

NORTHWEST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2024

The quarterly meeting of the Northwest District was called to order by President Carol Hershey on October 27, 2024 at 2 p.m. at the Shoal Creek Patrol Division, 6801 NE Pleasant Valley Road, Kansas City, MO.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS: Michelle Wilson is the new delegate for the Heartland Squares. Linda Lancaster is the new delegate for the Live Wires.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beginning balance August 10, 2024 is \$9,145.80. Total income \$1,400.00; total expenses \$1,252.08. Ending balance October 27, 2024 is \$9,293.72. Report was filed for audit.

GENERAL REPORTS:

Correspondence: Since the last meeting, cards were sent to Joe Saltel and Fred Stone.

District Presidents Report(s): October 20, 2024. Carol Hershey reporting.

The dates and hosting districts for the 2025 Federation meetings are as follows: January 19, NW District somewhere in the Kansas City area; April 13, NE District in Brookfield or Macon, their District Dance is on the 12th ; July 13 or 27, Southwest District with location to be determined, and October 12, Southeast District in Cape Girardeau.

Upcoming district activities: Central District: Two clubs have lessons: Travelers with 10 students and Duck 'n Dive 5 students. Northeast District: Dec. 31 Peppy Promenaders New Year's Eve Dance with Don Boyer, Kenny Bailey and Leroy Conrad calling. March 15, 2025, Brookfield Hog roast. July 2024 Beaux and Belles Campout. Peppy Promenaders have lessons going with 4 male students. Northwest District: January 4, 2025, Blast Dance and July 26 District Dance. Southeast District: Working on the 2025 state festival. Southwest District: February 15, 2025, Doin's Dance and May 17 District Dance. St. Louis District: Three clubs are having lessons. November 3, 2024, Benefit Dance for John & Bev Stuart with two other clubs also having had a benefit dance for them and May 3, 2025, District Dance.

State Meeting Report(s): October 20, 2024. James Shaw reporting.

Doin's – Nov. 15th is the deadline for submission for Jan 2025. Edythe is requesting the annual schedule dates for clubs with dance year from September to August as soon as possible, clubs that have their year from January to December, deadline is Nov. 15, 2024.

A motion was made and passed, to give Drew McCoy and James Shaw a 1-year free ad in the Doin's for new callers.

Doin's Dance Sunday, October 20th had 98 attendees and 11 callers. 26 renewals, 3 new subscriptions.

Insurance – USDA has not provided information on the 2025 insurance premium. Nov. 1 is the deadline for club dues for Rosa Davis, State Treasurer, Dec. 13 is the deadline for the portal entries for insurance. An email will be sent if an extension is needed for the insurance premiums for rebate of \$35 per club.

Travel Missouri – Debbie Moffitt, program chairman, is concerned about cost of bars and dangles. It was decided to have Debbie to evaluate and make a recommendation for the program going forward.

Blue Bird Coordinator – 6 kits were sold for \$15 each, 5 kits were made and they are looking for someone to make new bluebirds.

Webmaster – Dan instructed that when putting websites on publications you need to include the WWW in front of the website ensuring a correct security access. Also it will show as a hyperlink in blue on documents so people will know they can click on it to view.

Dan requesting a committee be formed to oversee the direction of the Federation Website as Dan does plan to hand the duties off at some point.

Historian – all the prior year's Doin's from 2006 – 2020 are available to be viewed online. All reports are available and are viewable to Cell Phones.

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ARTS – the website contains all the views and artwork, including the trifold showing the benefits of square dancing. Edythe requested if you use any of the artwork please provide feedback.

USDA Scholarship - the applications for scholarship for a high school senior or freshman in college for \$2,500 need to be sent to Dan Reedy by Feb 1st, 2025.

District President – the MO Fed meeting schedule for 2025 is Jan 19th – NW District, April 13th – NE District, July 13th or 27th -SW District and October 12th – SE District after the Mo Fed Festival.

2024 State Festival – 296-299 attendees, with a profit of \$7,000 with \$1300 going to the St. Louis District for hosting. Leaving \$5,700 for the Federation. Numbers are approximate, following making sure all income and expenses are recorded.

2025 State Festival – 66 pre-registrations so far, 50 shirts were sold. The website is up, the colors will be Red and White for the dance.

Election of Officers - President – Dave Shafer, 1st VP – Cathy Hall, 2nd VP – Art Kruse, Sec – Liz Rooks, Treasurer - Rosa Davis

2024 State Fair Day of Dance – 200 dancer and 11 callers with 11 squares on the floor at the last tip. Scheduled for August 13th, 2025.

Publication Committee for Doins -David Israel – recommendation and discussion had regarding the committee to reach out to HOA Fed Facts committee as they need an editor to see if the publications could possibly have common ground and merge.

65th Missouri State Festival: October 18-20, 2024, Sedalia, Mo. Ken Burke were the featured caller and Mary & Bob Townsend-Manning were the featured cuer. Most highlights were in the State Meeting report. Everyone enjoyed the taco bar, so much so that they ran out of meat and cheese. The Word Search Puzzle Book sales at \$10 each went well during the festival. The price will increase to \$15 after the State Festival.

66th Missouri State Festival: October 10-12, 2025, Cape Girardeau, Mo. Jason Raleigh will be the featured caller and Natalie Sprosty will be the featured cuer. They have 66 dances pre-registered.

29th Northwest District Dance – July 26, 2025. Several clubs stated they would talk to their clubs about hosting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Constitution, Bylaws and Working Rules Review: Following a review and discussion of the recommended changes, Paula Barrows made the motion to approve all the changes as presented. Motion seconded and vote carried.

Audit Committee Report: The Audit report of the committee of Edythe Weber and Carolyn Goucher was presented. All financial records for 2023 were found in order.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance update – Edythe Weber. The 2025 premium is not known at this time. As soon as the amount is received, an email will be sent to all clubs.

Looking at the next BLAST - January 4, 2025.

Hosting MO Fed. State Meeting – January 19, 2025. Linda Lancaster said she would work with Carol to find a location near intersection highways to hold the meeting and that Live Wires could host. Details to come. The Cross Trailers dance on Saturday night, Jan. 18, prior to the State Meeting.

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Election of Officers – Nominating committee. Betty Hecker, Chairman. The committee made the following officer/position recommendations: Carol Hershey, President; James & Helen Cummins, Vice President; Edythe Weber, Secretary; Vivian Hardin, Treasurer; James Shaw, MO State Delegate; Paula Barrows, MO State Delegate; Mike & Cindy Shedor, Alternate MO State Delegate. President Hershey asked for any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Betty Hecker made the motion from committee that the election of the nominees be approved by acclamation. Vote taken, new officers elected.

Carol Hershey brought up the Circle of Service award that was presented to Dave & Penny Byers and Gary & Gay Spencer at the MO State Festival. Because of the way the presentation of the award is worded it should only be presented by someone (an individual person) who has been a recipient of the award. The district has several people who have received it, and it is hoped that they will consider finding dancers who meet the criteria as a recipient and award them for their work.

Hearing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Meeting location and dates for 2025: Shoal Creek Patrol Division, 2 p.m. January 26, April 27, July 26 (Graceway @ 5 p.m. prior to District Dance), October 27.