_\_\_. The Federation received a check for \$5,000 from the closing of the accounts of the National in 1993. A check was also given to the Northwest District to distribute to the clubs for the insurance rebate of \$25 each. Dave Byers made a motion, and much discussion was held, on unfreezing the spending after the past two years. Motion carried. President Merle Hall set up a new ad hoc committee to see how the federation can help callers and cuers and how we can all work together to rebuild our activity. Another new committee was formed to create the criteria for spending the \$5,000 donation. The promotions committee was asked to work on marketing square dancing to new places.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**27<sup>th</sup> NW District Dance – August 12, 2023, Graceway Fellowship Hall,** Callers: District Callers, Rounds: District Cuers, Mainstream/Plus/Rounds/Lines, Pre-rounds 6:30, Dance 7 – 9:30 PM. Savannah Sashayers will host. Ray Trowbridge will MC. It was recommended to somehow incorporate the Place to Be in '23 in the District Dance flyer.

**64<sup>th</sup> State Festival October 13-15, 2023 hosted by Northwest District:** Report were made by President Hershey on ongoing plans being made for the 2023 State Festival to be held in Sedalia.

Lodging – Need someone to take responsibility for the weekend. Lodging has been set up, but need a representative to field any problems that may come up that weekend.

Raffles – Need people to help man the raffle table during the dance. Al Benz is Chairman. Contact Also he can fill out his schedule for the weekend.

Caller/Cuer Hospitality Room – Need a chairman and committee to see that snacks and drinks are available to the callers and cuers. Also see that the room is tidy and not in disarray. Plan the menu of snacks and drinks, which will be provided by the festival.

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Saturday Caller/Cuer Luncheon – Fred Goucher is cooking. Fred will need individuals to help serve the meal, set up and clean up after.

Saturday Evening Dinner – Fred Goucher is Chairman. Fred needs individuals to help in serving the evening dinner to the dancers and clean up after.

Carol, Carolyn and Edythe will update all the forms and pages that go into the club packets. Packets will be distributed to the district presidents at the April 2023 State meeting. Sunday, March 12 was set as the date to “stuff” the packet materials into envelopes that Carol has prepared. A number of people said they could help.

We will need a host club to provide the lunch prior to the State Meeting, October 15, 2023. Plan for 40-50 people. Can order and have catered from someplace in Sedalia, since cooking will probably be an issue.

Carol stated that we have an open position of State Delegate. Carolyn Goucher nominated Monica Reynolds to fill that position. Motion was seconded. Monica was unanimously voted in as the State Delegate.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Start thinking about selection of Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame nominations from your clubs. It is possible that the criteria will change. We will keep everyone posted.

Start thinking about selection of Square Dancer of the Year nominations from your clubs. Forms must be completed and sent to the district president (Carol Hershey) by July 15th. Again, discussion has been held on possible criteria changes. We will keep you posted.

An Audit Committee of Carolyn Goucher and Edythe Weber was appointed to audit the NW District treasurer’s financial records.

A committee to review the Northwest District Constitution and Working Rules. Members are Edythe Weber, Carolyn & Fred Goucher and Dan & Jean Wheeler.

Carol Hershey started discussion on the health and welfare of our clubs. She appointed Al Benz chairman of a committee to check on our clubs in the district and see what they need, if anything. Martin and Linda Kline and Lois Edmiston volunteered to be on this committee also. Possible points of discussion are not dancing on the same night as other close local clubs, not scheduling special dances against regular club nights, not scheduling specials against each other, working together to rebuild our activity.

**Club updates:**

It was reported that Heartland Squares has 30-35 in their new set of lessons. They used the web to advertise. Meet Up and Home School groups were also targeted.

Live Wires started lessons with 27 and graduated 15.

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Al Benz promoted the district hosting a “Blast” workshop. Discussion on this was very positive. Edythe said if we got it all together, we could still get in the Doin’s. She would help with a flyer. It was recommended Dana Schirmer be the caller; he has done this type of thing before. Several locations were suggested and will be investigated. Al and Carol will work on this.

Edythe said the Ramblers have been invited to do a demo on Wednesday, February 1 at Southview Elementary School in Kearney. She will be sending out an invitation for help to all the NW District clubs with details. Two or three squares of dancers would be really nice. Connie Graham is going to call.

Carolyn Goucher did a very unique and creative Fruit Salad installation of officers.

Future dates and meeting location(s) for 2023:

April 23, 2023 – 2pm – NKC Hospital Pavilion; August 12 at Graceway at 5pm prior to the District Dance; October 22, 2023 – 2pm – NKC Hospital Pavilion

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted  
Edythe Weber Secretary