

Southwest District Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2020

Call to Order: The Southwest District meeting, held at the Library Center in Springfield, Missouri, was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by President Lisa Corbitt.

Invocation: Given by Carol Morris.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all, led by Ray Corbitt.

Roll Call was taken. There were 5 Executive committee members present, Presidents, and Delegates from 6 clubs, members included: 2 from Kountry Kuzins, 2 from Mo-Kan Squares, 1 from Pioneers, 2 from Twirl-A-Rounds, 2 from Twirling Funtimers, & 1 from Western Twirlers. A quorum was achieved to hold meeting. Quorum was not achieved for any voting on Constitution/By-Laws. Also 2 guest attended.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 4, 2020 meeting minutes had been distributed to board members 2 weeks following the last meeting via e-mail and hard copies. Lisa Corbitt ask for motion to accept the minutes with revisions on the correction of misspelled name of Rosa David to Rosa Davis under the Missouri Federation Committee Report. Catherine McLemore made motion, 2nd by Loretta Compton. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Sharon Glenn. Copies of the financial report for the period of January 1, 2020 through March 2, 2020 were distributed. Beginning balance was \$5,050.26 with an ending balance of \$4,425.33. Expenses include Springfield Park Board deposit for 2-9 Doin's dance of \$300.00, Springfield Park Board deposit for mtg dances for 1-4, 3-7, 9-5, 11-7 2020 of \$200.00, Catherine McLemore for Doin's dance flyers & stamps for callers/cuers of \$32.00, Tom England for District Dozen dangles of \$39.15, Carol Morris for new officer badges & attachments of \$290.5, Ozark Post office for stamps of \$11.00, checks to each club for ins rebate of \$50.00 (\$450) to Alton Flutterwheels, Kountry Kuzins, Mo-Kan Squares, Tanglefooters, Traditional Dance, Carolyn Ahart for Twirl-A-Rounds, Twirling Funtimers, Western Grand Squares, & Western Twirlers, checks to callers/cuers /line dance instructor for additional payment for 2018 District Dance amount of \$33 each(\$198) to Jay Wright, Carolyn Ahart, Kenton Sullivan, Pat Christie, Bill Cochran, & Phyllis Cochran, Jerry Ellis for State incentive rebate of \$50.00, City of Mt. Vernon to reserve MARC for 5-16-20 (District dance) of \$100.00.

Income included \$50 for after meeting dance (1-4) refund, incentive rebate from State 2 cks for \$134.38 each, return partial deposit from Doin's Dance of \$225.00, and interest of \$1.04 & \$.92.

Lisa Corbitt stands report to be filed for audit by Mark Gentry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Missouri Federation Committee Reports:

Loretta Compton reported the State Meeting was held in Sedalia MO on January 5, 2020.

Doin's Circulation report by Ruth Ann Reynolds: Current subscriptions is 291 and 59 by electronic.

Insurance Coordinator Jim Weber reported: There are 984 Missouri square dancers insured and 357 by other associations for a total of 1341 for the start of 2020. The cost of insurance is \$4.85 in 2020.

2019 State dance festival report by Catherine McLemore: There were 422 dancers in attendance and after all the expenses, a check for \$1343.75 was given to the state treasurer.

Carol Morris had asked the state to consider increasing the percentage given to the hosting district of the state festival. After discussion of increasing to 15%, it was decided to increase it to 20%. Motion was passed.

Loretta Compton reported the State Meeting was held in Kansas City MO on February 16, 2020.

Treasurer's report by Rosa Davis: Checking account has a balance of \$1220.17. The CDs total \$50818.28. This makes a total in the treasury of \$52038.45

Membership & Longevity reported by Rosa Davis: There currently 46 clubs in the Missouri Federation. This year 3 clubs will have mile stone anniversaries: Wheelers & Dealers (St. Louis) 40 years. Ozark Whirlers (Central) 65 years. Hoedowners (St. Louis) 70 years.

Boundaries & Relations report by Dave Byers: He asked the federation consider changes to the districts so that only 1 club in a district will have to host a start festival. Also, for consideration is to change the bimonthly meetings to quarterly meetings.

Doin's Editor report by Edythe Weber: Next deadline for the articles is March 25. Please put in the subject line of the email the club name first.

Doin's Circulation report by Ruth Ann Reynolds: There are 287 subscriptions and electronic is now 60. SW district held their Doin's dance on Feb 9. There were 7 squares on the floor, had 17 renewals, 1 new subscription and 1 new cuer subscription. SW district raised \$715.00.

Promotions & Recruiting report by Jack Rockaway: Several clubs received the Toot Your Horn dangles. SW district only had one club receive this: MO-KAN Squares.

Insurance Coordinator Jim Weber reported: There are 1074 Missouri dancers insured and 357 dancers by other associations for a total of 1431 dancers. If your club has a new insurance person, please notify Jim. Don't forget the lesson class forms need to be sent in. Be sure you have the start date and the ending date on the form.

