

NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES August 10, 2024

The quarterly meeting of the Northwest District was called to order by President Carol Hershey on August 10, 2024 at 5 p.m. at the Graceway Fellowship Hall, 5460 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Kansas City, MO.

Roll call was answered by six clubs. A quorum was present. It was noted that Kelly Bockover has replaced Kathy Bean as a delegate for B-N-R Squares.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were sent by email. A motion was made by Mike Shedor to approve the April meeting minutes. Motion was seconded, vote carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beginning balance April 28, 2024 \$9,219.53. Two bills were paid for a total of \$73.73. Ending balance August 10, 2024 is \$9,145.80. Report was filed for audit.

GENERAL REPORTS:

Correspondence: Since the last meeting, get well or thinking of you cards were sent to Eldon Graham, Carolyn Goucher, Joe Saltel, John Charles, Fred Stone.

District Presidents Report(s): July 14, 2024. St. Louis said they have an upcoming benefit dance for John Stuart on Nov. 3. The SW District will host their Doin's Dance on February 15, 2025. The WOW Dance weekend is August 16/17. NE District is hosting their next District Dance on April 12, 2025. The Route 36 dance is Sept. 13/14 in Brookfield. The State Festival is October 19-21 in Sedalia. The Northwest District has scheduled another Blast on Aug. 31.

State Meeting Report(s): July 14, 2024. James Shaw reporting.

Meeting was opened with Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. Attendance was via zoom and in person. Minutes were approved with minor changes. Treasurer Reported an Ending checking balance of \$5666.76 and total balance of \$47,384.16. Longevity reported: Reporting 41 clubs, 2 club anniversaries Travelers 70 years and Kountry Kuzins 55 years. Correspondence: A card was pass for signature for Vicki Wittman, 90 years old, broke her shoulder after a bad fall. Scholarship Senior High School recipient given to Maren Benz, Senior at Raymore High School.

2024 Missouri State Festival rolling along, Promoting the raffle ticket (do not have to be present to win) 300 top prize and reminder that half of the money collected goes back to the club. Cathy even gave an example of the club itself buy the raffle tickets (it would be like getting it for half price). Request that all used square dance clothing be turned in by Friday and that anything not sold or picked up by end of Saturday night will be donated. Reminder there will not be a dinner provided at the festival, but there are plenty of restaurants near the Fairgrounds in Sedalia.

The Facebook page for the Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs is up and running. If you post something on your clubs FB page and make it shareable then Carol does a good job of posting it on the MOFED site. If you have something you want posted, you can send it to the page to be approved.

Nominating Board state that the Officers are slate for upcoming election.

Received a QR code for website www.trydancingnow.com

65th Missouri State Festival: October 18-20, 2024, Sedalia, Mo. Ken Burke is the featured caller and Mary & Bob Townsend-Manning is the featured cuer. Price for the dance next year is \$35 for the weekend. They are using the same motels in Sedalia as were used this past years. The website is current with information. Edythe will send a reminder to all the Northwest District callers to remind them about the June 1 deadline to register and complete the caller profile to be eligible to call at the festival.

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28th Northwest District Dance - August 10th. The Ramblers and Shooting Stars are co-hosts for the NW District Dance. The club's callers, Stan Brooke and Dave King, will share the MC responsibilities for the evening. The hosting club(s) will split the 20% of the gross income of the dance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Constitution, Bylaws and Working Rules Review: Postponed to the October meeting.

Audit Committee Report: Audit of the NW District treasurer financial records for 2023. Report postponed to the October meeting.

Nominating Committee – October election for the Northwest District Board members. The committee is Paula Barrows, Betty Hecker (Chairman), Kelly Bockover.

Friendship Visitation Results – Results of the awards will be announced at the dance tonight. Reminded clubs that any dance counts, demos count, but workshops and lessons do not count.

BLAST, August 31, Graceway Fellowship Hall. Mainstream at 9:00am-Noon; Plus, from 1:30pm-4:30pm. Not lessons but refining your current dancing. Questions on calls, bring them with you and learn how to do them. Angels get in free. Cost is \$8 to cover the day.

NEW BUSINESS

29th Northwest District Dance date is July 26, 2025. Moving the District dance back to the 4th Saturday in July. HASSDA is dancing on the second weekend in August. Clubs should discuss hosting the July dance in 2025 as we will be trying to fill the hosting position at the January meeting, so we can get a flyer out early on the dance.

There was discussion as to whether we wanted to move the NW District meeting back to Sunday, instead of having prior to the NW District Dance. No decision was made.

Winner of the Missouri Federation Scholarship - \$500, Maren Benz, Al and Betty Benz's granddaughter. See her thank you letter at the end of the minutes.

Dan Wheeler stated that NOW is the time to get next year's schedules to him for the website.

Carol reminded clubs that she tries to keep up with a flyer of clubs doing lessons. She asked clubs to send lesson info to her to update the flyer.

Hearing no other announcements or business, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting location(s) and dates for 2024: October 27, 2 p.m., Shoal Creek Patrol Division

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Thank You!



Dear Carol Hershey
Northwest District President,

I wanted to thank you all for the generous scholarship I received! I thought it would be nice to share how I will be using the money this coming year! I will be attending the University of Kansas to double major in Dance and Sports Media. I hope to one day continue dancing professionally and become a sports photographer!

Through High School I was a part of an offsite program through my school called the LEAD Center. Through this program I learned real world learning skills and how to implement design thinking into my future. I opened a media company where I designed media products for people in our community. We were able to make this a fully functional business by creating business and marketing plans along with building the basic foundations of our business.

I was a part of my high school cheer team all four years of high school. My Senior year I became the captain of the team and got to help lead alongside my coaches. Outside of school, I have been dancing for 16 years and have devoted a large portion of my life to dance. I became a dance teacher in 8th grade and I have been spreading my love for dance ever since through teaching! I will still be teaching at my dance studio through college!

Once again, thank you for this opportunity! It will be a large help to pursue my goals!

Sincerely,
Maren Benz

