

Southwest District Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2024

Call to Order: The Southwest District meeting, held at The Marc, Mt. Vernon, Missouri, was called to order by Vice President Stan Plummer at 1:00 p.m.

Invocation: Upon Stan Plummer's request for a volunteer to give the invocation, it was given by Carol Morris.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Stan Plummer; recited by all attendees.

Roll Call: Taken by sign-in sheets. There were 3 Executive Committee members present along with Presidents and Delegates from 7 clubs including: 2 from Kountry Kuzins, 1 from Mo-Kan Squares, 1 from Tanglefooters, 1 from Trail Blazers, 1 from Twirl-A-Rounds, 3 from Twirling Funtimers, 3 from Western Twirlers. A quorum was achieved to hold meeting and for any voting on Constitution/By-Laws. Guests sign-in includes 2 Pioneers. Pioneers have rejoined the Southwest District. Secretary Karen Sullivan is to receive their contact information.

Minutes: Minutes of the November 11, 2023 meeting minutes had been distributed by Shirley Winans, Past Secretary, to Board members 2 weeks following that meeting via e-mail and hard copies. Sharon Glenn made motion to accept with spelling corrections. Bill Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Sharon Glenn. Copies of the financial report for the period of November 11, 2023 through February 10, 2024 were distributed. Beginning balance was \$6,033.73 with an ending balance of \$1,884.45. Income included a rebate from the State Federation of \$245.00 and interest of \$0.72. Disbursements included 1 club's dues to the State Federation of \$10.00, Ambassador of the Year DOIN'S article for \$40.00, 7 club rebates totaling \$245.00, DOIN's Dance rent of \$100.00, and a Great Southern Bank CD purchase of \$4,000.00.

Carol Morris questioned if the CD purchase had been voted upon. Stan Plummer informed that it had been an Executive Committee discussion and decision. Tony Ahart offered that the amount was over what is specified in the Constitution/By-Laws for the Executive Committee to decide upon. As discussion continued, Karen Sullivan gave background on the decision to purchase the CD per the phone call she received from President Lee Gavitt. No timeline was mentioned as to when the CD would be purchased. Discussion continued as to other issues

with the CD purchase which Lee Gavitt will need to correct. It was noted that the issue be on the agenda for discussion at the May meeting.

Sharon Glenn also asked about an audit of the Treasurer's Reports. Stan Plummer mentioned it should be completed each year. Tony Ahart stated that it is the President's responsibility to assign someone to perform the audit. Vice President Plummer noted the audit appointment to be discussed at the May meeting, and approved today's Treasurer's Report for audit.

Federation Meeting Report: Given by Stan Plummer. It was held January 14, 2024, by ZOOM due to inclement weather. The majority of the meeting was spent reorganizing committees for the year. It was announced that each District can use the State's ZOOM platform to conduct their District meetings if needed. Each club throughout the state has their dance schedules available on the State website: [squaredancemissouri.com](https://squaredancemissouri.com) If you need assistance accessing that website, Stan Plummer offered his assistance. It was also announced that all callers and cuers who intend to call at the Missouri State Festival in October be sure to complete their profile with dance level(s) and submit it before the dance to avoid confusion at the dance.

Square Dancer(s) of the Year applications are due August 1. Be sure to get those forms completed and to your District officers, so they can submit the forms on time to the State Committee.

If anyone would like to submit pictures to the State website, please send those to the Webmaster in landscape mode if possible.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Constitution and Bylaws updates: Proposed changes read by Stan Plummer as presented by Lee Gavitt for Articles IX and XII with respect to improved wording of the requirements to meet a quorum. These changes will be brought up for vote at the May meeting.

### Lessons:

Kenton Sullivan has began lessons in Nixa in January on Monday nights.

Western Twirlers will start lessons next Sunday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. Joplin Dance Center Twirling Funtimers will start lessons in March after Donna Gellenbeck returns to the area.

Pioneers plan to begin lessons in May.

Stan Plummer suggested talking with family and friends in these areas to get them interested in square dancing.

Ambassador of the Year Committee: Ambassador of the Year applications due today, February 11, 2024, by end of dance. Be sure to give your completed form to Shirley Winans, Chairperson, or to Committee members Michelle Skinner and Karen Ebert.

### **New Business:**

DOIN's Advertising and Deadline: Stan Plummer asked for a motion for submitting a full-page DOIN's ad for Southwest District Dance for \$50. February 15 is deadline for April-May-June issue. Carol Morris moves to have \$50 paid for full-page ad. Bill Thomas seconded. Stan Plummer brought up that The Marc has on their calendar as May 19 as the 18th is scheduled for someone else. Discussion followed regarding a contract and payment. Has been a verbal contract in past and rent paid a couple months in advance. Stan will verify with The Marc person he spoke with, and speak with Lee Gavitt tomorrow. Motion passed for ad price.

Southwest District Dance: Upon clarification of the correct day and date for the District Dance it will again be a Luau theme with dinner from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and dance from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Discussion followed regarding that Catherine McLemore is in charge for food sign-up; Crystle Swager has photo backdrop along with the majority of decorations; The Marc will do set-up; still need a club to do sign-in table and 50/50; and a club to assist with clean-up.

Vice President Stan Plummer asked for any other new business. Bill Thomas moved to adjourn. Aneita England seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m. by Stan Plummer with no other discussions.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Sullivan  
Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2024 at The Marc, Mt Vernon, MO., 3:00 p.m.**