

MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL
MEETING CITY RECREATION OFFICE JULY 27, 1964

A meeting of the Miami Valley Dance Council was held in the Conference Room of the Division of Parks & Recreation on Monday, July 27, 1964. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by William Kruger. Present were: Rose Graziano, Julius Nestor, Edward Boehringer, Florence Seger, Al Boehringer, Joe Miller, Roland J. Mock, Harry A. Ware, Jr., Gladys Davis, Jerry Seubert, Frank Ruby, John Somers, William Kruger.

Mr. Somers & Mr. Kruger announced the forthcoming appointment of Mr. Clarence Thomas as the new Special Activities Supervisor, replacing Mike Solomon. Both told about Mr. Thomas background and experiences during his 18 years with the City and explained that the appointment was made on merit, as the result of his coming in first in a competitive civil service examination for the position.

There was some discussion by the Council members over the fact that Mr. Thomas is of the colored race and whether this would have some effect on future dance programming. The consensus was that there was no way of determining this and all would just have to "wait and see."

All members present indicated that Mr. Thomas would have their cooperation in helping to continue the program.

To a question about rental fees for the pavilion, Mr. Somers stated that he was recommending an increase from the present \$15.00 to \$ 25.00 for 1965.

Mr. Kruger pointed out that no bronze hood or exhaust fan has as yet been provided in the pavilion kitchen. After some discussion it was moved by Rose Graziano, seconded by Julius Nesbit that a hood and fan be purchased, at a cost not to exceed \$200.00, out of the kitchen fund, and that these items be installed by the City at no cost to the Council. Motion carried.

Mr. Somers promised that the cupboards required in the kitchen would be installed as soon as possible. He also told about letting a contractual service for termite control of the building for \$290.00. Some members were not aware that there were termites in the building.

Mr. Kruger stated that he would obtain a definite commitment on having the floor work done in the later part of September or the first part of October. Mr. Ruby said that his group was having a big dance on September 27, so the floor work would probably not start until October. This would mean that some groups would be dancing in the Centers for a short time. There will be not rental of school properties for dancing.

Joe Miller started a discussion on the possibility of setting up a "fun level" dance club if the City experiences any further difficulties in getting dance instructions started. Some of the information thrown out recounted the success of a Sunday afternoon "family square" group in Columbus; discussed the value of going after "drop-outs" or trying to interest new members; best methods of publicizing dances and lessons; possibility of "challenge" dances in this area; experiments with "singing" callers; lack of cooperation between clubs; is present level of dancing too high?

On motion by Julius Nesbit, seconded by Al Boehringer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

William F. Kruger
Recreation General Supervisor