

Southwest District Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2022

Call to Order: The Southwest District meeting, held at the Library Center in Springfield, Missouri, was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Catherine McLemore.

Invocation: Given by Anieta England.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all, led by Catherine McLemore.

Roll Call was taken. There were 4 Executive committee members present, Presidents, and Delegates from 5 clubs, members included: 1 from Kountry Kuzins, 1 from Mo-Kan Squares, 1 from Trailblazers, 1 from Twirl-A-Rounds, & 1 from Twirling Funtimers. A quorum was achieved to hold meeting. Quorum was not achieved for any voting on Constitution/By-Laws.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 14, 2022 meeting minutes had been distributed to board members 2 weeks following the last meeting via e-mail and hard copies. Correction was listed as grand total of deposits on original Treasurer's report included with meeting minutes. Catherine McLemore stands the meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Sharon Glenn. Copies of the financial report for the period of May 14, 2022 through September 10, 2022 were distributed. Beginning balance was \$4,196.37 with an ending balance of \$4,672.95. Income included return of the Marc deposit of \$150.00, 50/50 tickets sales of \$64.00, sake if leftover food of \$16.00, silent auction of \$230.00, interest of .39, .39, .40, .40, dues from Twirling Funtimers, Twirl-A-Rounds, & Kountry Kuzins. Disbursement for ad for State Federation Festival Booklet of \$30.00. Catherine McLemore stands the Treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Federation Meeting Report given by Catherine McLemore. Reporting meeting was held July 17, 2022 in St Charles, MO & by Zoom program. Treasurer Report from Rosa Davis shows Total Funds on hand of \$34,906.65 including CD's & interest. Reporting there are 45 clubs this year. Northwest District has a new club in Stewartsville MO called Stewartsville Cut-ups.

Longevity awards are being awarded to Shooting Stars in the Northwest District for 45 years in October & St. Peters Squares in the St. Louis Metro for 60 years in September.

Correspondence letter was received by Liz Rooks from the 42nd National Festival Square Dance Convention Committee which hosted the convention in St. Louis in 1993. Enclosed with a check for \$5,000.00 to the Missouri Federation to use in support of educational and promotional activities for square dancing in the state of Missouri.

Doins Editor Edythe Weber reminded everyone of the changes that started in January with the quarter schedule. Any updates please send in. November 15 is the deadline for yearly schedules along with January, February, & March quarterly news article in the magazine.

Webmaster report by Dan Wheeler. Stated he has been updating the webpage. After replacing his computer he had found a newer program and has starting updating club pages. If you find any links not working, please contact him.

2022 State Festival reported by Penny Byers. The 63rd Festival committee has been pressing forward. Presently there are 150 registered, 14 callers, & 5 cuers. Host hotel is the Hampton Inn. They have over 40 rooms already booked. After parties are scheduled both evening from 10-11pm.

Nominating Committee report for the 2023 Federation officers are President: Merle & Madeline Hall, 1st Vice president: Dave Shafer, 2nd Vice president: Cathy Hall, 3rd Vice president no nominations, Treasurer: Rosa Davis, & Secretary: Liz Rooks. Voting will be done during the Oct 9th meeting.

Continued more updates to the Standing Rules.

Next meeting will be October 9th following the Doins Dance at the State Festival in Sedalia MO.

District Dance Update: Chairperson Aneita England of silent auction reported the outcome of the District Dance held May 10, 2022 was a successful event. Held at MARC in Mt Vernon with almost 100 in attendance, at May meeting was voted to carry on with the same theme. Will try to get more people involved.

Unfinished Business:

Updates to Constitution and Working Rules: Anieta England will be working on The Working Rules to get them in line with the By-Laws. Shirley Winans passed out a copy of updated By-laws that are in the Directory.

New Business:

State Festival: President Catherine McLemore mentions the State Festival will be Oct 7th & 8th in Sedalia MO. State meeting will be Oct 9th.

Slate of Officers for 2023: Catherine McLemore reminds everyone that Slate of Officers are proposed at September meeting. Majority consensus by Officers to continue for 2023. Voting will be done at November meeting.

Date for 2023 Meetings. President Catherine McLemore suggests upcoming meeting dates for 2023 to be February 12, May 20, August 12, & November 11. For November 2022 meeting will be on Saturday the 12th.

Cards for sympathy and illness: Catherine McLemore stated Carol Morris will be sending out cards to Bob James family, former President of Lost Creek Promenaders of Neosho/Seneca area. Former caller Jerry Hill.

Change It Up: Catherine McLemore reports that the Change It Up fund was created for the 2020 District Dance. Money that was turned in we will need to do something with. Treasurer Sharon Glenn has counted \$214.61 presently turned in. Suggestions made by Tony Ahart for any clubs that still have their Fund Jar to turn into District to go towards the General Fund. Tony Ahart makes motion to add to General Fund, Tom England 2nds. Voted & passed.

Challenging The Status Quo: Catherine McLemore with lower attendance of dances looking for new ways to increase awareness. To get students interested with different opportunities of how lessons are given. Catherine McLemore will do more research.

Announcements: Catherine McLemore reminds everyone of the State dance coming up.

Adjournment:

Ann Cook makes a motion to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Tom England.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. by Catherine McLemore with no other discussions.

Submitted by:

Shirley Winans, Secretary

NEXT MEETING November 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at location to be announced.

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.