

Southwest District Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2023

Call to Order: The Southwest District meeting, held at the Marc in Mount Vernon, Missouri, was called to order at 3:00 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 2 Executive committee members present, Presidents, and Delegates from 6 clubs, members included: 1 from Kountry Kuzins, 3 from Mo-Kan Squares, 3 from Trailblazers, 3 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 February 12, 2023 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 January 1, 2023 through May 13, 2023 were distributed. Beginning balance was \$4,709.63 with an ending balance of \$4,690.30. Income included dues State Rebate for 7 clubs of \$175.00, Rent return for the Marc for Doins Dance(February) \$150.00, Added back in Marc check that was assumed shredded \$100.00, check from January State Meeting \$200.00, & interest of \$1.18. Disbursements include State Rebate of \$25.00 each to 7 clubs, Tom England for misc supplies & copies \$138.89, City of Mt. Vernon for cleaning deposit for Marc for District Dance \$100.00, City of Mt. Vernon rental for the Marc for District Dance \$150.00, Mark Gentry for ambassador of the year plaque, name tag, engraving \$82.03. Catherine McLemore stands the Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

Federation Meeting Report given by Catherine McLemore. Reporting meeting was held April 16, 2023 in Chillicothe, MO. Treasurer report given by Rosa Davis has total funds on hand of \$47,926.67 includes CDs amounted to \$30,868.98. Memorial for 2 past presidents. \$75.00 to Bethlehem Baptist Church in memory of Mark Mortensen & \$75.00 to Gateway Arch Foundation in memory of Barb Turner. \$500.00 had been received from the Cross Trailers

Club for a scholarship in memory of Louise Coleman & Dortha Campbell. This has been deposited in the general fund until the recipient has been named. There are 41 clubs in the Federation. Insurance Coordinator Edythe Weber reports there are 902 dancers insured through Missouri Federation, 179 dancers are insured through other Federations giving a total of 1,081 Missouri Dancers. Remember to send a roster of lesson names to Edythe Weber, there is no charge until they graduate. Packets for the 2023 Festival were distributed the District Presidents. Check for the deadlines for specific areas. Tim Tyl & Carolyn Ahart will be calling/cueing both Friday & Saturday. So far 120 T-shirts have been ordered with 58 paid registrations, 9 complementary & 14 Saturday evening dinners sold. 2024 State Festival report by Cathy Hall states Ken Burke will be featured caller, Cuer has not been finalized. Committee is submitting a request to increase registration fees. (Motion made to raise early bird registration fee to \$30.00 for those who sign up at the Festival Saturday night thru Sunday Doin's Dance then increase to \$35.00. Motion passed & carried). Also a request for a Cancellation Refund Policy for the 2024 Festival for any request received 2 wks or more prior to the start date of festival of \$5.00. With no refunds allowed after that date. (Motions passed.) Liz Rooks stated the Missouri State Fair has not contacted Billie Butler about the Day of Dance would should be Wednesday August 16. Next meeting will be July 23, 2023 at Kirkwood Missouri with St. Louis District hosting.

Unfinished Business:

Doins Dance moving forward: Update given by Anieta England chairperson. Review of 2023 dance was \$182.00 after expenses of rent & subscriptions with 58 dancers, 5 callers, & 2 cuers. Discussion included if District wants to continue doing a benefit dance. Concluded as long as there is a profit to donate to continue. Lee Gavitt made motion to continue, voted & approved. Would like to hold dance in Joplin if date is available in 2024.

New Business:

Add for State Festival Program-Dancers passes away: Catherine McLemore recommends putting an ad in the 2023 Program book. Suggest a full page ad, Rosa Davis makes motion to do a full page add, voted & passed. Email Catherine McLemore if any members have passed away since August of 2022.

Document Retention and Destruction: Catherine McLemore suggest we need a policy for document retention & destruction of paper documents. Rosa Davis District Historian suggest

financial records to keep for 7 years. Shirley Winans asks district if they want to buy flashdrives to keep records on. Rosa Davis suggest 1 flashdrive for each area of Treasurer, secretary, & historian records. Rosa Davis makes motion to buy flashdrives. Voted & passed.

Slate of Officers for 2024: Catherine McLemore asked for volunteers for the committee for the 2024 officers that will be voted on & take office after November meeting. Rosa Davis volunteered for committee & will recruit others. To present selection at September meeting.

District Dance-Luau, Payments for Callers/Cuers: Catherine McLemore suggest staying with present theme for District Festival. Presently everyone is enjoying the activities & appreciate the volunteers. Voted to continue theme. Anieta England recommends writing checks as a receipt to callers/cuers going forward. Everyone agreed.

New Club membership: Catherine McLemore has accepted an application from Pioneers Club in Mountain Home Arkansas to be a member of the district. Tom England moves to accept application. Voted & approved. Roy Hestand is club caller & President. Will dance every Monday night.

Next Meeting-September: Catherine McLemore plans next meeting for wknd after Labor Day to be finalized.

Announcements:

District Festival starting tonight.

Adjournment:

Sharon Glenn makes a motion to adjourn meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. by Catherine McLemore with no other discussions.

Submitted by:

Shirley Winans, Secretary

NEXT MEETING September 9, 2023 with location & time to be announced.