

Southwest District Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2023

Call to Order: The Southwest District meeting, held at the Library Center, Springfield, Missouri, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Catherine McLemore.

Invocation: Given by Rosa Davis.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all, led by Sharon Glenn.

Roll Call was taken. There were 4 Executive committee members present, Presidents, and Delegates from 5 clubs, members included: 3 from Kountry Kuzins, 2 from Trailblazers, 2 from Twirl-A-Rounds, 3 from Twirling Funtimers, 1 from Western Twirlers. A quorum was achieved to hold meeting and for any voting on Constitution/By-Laws.

Minutes: Minutes of the September 9, 2023 meeting minutes had been distributed to board members 2 weeks following the last meeting via e-mail and hard copies. Gaylynn Crosby made motion to accept with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Sharon Glenn. Copies of the financial report for the period of September 8, 2023 through November 10, 2023 were distributed. Beginning balance was \$6016.19 with an ending balance of \$6,033.73. Income included cash from Dues for 5 clubs (KK, Trailblazers, Carolyn Ahart (Twirl Around), Western Twirlers, Twirling Funtimers, Traditional Dance, Tanglefooters and MO-Kan plus \$40.00 clothes sale.) interest of \$1.02. Disbursement of State Registration \$10.45 and 2 flash drives \$13.03 to Shirley Winans, \$50 gift card for State Festival basket, and \$70.00 for Missouri Federation dues for 7 clubs. Catherine McLemore stands the treasurer report.

Federation Meeting Report: Given by Gaylynn Crosby.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance in account \$7,843.82; with CD's balance is \$30,873.83.

Membership: 42 Clubs in state registered; B+R Squares 30 years; 50 years Singles and Doubles in St. Louis. Doin's Dance at State Dance: 13 Callers, 88 Signed in with \$593 in donations; 11 renewals and 4 new subscriptions. Doin's for 4th quarter: 214 subscriptions; 70 electronic, 45 renewals, 8 new and 16 student copies sent out. Doin's Advertising: \$180 annual full page or \$50 each issue (4 x's per year), \$125 annual for ½ page or \$35 per issue, \$90 for ¼ page annual or \$25 each issue. State Festival Site Screening – Southeast district 2025; committee: Dave Byers, Catherine McClemore, and Edythe Webber.

Insurance Coordinator – Edythe Weber: 943 dancers insured through USDA, 179 through other, for a total of 1,122 dancers insured in the state. Each club has 30 days to add a new dancer to the insurance once they complete the lessons. For 2023 it is still \$5.25. For 2024 the price is \$5.50. To receive the rebate, from the state, of \$35 for the club the, insurance must be completed by November 1st and the money to Rosa. Rebates will start to go out after December 15, 2023. Next year State meetings: January 21st-SW district with host in Springfield, MO, April 21st-NE district with host, July 14th or 28th Southeast district with host, October 20th St. Louis with host after the festival in Sedalia.

Wrap-up for 2023 State festival dance

- 249 in attendance
- 21 callers/cuers
- 18 committee members
- 140 attended the dinner Friday evening
- Made \$300 from the ice cream; sold for \$1 each

2024 State Festival Kicked off on Saturday evening

- Theme: Show Me Dance
- 68 Registered
- 48 Shirts sold
- Not set up for credit cards
- Can register for host hotel starting November 1, 2023. Room rate for hotel is \$107 per night at the Hampton Inn and Suites.
- For legal reasons the name will stay as festival instead of conventions

Special Funds Committee – 42nd Square Dance Convention; from the 1993 convention; \$5,000 is to be used for caller/cuer scholarships, Caller/cuer lab, live in district, ASCAP license: Funds dispersed \$1,250 over 4 years. All criteria have to be met. Next meeting will be January 21, 2024 in Springfield, Missouri.

Unfinished Business:

Doin's Dance Update: Anieta England states next dance will be February 11, 2024 at Mt. Vernon, rent is \$100.00.

Nominations for District Officers: Rosa Davis committee chair gave nominations for Officers as Presidents Lee and Pam Gavitt, Vice President Stanley Plummer, Secretary Karen Sullivan and Ruby Bird, and Treasurer Sharon Glenn.

State Festival Update: Gaylynn Crosby gave updates in the State Meeting report.

Constitution and Bylaws updates: Catherine McLemore states that Lee Gavitt has been working at some changes to present on the current Bylaws and Working Rules at next meeting.

New Business:

Doins Deadline: Catherine McLemore states next deadline for news articles is November 15, 2023. 2024 schedules also needs to be turned in.

State Meeting: Catherine McLemore states the Missouri Federation State meeting date has been changed to January 14, 2024. To be held at the Brentwood Library in Springfield. Serving soup & chili. Catherine McLemore is making list for food. Will also be done by Zoom program.

Catherine McLemore updates on the Doin's dance. Anieta England has made a poster. Dance will be at Mainstream level and encourages all new dancers to attend. There will no silent auctions, serving cookies, finger foods, water and coffee. Only food for napkins needed.

Tax Free ID#: Catherine McLemore reminds everyone that the Southwest District does have a Federal Tax ID number for use by all clubs.

Ambassador of the Year Committee: Catherine McLemore asks for a committee for the Ambassador of the Year. Needing to update the Working Rules. With discussion Catherine McLemore made motion: to have most recent recipient take position as the chair and choose 2 additional members of the Board. Remove in A Committee Member Selection-section 1,2,3, and 8. Voted and passed. Nominations will need to be turned in by February meeting to be announced at the May District Dance.

Banner Raids: Catherine McLemore reminds everyone about Banner Raiding rules require 6 members of a club to receive the club they are visiting a banner whether it be the club banner or retrieving their banner back. Only 1 banner allowed.

District Budget: Catherine McLemore asked about ways to use budget to promote dancing.

State Money for Promotions: Catherine McLemore reminds everyone that the State does have money that clubs can ask for on help with expenses of promoting especially when it comes to lessons.

Election of Officers for 2024: Catherine McLemore presents the selections of officers to be voted on. Selection is President's Lee and Pam Gavitt, Vice President Stanley Parent, Secretary Karen Sullivan or Ruby Bird, and Treasurer Sharon Glenn. Voting done for Secretary as winner is Karen Sullivan. Officer's take position at end of meeting.

Carol Morris reminds everyone that there is a State Scholarship for \$500 available for any 2024 senior. Application form is on the State Website for anyone that has family associated with square or round dancing. Due date is March 1st to Bob Turner.

Incoming President Lee Gavitt would like to form committee to work on Bylaws & Working Rules. Lee Gavitt asks for volunteers. Tony Ahart and Karen Sullivan volunteer.

Lee Gavitt thanks all past officers.

Next Meeting: Lee Gavitt states next meeting is Sunday February 11, 2024.

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Lee Gavitt makes a motion to adjourn meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. by Catherine McLemore with no other discussions.

Submitted by:

Shirley Winans, Secretary

NEXT MEETING February 11, 2024 at The Marc, Mt Vernon, MO.