

MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 8, 1983

The bi-monthly meeting of the Miami Valley Dance Council was held on November 8, 1098 at the Michael Solomon Pavilion. President Charles Feeser called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The meeting was delayed due to the use of the pavilion by the city for voting purposes. The following persons were in attendance:

Betty & Bob Helwig	108 Ashwood Ave, Dayton 45405	278-8553	Buckeye Sq.
Miles & Kay Barrere	908 Kathryn Dr, Wilmington 45177	382-2447	Clinton Co. CS
Marge Hartis	59 W. Ridgeway Rd, Centerville 45459	433-6129	Trustee
Jean & Whitey Pfarr	327 Northview Dr, London 43140	614-852-0393	Picadilly
John & Virginia Sessler	5880 S. Chas. Clifton Rd, S. Charleston 45368	462-8803	Lake Choctaw
Don & Wanda Hunter	356 Willowhurst St, Centerville 45459	434-1090	Treasurer
Ann Wilder	7601 Pelway Drive, Centerville 45459	435-8812	Sq. A-Gó-Go
Helen & Art Lohmayer	1185 Westbrook Rd, Dayton 45415	837-6960	Chargers
Jim Gilbert	314 N. Jay St., West Milton 45383	698-6934	Grand Sq.
Gordon W. Stephens	609 Little Ct., Englewood 45322	836-2251	Just-A-Mere
Hershel C. Bonine	10670 Frederick Rd, Vandalia 45377	898-5006	Just-A-Mere
Gerald Plzak	4913 Silver Arrow Dr, Dayton 45424	233-8401	Expressors
Farris & Sue Beatty	4984 Preble Co Line Rd, Brookville 45309	833-5524	Freedom Sq.
Esther Lewis	502 Vine St, Brookville 45309	833-2387	Mary Go Rounds
Gene Diener	5933 Hartwick Lane, Huber Hgts 45424	233-6703	Wright-Patters
Don & Peggy Grove	905 Larrivood Ave, Kettering 45429	298-4820	Twin Base
Ken & Sherry Roberts	416 Towanda Cr, Dayton 45431	258-2183	Super "B"
Bill Overacker	400 N. Burnett, Springfield 45503	324-0233	Star Promeno
Barbara Burton	1484 S. Burnett, Springfield 45505	325-5348	S'Allemand RoadRunners
Marji & Dale Ranft	1232 Dellinger Dr, Fairborn, 45324	878-5416	Shooting Stars
Dick & Essie Tritle	2529 Marinette Dr, Springfield 45503	399-7956	Cardinal Sq.
Sedalia Tarbutton	313 Rawson Dr., New Carlisle 45344	845-0962	Cardinal Sq.
Charles Prass	63 Grafton Ave, Dayton 45406	223-0974	Kittyhawks
Tommy J. Roby	1315 Devon Ave, Apt B4, Kettering 45429	299-0078	Kittyhawks
Jo & Paul Bonnell	53 Corona Ave, Dayton 45419	298-3042	Convention
John & Dorothy Roasa	1176 Maple Ave, Centerville 45459	433-4491	EZ Rounds
Dale Williamson	9875 Plesant Plain Rd, Brookville 45309	833-5680	Curliques
Belinda Gallagher	311 N. Commerce St, Lewisburg 45338	962-2579	L. Promenaders
Donald Eltzroth	4061 Reading Rd, Dayton 45420	256-2174	MV Folk Dcrs.
Marge Floyd	1619 Emmons Ave, Dayton 45410	252-3050	Rose E. MM
Dick Coleman	5969 Springboro Pike, Dayton 45449	435-3370	Golden Sq.
Walt & Flo Nearingard	3712 Aerial Ave, Kettering 45429	299-4239	Silver Sq.
Marvin L. Brown	7660 Essington Cir, Kettering 45459	433-4779	Wash. Sq.
Steve & Garnet Kokot	334 E. Pease Ave, W. Carrollton 45449	859-3179	Date N'8
Ray & Janet Sadler	6467 Stonehurst Dr, Huber Hgts 45424	236-1977	2X4
Merle & Evelyn Steiner	718 Grafton Ave., Dayton 45406	275-1727	DSDC
Mady & George D'Aloiso	2240 Vemco Dr, Bellbrook 45305	848-4820	Flairs
Glen R. Berry	522 Shade Dr, W. Carrollton 45449	859-8645	Callers
Len Cannell	2201 Hazelhurst Ct., Kettering 45440	294-1647	Dayton Contra
Mona Cannell	2201 Hazelhurst Ct., Kettering 45440	294-1647	3rd Sun. Sq.

