

City of Dayton  
Division of Parks and Recreation

March 28, 1967

MINUTES

Miami Valley Dance Council

A meeting of the Miami Valley Dance Council was held at the Municipal Building on the above date. The meeting was called to order by Clarence L. Thomas.

Present were:

Mrs. Gladys Davis	Treasurer
Mrs. Virginia Batsche	Miami Valley Round Dance Club
Hugh Hinton	Circle 8
Bryce Reay	Whirlaway Square Dance Club
Eugene Willis	Date 'N 8's
Forest Andrews	Kapers Square Dance Club
Andy Harger	Dayton Square Dance Club
Roland J. Mock	Delegate to State Dance Corp.
Clarence L. Thomas	Bureau of Recreation

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were omitted since each member had received them by mail. There was no change on the Treasurer's report since the last meeting.

Mr. Thomas reported on his follow up with the Ohio Bell Telephone Company in an effort to secure a cheaper rate on the telephone in the Michael Solomon Pavilion. After many contacts a conference with the Telephone Company representative, Mr. Lefkovitz, who handles telephone services for the city, and myself it was agreed that the service be changed from semi-public to public. With this type of service there will be no cost to the city or the clubs.

This is only a temporary arrangement. However, it is necessary that the dancers use the telephone as much as possible.

It was reported that a letter inviting Mr. & Mrs. Graham Watt to dance with our clubs at the Pavilion. Mr. Watt sent a note of thanks for the invitation.

There was a discussion on how we can improve the Miami Valley Dance News. Mr. Thomas stated that he would welcome someone taking over as editor. Some of the suggestions were; letters to the editor, special interest columns and a calendar listing a schedule of events. Mr. Harger was appointed chairman to work with Mrs. Batsche and Mr. Mock as a committee to bring in suggestions for the paper.

The members present discussed the problems faced in conducting dance classes and keeping dancers after completion of class. Some of the suggestions were:

- (a) Set up a plan to cover required material in lessons - statewide. Such requirements would be enforced by approved callers & clubs.
- (b) Must impart proper philosophy to beginners.
- (c) Must accept beginners as part of the dance family - be friendly - dance with them at their level.

It was announced that the Duquesne University Tamburitzan Concert will be presented again this year with a new show at the Memorial Hall. Sunday December 3rd at 3:00 P.M. All were urged to purchase tickets early.

Mr. Thomas stated that the constitution committee will be called together again for the purpose of drawing up a constitution for the Council.

At the next meeting Mr. Mock and Mrs. Graziano will seek your thinking on the counties which should be included in the Dayton District for the State Corporation.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, April 25th at 7:00 P.M. in the office of the Bureau of Recreation.

Clarence L. Thomas

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