

Southwest District Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2024

Call to Order: A meeting of the Southwest District of the Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance was called to order by President Lee Gavitt at 12:01 p.m. on August 10, 2024 at The Library Center on South Campbell in Springfield, Missouri.

Invocation: Given by Mark McCartney.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Lee Gavitt; recited by all attendees.

Roll Call: Taken by sign-in sheets and reported by Karen Sullivan, Secretary. There were 3 Executive Committee members present along with Presidents and Delegates from 5 clubs including: 4 from Kountry Kuzins, 2 from Trail Blazers, 1 from Twirl-A-Rounds, 3 from Twirling Funtimers, 3 from Western Twirlers. A quorum was achieved to hold the meeting, and for voting on any Constitution/By-Laws changes. No guests signed in.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 18, 2024 meeting minutes had been distributed by Karen Sullivan, Secretary, to Board members within 2 weeks following that meeting via e-mail and hard copies. No corrections were noted. A motion was made and seconded to accept minutes as is. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Sharon Glenn, Treasurer. Copies of the financial report for the period of May 18, 2024 through August 9, 2024 were distributed. Beginning balance was \$1,189.91 with an ending balance of \$2,130.05. Income included The Marc cleaning deposit return of \$100, the District Dance proceeds of \$1,265.00, the District Dance cash advance return of \$400, and interest of \$0.54. Disbursements included payment to the three callers and one cuer at the District Dance totaling \$250.00, the 2025 DOIN'S reservation at The Marc of \$200, 2025 District Dance reservation at The Marc of \$250, postage stamps of \$13.60, Ambassador of the Year Award costs totaling \$105.80, and a service charge of \$6.00 for an amount totaling \$825.40. The Treasurer's Report was approved for audit.

Federation Meeting Report: Given by Pam Gavitt. The Missouri State Federation of Square 'N Round Dance was held July 14, 2024, in Puxico, Missouri. St. Louis Metro is busy working on the 2024 State Dance, and an afternoon benefit dance for John Stewart is planned for November 3, 2024. Southwest District has scheduled a DOIN'S Dance for February 15, 2025 in Mt. Vernon, Missouri. Central District is not currently dancing. In Northeast District a WOW – Warsaw on the Weekend – dance in Warsaw on August 16 & 17, and the Route 36 Dance is scheduled for September 13 & 14. There will be a benefit dance for Joe Saltel in Cameron,

Missouri on August 30 from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Southeast District is working on the State Festival for 2025 to be held in Cape Girardeau. The Northwest District Dance will be August 10 in Raytown, and lessons will begin in September. The Missouri Federation Facebook page is now available for your use and an instruction page is available.

Unfinished Business:

District Dance report: Given by Lee Gavitt, Chairman. There were 83 dancers in attendance which included 1 cuer and 3 callers, representing 8 District clubs. No guest clubs signed in. 3 club banners were present. Income from the door, 50/50, silent auction, and clothing and food sales totaled \$1,265.00 while expenses of the rent, advertising and caller/cuer payments came to \$550.00 for a net income to the District of \$715.00. Lee gave thanks to the callers and cuer for their talents. He gave special thanks to Committee Chairs and their assistants: Rosa Davis – Decorations; Catherine McLemore – Food; Susan McCartney – Silent Auction; Tom England and Bill Thomas – Door and 50/50. Lee thanked ALL who donated food and silent auction items.

Future Hall Rentals: With respect to the 2025 DOIN's Dance and the District Dance, Lee Gavitt has confirmed reservations at The Marc in Mt. Vernon again, for the dates of Saturday, February 15 for the DOIN's Dance, and Saturday, May 17 for the District Dance. Discussion was then held regarding increasing the door charge and that the District pays for at least some of the food. After several given scenarios, a motion was made and seconded for the District to pay for the meat only. Motion passed. An additional motion was made and seconded that the District increases the door charge to \$12.00. Motion passed.

Certificate of Deposit update: Lee Gavitt reported that the Bank suggests letting the CD mature before changing the EIN and name on the CD. He has also spoken to a friend who is an attorney who gave three points of interest: (1) an investment is not an expense; (2) it is the fiduciary responsibility of an organization to increase their monetary funds by gaining interest; and (3) it is an Executive Board's rights and duties to oversee that fiduciary responsibility. Discussion was held relaying that those points are true – the adversity had been in how it had been achieved.

New Business:

State Dance update: Lee asked for a volunteer to be in charge of accumulating items for a gift basket to be donated to the State Festival's Silent Auction valued at least at \$25 as in the past. Rosa Davis volunteered – suggesting the theme of "Shop Til You Drop" for a large gift bag of items and a \$25 gift card. Several members gave ideas of items they would donate. Lee also

asked for a volunteer to design an ad for the Southwest District to be sent in for the upcoming State Program Booklet. Gaylynn Crosby volunteered.

Constitution/By-Laws updates: Lee Gavitt distributed and read a proposed addition to Article VII Delegates Section 1. A short discussion on clarity was held. Lee made a motion to accept the proposal as read, there was no second, motion died.

Officer Nominations: Committee Chairman Bill Thomas took the floor to give his list of possible candidates he had spoken with for District offices. Bill announced that the current President(s) and Vice-President are willing to continue as officers for 2025. He reported Linda Carlson and Catherine McLemore have voiced their desire to hold the office of Treasurer. However, no one at this time has come forward to run for the office of Secretary. Nominations can be taken from the floor at the November meeting.

Upcoming Dances:

Kountry Kuzins' 55th Anniversary Dance is today at 2:00 p.m.;

Missouri State Fair dance on Wednesday, August 14;

WOW Dance in Warsaw: August 16 & 17, 2024;

Western Twirlers will hold a "Chigger Fest" on September 28 from 7-9:30 p.m.;

State Federation Dance in Sedalia: October 18 & 19, 2024.

With no other discussions, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Sullivan
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: November 9, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library, 2214 South Brentwood Blvd, Springfield, Missouri.