Webmaster Dan Wheeler reported: Have your clubs look at their web page to check that all the information is correct.

Youth & Children Dance report by Merle Hall: There were a couple of introductions to square dancing presented at 4H area meetings. St. Louis area had 3 squares. More contacts are being made.

2020 State Festival report by Liz Rooks: Things are going well. They are still looking for sounding of the halls.

Next meeting is April 19 in Moberly, MO.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Compton

Proposed District Boarder Changes:

Shirley Winans explained how the boarder change could affect district with map presentation with reports of present & proposed club/district list. Future plans to possible merge Southeast District with Southwest District. State presently has 7 Districts could change to 5.

Status of Change It Up Challenge:

Loretta Compton gave a review of how Challenge is going. 2 clubs have turned in their monies collected. Challenge will end at the District Festival, so keep supporting your club & district with this challenge.

Doin's Dance:

Catherine McLemore reports Doin's Dance was held February 9, 2020 at the Northview Center in Springfield. Had 84 dancers present with 3 Callers & 2 Cuers from District & 1 guest Caller. Donated \$440.50 to Doin's magazine.

2020 District Festival:

Catherine McLemore reports theme will be "Luau". Will be held Saturday May 16th at MARC in Mt. Vernon. Will be serving cookies & punch. Please sign up. Also 50/50 drawing & silent auction. Would like volunteers to work shifts at check in table also.

Ambassador of the Year Committee Report:

Sharon Glenn states they have received several good applications and committee will make a decision that will be announced at the District Festival.

Revised Constitution/Bi-Laws:

Ray Corbitt reports he & Aneita England are working on updates. Ray passed out a review draft of what they are working on. Please get any reviews or thoughts to Ray as soon as possible.

Audit Report:

Mark Gentry reports everything looks good. Period was for 12-1-2018 to 11-30-2019.

New Business:

Proposal to use MARC for Mt. Vernon Community Dance:

Lisa Corbitt reports she would like to work on getting Mt Vernon community involved since the building is rented for the complete day to use the early afternoon for to give more exposure to square dancing. Work with business's that have Team Building groups where employees would participate in experience of dancing. Business would pay for their employees which could help cut our cost on expenses. Will have Jay Wright call & would like some volunteers to be Angels if needed. Everyone seemed encouraged by the discussion.

Minimum Pay for Caller's/Cuer's District Festival:

Ray Corbitt offered suggestion on how to make extra monies to increase caller/cuers amount paid for District Festival in May 2020. With declining revenues, needing better attendance at Festival. Need all clubs to support the Festival & their caller.

District Tri-Fold Board-Inform our dancers:

Lisa Corbitt presented a Tri-Fold Board with information on what District offers clubs that belong to the Federation & to help dancers understand what District does for them.

Change location of Doin's Dance to O'Reilly-Tefft:

Cathrine McLemore expressed concern of cost of rent for Northview Center that presently has been used for Doin's Dances. Rent of \$225 is deducted from donations which decreases amount to Doin's. O'Reilly rent is \$75. Concern's mentioned of O'Reilly building of enough seating on floor & tables available. Will verify what all is needed to discuss at May meeting.

Other Business:

Catherine McLemore states that she was contacted by someone associated with the Louisburg Picnic Old Settlers Reunion and would like to see if we could attend. To be held July 18th. More information to come.

Carol Morris states she spoke with Jim Weber Missouri Insurance coordinator that members insurance for a club will continue for 30 days after club has disbanded. Member that join another club need to be added thru the clubs insurance coordinator to keep insurance continuous. Insurance will transfer from 1 club to another.

Shirley Winans states the changes made during last meeting has been updated to Directory & were emailed before this meeting. Revision dates will be added back in after any voting changes. Shirley Winans would like all 2020 membership rosters sent to her to verify complete count of all members in Southwest District & which club they belong to.

Carol Morris states she talked to a member a former nurse with this virus going around how are going to dance. Do not touch your face after each tip, keep hands washed, & use sanitizer.

Announcements:

Lisa Corbitt stated the Packets for the 2020 State Festival are here for each club. Focus on Dance. Please make sure you have your clubs.

Adjournment:

Lisa Corbett makes a motion to adjourn meeting, Ann Cook 2nds.
The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. by Lisa Corbitt with no other discussions.

Submitted by:

Shirley Winans, Secretary

NEXT MEETING MAY 16, 2020 at 3:15 p.m. at THE MARC, Mt. Vernon, MO.
District Dance Following, 6:30-9:30

WARNING: WAYS TO KILL A SQUARE DANCE CLUB (from March 1966)

#3 Ignore All Guests – You didn't invite them so why be nice to them?

#4 Dance Only With Your Own Clique – After all you are the only ones who know how to dance.