Keith Zimmerman	138 Floral Ave, Troy 45373	335-6725	Motivators
Rob Parker	914 Crestwood Hills Dr, Vandalia- 45377	898-6806	Circle 8
Juanita Pyles	1134 Torrence Dr, Springfield 45503	399-2524	RoundsByJobe
George Bayer	2165 Knoll Dr, Beavercreek 45431	426-4585	State Corp.
Cecil O. Hartis	58 W. Ridgeway Rd, Centerville 45459	433-6129	Adventure Sq.
Russ Reid	310 N. Sunset, Piqua 45356	773-5706	Piqua HappySq..
Jo Feeser	2133 Newgate Ave, Dayton 45420	256-3179	Cloggers
Deloris Hopkins	4556 Hastings Dr, Kettering 45440	434-9361	2X4
Jim & Jo Fitzsimmons	3173 Sunnycrest Ln, Kettering 45419	299-8875	Whirlaways
Jim Mouse	3781 Knollwood Dr, Beavercreek 45432	426-9358	MV Round Dnce.
Charles Feeser	2133 Newgate Ave, Dayton 45420	256-3179	President
Jack Worley	1214 Belvo Rd, Miamisburg 45342	859-6151	Vice President
Charlotte N. Campbell	865 Meadow Lane, Troy 45373	335-2183	Secretary

President Feeser welcomed everyone to the last council meeting of 1983.

The minutes of the September 13, 1983 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Don Hunter reported the balance on hand as of October 31, 1983 as \$55,037.14, with \$11,191.28 in the General Operating Fund and \$43,845.86 in the Building Fund. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Vice President Jack Worley reported that lesson class enrollment is down this year in the Council class as well as in other classes throughout the area. He feels there are several reasons for this: 1) There are many lesson classes being offered--perhaps more than usual; and 2) Many of last year's lesson class members did not continue dancing after lessons ended. The Council will lose money on this year's class with the projected loss being about \$900 since there are only 7 squares enrolled as compared to 17 to 20 squares in previous years. Worley proposed that a committee be formed to study why students are dropping out, what can be done to get them back and what can be done to keep them. He offered to chair such a committee. He also suggested that Council not offer the Plus Workshop next spring but encourage dancers to get experience dancing on the mainstream level before going on. Some clubs could drop a level in their dancing. Special dances could also be offered for them. Worley stated that about 45% of last year's class did not join any club in the area. He feels that the reason for this is that dancers were not at ease with their dancing.

The Callers Association is planning to have a series of Mainstream dances beginning in the spring of 1984 when the lesson classes end. They are also planning other opportunities for mainstream dancing.

In an informal survey Worley found that this year's lesson class people came to class mainly because a friend encouraged them to come. Only one came because of flyers that were passed out. It is felt that personal contact is the best way to get new people into square dancing. Jack Worley made the motion to form a committee to further investigate the lesson classes and what can be done to hold on to these new members for all clubs. It was seconded by Jo Bonnell. The motion carried. Volunteers for this committee should contact Jack Worley.

Helen Lohmayer was filling in at this meeting for NEWSLETTER Editor Betty French who is ill. It was announced that the new schedules would not be ready until the January 10th Council meeting and the Dance News will be late also due to Betty's illness.

Paul Bonnell reported that 108 callers, contra leaders, and clogging leaders are registered to be at the convention at the present time. All dance space has been assigned for the convention and all shop spaces are sold. Jo and Paul have travelled 1400 miles so far publicizing the convention. Paul encouraged reps to attend the Federation Dance in Middletown on November 12 to help show Dayton Area's support. Registration for the '84 convention is down at this point as compared to two years ago. Honor Roll Couple's name must be turned in by February 1. The Honor Roll Couple will be guests at the State Luncheon on Saturday and on Saturday night they will be presented from the stage. Marge Harris announced plans for the cookbook being planned for the convention. Recipes will be accepted through December 1. These books will sell for about \$4.00 through the clubs. Clubs selling cookbooks will receive \$1.00 for each book sold. Jo Bonnell reported that the total convention will be held in the Convention Center and Stouffer's. She also reminded that clubs having 100% registration at the convention will be recognized.

