

Southwest District Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2023

Call to Order: The Southwest District meeting, held at the Marc in Mount Vernon, Missouri, was called to order at 12:30:00 p.m. by President Catherine McLemore.

Invocation: Given by Rosa Davis.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all, led by Karen Sullivan.

Roll Call was taken. There were 3 Executive committee members present, Presidents, and Delegates from 7 clubs, members included: 1 from Kountry Kuzins, 1 from Mo-Kan Squares, 1 from Tanglefooters, 3 from Trailblazers, 2 from Twirl-A-Rounds, 2 from Twirling Funtimers, 1 from Western Twirlers. A quorum was achieved to hold meeting. Quorum was achieved for any voting on Constitution/By-Laws.

Minutes: Minutes of the November 12, 2022 meeting minutes had been distributed to board members 2 weeks following the last meeting via e-mail and hard copies. President Catherine McLemore stands the meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Sharon Glenn. Copies of the financial report for the period of September 10, 2022 through December 31, 2022 were distributed. Beginning balance was \$4,672.95 with an ending balance of \$4,709.63. Income included dues \$75 from Mo Kan Squares, Western Twirlers, Traditional Dance, Tanglefooters, Trailblazers & monies from change-up jars of \$250.79, check for the Marc of \$100.00 that had not been used, & interest of \$1.64. Disbursement to Shirley Winans for State Registration of \$11.25, Catherine McLemore for gift certificate for State Dance of \$50.00, to Missouri Federation for club dues rebate of 8 clubs \$80.00. City of Mt Vernon to reserve & cleaning deposit for Doins dance \$250.00, Post office stamps of \$12.00. Catherine McLemore stands the Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

Federation Meeting Report given by Catherine McLemore. Reporting meeting was held January 15, 2023 in Springfield, MO. Treasurer report given by Rosa Davis has total funds on hand of \$39,615.72. This included a donation of \$3,000 from the Lloyd Wallace Foundation to promote the 2023 State Festival which will be in Sedalia October 13 & 14 with Northwest District hosting. There are 41 clubs in the Federation. Penny Byers is the new DOIN's circulation manager. Update on the 2022 State Festival by Penny Byers, there were 223 paid

registrations & 49 complimentary registrations for total of 272. 2023 State Festival packets will be handed out at the April State meeting. 2024 State Festival will be October 18 & 19 with Ken Burke as featured caller with cuer to be announced. Next meeting will be April 16, 2023 at Chillicothe Missouri with Northeast District hosting.

### Unfinished Business:

January 15 State Meeting: Update given by Catherine McLemore. Southwest District did host with a good turnout. The Doins participation by other districts needs to improve or we may have to cancel the benefit dance. Most districts are doing lessons with good turnouts. Looking at a calendar to list all clubs schedules to help clubs not to overlap dance nights. District needs to consider a Facebook page since other district are having good results. Appointed Shirley Winans to see who would be interested in working the District Facebook page. Webmaster Dan Wheeler gave examples of how to verify real website or emails to scamming or phishing type errors. There are only 25 cars that have the State square dance license plates. Catherine McLemore would like to see more.

Area Lessons: Catherine McLemore states there are several lessons going on in District. Update by Karen Sullivan for Trailblazers with 12 past dancers attending with 28 total attending lessons. Western Twirlers update by Shirley Winans has 7 people signed up to start next wk's Lessons group. Twirling Funtimers update by Anieta England just had 3 couples graduate & plan to start another session.

### New Business:

District Dance: Will be held May 20, 2023 at Marc in Mt. Vernon MO. Luau dinner before dance. Needing chairs for committees. Rosa Davis volunteered for the Food, Carol Morris volunteered for the sign in table. Will need chairs for Decorating committee, silent auction, 50/50 tickets, & Callers/Cuers & Master of Ceremonies. Karen Sullivan was suggesting a Photo Backdrop with tropical scenes to paint as a group project. District meeting will be at 3pm, Dinner at 5pm with dance 6-9pm.

Ambassador of the Year Committee: Catherine McLemore states having a short time notice due to no meeting in March that we need a committee picked today. Discussion of Working Rules needing to be changed under Ambassador of the Year rules. After lengthy discussion, Tony Ahart made motion to change wording of March meeting to February meeting. Voted & approved. Rosa Davis made motion to change wording of January meeting to February meeting. Voted & approved. Changes needed for the upcoming years will be discussed at future meetings. The Executive Committee decided that the chair of this year's committee

would be Carol Morris, the only past winner of the award in attendance at the meeting. Volunteers for committee are Sharon Glenn from Trailblazers, Anieta & Tom England from Twirling Funtimers, Linda & Ray Peacy from Tanglefooters. Applications due by April 15, 2023.

State Festival Oct 13-15: Catherine McLemore asks for approval for a full page ad for Doins Benefit dance in the Doins magazine. Tony Ahart makes motion to approve full page ad. Voted & passed.

Dancer and Caller/Cuer of the Year Nominations: Catherine McLemore encourages application for District to turn in for nominees.

Program Booklet Ad, Basket for Silent Auction: Catherine McLemore ask District for an ad for the 2023 Program Book at the State Festival, Executive decisions was made. Catherine McLemore ask for volunteer for someone to make a Basket from District for Silent auction for the State Festival. Rosa Davis volunteered. Any ideas for theme & items please get with Rosa Davis, if club purchases items, please turn in receipts.

Announcements:

Trailblazers will have Bob Loyd February 19 in Nixa. Western Twirlers will start lessons February 19 in Joplin. Kountry Kuzins will have Romney Tannehill March 11.

Adjournment:

Carolyn Ahart makes a motion to adjourn meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. by Catherine McLemore with no other discussions.

Submitted by:

Shirley Winans, Secretary

NEXT MEETING May 20, 2023 at Marc in Mt Vernon MO, time 3:00pm.