

Southwest District Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2023

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

Invocation: Given by Lee Gavitt.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all, led by Crystle Swager.

Roll Call was taken. There were 3 Executive committee members present, Presidents, and Delegates from 5 clubs, members included: 3 from Kountry Kuzins, 1 from Mo-Kan Squares, 2 from Trailblazers, 2 from Twirl-A-Rounds, 1 from Western Twirlers. A quorum was achieved to hold meeting. Quorum was not achieved for any voting on Constitution/By-Laws.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 20, 2023 meeting minutes had been distributed to board members 2 weeks following the last meeting via e-mail and hard copies. Lee Gavitt made motion to except.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Sharon Glenn. Copies of the financial report for the period of May 14, 2023 through September 8, 2023 were distributed. Beginning balance was \$4,690.30 with an ending balance of \$6,016.19. Income included cash from District Festival of \$1,598, Pioneer's club dues \$15.00, Marc deposit not cashed \$100.00, additional silent auction money from District Festival \$126.10, interest of \$1.96. Disbursements include small cash for District Dance, Catherine McLemore for copies & misc \$61.17, MO Fed. Pioneers dues \$10.00, callers/cuers fee to Donna Gellenbeck, Carolyn Ahart, Kenton Sullivan, Marge Sherrill, Ken Jarman \$54.00 each, money order for Roy Hestand \$54.00, ad for MO Fed. State Booklet \$30.00. Gaylynn Crosby made motion to except.

Federation Meeting Report: Given by Catherine McLemore. Reporting meeting was held July 23, 2023 in Kirkwood Missouri by Zoom & in person. Treasurer Report by Rosa Davis has total funds on hand of \$40,607.56. Membership and Club Longevity report by Rosa Davis stating there are 42 clubs with The Pioneers of Mountain Home Arkansas added. Doin's Editor report by Edythe Weber that next issue deadline is August 15th, 2023. License Plate report by Catherine McLemore has received 13 request for 2 year renewals plus \$5.00 donation. USDA report by Dave Shafer was held June 21, 2023 in Mobile Alabama. USDA After party on Friday was a big draw with 22 squares. Edythe Weber was reelected as Secretary. Roslie Mogerman, Dave & Penny Byers & Dave Shafer were the delegates for the Missouri Federation. ARTS report by Edythe Weber states debuted several short videos made by doctors on the benefits

of square dancing. Michael Streby video project coordinator is setting several ways up so that people can download them. Round Dance After Party that ARTS hosted on Friday night had 5 cuers and about 50 round dancers. Presidents meeting reported by Cathy Hall. All district indicated lessons are being started. Also discussed ways the Promotions Committee could get funds to the clubs to help promote square dancing. 2023 State Festival report by Carol Hershey states the dance schedule has been sent to callers/cuers & is posted on the website. Reservations for the smoked chicken dinner need to be done before October 6, 2023. A food truck has been reserved for Saturday. There were 126 dancers, callers, & cuers registered & reservations for 22 meals. 2024 State Festival report by Cathy Hall. Is scheduled for Oct 18 & 19, 2024 with the Doin's Dance on the 20th at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia. Ken Burke is the featured caller and Fred & Cathy Fisher the featured Cuers. Constitution & Bylaws Committee chairman Cathy Hall presented proposed updates that will be voted on at the October meeting. Nominating Committee Report recommends the current officers serve another term for 2024. President Merle & Madeline Hall, 1st VP Dave Shafer, 2nd VP Cathy Hall, Treasurer Rosa Davis, Secretary Liz Rooks. Next meeting will be October 15, 2023 in Sedalia Missouri.

Unfinished Business:

District Dance Update: Catherine McLemore reports the District Dance was a good success again using the Hawaiian Luau theme. Silent Auction report given by chairperson Crystle Swager. Silent Auction had a huge increase from last year, lots of club baskets helped the challenge. A few cloths still left over that are slowly selling. As of the night of the dance Silent Auction had \$584 with 99 items sold. Also extra food was sold. Had 2 cuers & 4 callers in attendance. Attendance was over 90 dancers.

Nominations for District Officers: Rose Davis committee chair presented the nominees as President Lee & Pam Gavitt, VP Stanley Plummer, Secretary Karen Sullivan & Ruby Bird, Treasurer Sharon Glenn.

State Festival Update: Catherine McLemore reports there are now 200 registered with very few rooms available for the wknd.

New Business:

State Festival silent auction item: Catherine McLemore suggests we donate a basket from the district. Rosa Davis volunteers to with suggestion on theme for a food basket. Please get any non-perishable items to Rosa Davis as soon as possible. Rosa Davis make proposal for a \$50 gift card to be added to basket. Voted & approved.

Doins Dance date and theme: Catherine McLemore asking for discussion of location & date of Doin's Dance to be held in February 2024. Shirley Winans makes motion to hold at the Marc in Mt. Vernon if fee is \$100 & if date is available, otherwise Square Dance Center in Joplin is available for \$35. Voted & passed. Date determined is February 11, 2024.

Next Meeting-September: Catherine McLemore plans next meeting for November 4, 2023 to be determined.

Announcements: Shirley Winans reminds everyone that Covid has been resurfacing. What your area if you need to cancel a dance, there is the District Facebook page & emails that can be sent out as soon as possible. Up coming dances & lessons coming up in Nixa & Joplin. Along with anniversary dances for Trailblazers & Western Twirlers. Western Twirlers will have a close out liquidation sale of Edith Chesters shop during their anniversary dance. Also Rosa Davis reminded everyone about the District basket for State Festival. Donation of non-perishable items, she will be out of town for 11 days, please try to get items to your club officers to get to her.

Adjournment:

Ike Clay makes a motion to adjourn meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m. by Catherine McLemore with no other discussions.

Submitted by:

Shirley Winans, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING November 4, 2023 at The Library Center, 4653 South Campbell Ave.,
Springfield, MO.**