State Corporation is concerned about clubs that are advertising drinking at dances, George Baver reported. They are recommending that if this becomes a common practice of any club that that club be dropped from the council if the council desires to keep drinking out of dances. Baver also passed out flyers with information about securing callers for the August 11, 1984 State Fair Day in Columbus. A contest will be held to select the Ohio State Dress for the 1986-1991 National Conventions. Designs using Cardinal red, white and blue may be submitted to the area councils. A winner from each council will be submitted to the State Corporation from which the grand prize winner will be selected.

Mona Cannell attended Mini-Legacy along with about 40 others from over the state. Mini-Legacy is planning to sponsor a Leadership Training Weekend for local clubs every other year beginning in 1986. Cannell reported that one innovation being tried by some clubs is that of having a Junior and a Senior Board, with the Junior Board replacing the Senior Board when their term of office is over. An advantage of this system would be that valuable experience would be gained which would carry over in the term of office. Mini-Legacy is also concerned about the use of alcohol at dances. A formal resolution was sent to the State Corporation urging them to reaffirm Legacy's resolution that alcoholic beverages or intoxicants of any kind be discouraged both prior to and during dance functions. It is also urged that all clubs who want to adhere to the standards heretofore set regarding the use of intoxicants at dances look at their By-Laws to be sure something is written down about their stand. It is suggested that occurrences of such practices be reported either to Mini-Legacy or to local council leaders.

Nominations for MVDC Honor Roll Couples or Person should be turned in by the January 10, 1984 meeting of the Council.

Glen Berry, Callers Association representative, reminded the council of the upcoming Harvest Hoedown at Wampler's Arena on November 13. This dance is for new dancers and class angels. He reported that the new officers for the Callers Association are as follows: President - John Chevalier; Vice President - Glen Cherryholmes; Secretary - Mona Cannell; Treasurer - Dorothy Roasa. Berry again invited a Council representative to the meetings of the Callers Association.

Mady D'Aloiso of the Michael Solomon Support Committee reported that more chairs are missing from the Pavilion.

The election of the 1984 Council Officers was next on the agenda. The Nominating Committee, composed of Deloris Hopkins, Gene Diener and Jim Mouse, presented the following slate of officers: President - Howard Bailey, S'Allemandes; Vice-President -- Bob Peyton, 2X4; Secretary - Cookie Bucher, 2X4; Treasurer - Don and Wanda Hunter, Washington Squares. It was noted by Paul Bonnell that the election could not be held at this meeting since the reading of the slate had not taken place at the September meeting as prescribed by the Constitution. Don Groves moved that the Council dispense with the first reading of the slate, seconded by John Sessler. Motion carried. George Baver moved that this slate be elected by acclamation and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot. Seconded by Cecil Hartis. Motion carried.

Glen Berry observed that unless we get busy now we will have the same trouble next year in finding people to serve and running late with the election procedures. He urged that steps be taken now to prepare for that. Dorothy Roasa observed that clubs in the Council are also having trouble finding people who are willing to assume leadership. Mona Cannell reported on the recommendations from Mini-Legacy for finding people to serve: 1) Don't pick the new dancer just out of class; 2) Look for people who are achievers--those who volunteer to work--those who have natural talent for leading.

President Feeser thanked the Council for their support this year and expressed wishes for success to the new officers.

Club representatives made announcements about their clubs and their activities.

Easy Does It has changed their name to the Third Sunday Squares. This club is for those who have dropped out of square dancing and want to get back in.

Keith Zimmerman reported that there is interest in having square dancing included in the 1984 Dayton Creative Fest. More information will be available later. He also urged people to attend the dance at the Arena on November 12 to show warmth and friendliness to the new dancers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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