



110 South Bromfield Road
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Dear Council Representative,

It saddens me to have to write this letter to you and your club members about campaigning from club to club. According to our constitution, there is nothing stated against or for campaigning for elective offices of the Council; however, the campaigners should be honest and know that what they are saying is **the truth**. Unfortunately, some current candidates have not done their homework. This group of candidates is dealing with **half truths** and expanding on them. They have everyone confused, and maybe that is their goal. Because I have been asked by several members of the council to write this letter I would like to state the facts as I know them.

These are the FACTS.

1. I was in Florida three (3) months not six (6) months and kept very much in touch with what was going on via the phone and letters.
2. Treasurer's reports are not secret. They are given to you at each meeting.
3. Officers are volunteers just like all of you. We even pay to get into your dances unless it is Council business. However, we pay if we dance after that. There is no free lunch.
4. ANY Miami Valley dancer who is a member of a club may run for office. He or she doesn't have to be a representative to run. There is no slate of officers. You can vote for whomever you please.
5. The Ambassadors were a volunteer group. No one was paid not even their leader. Any stipend that was given to the Ambassadors was directed to the Red Cross Food Bank. No one was paid.
6. Our state convention did lose money. According to our insurance records, we have 1,834 dancers. A lot of you supported the convention with your fees and work this year. Our hats are off to you, and we are truly grateful and say thanks. But there are some who did not attend the convention at all. We needed 300 more dancers to break even on finances. We should look at the Council as a whole as to why money was lost, not just at the chairman. You all had a part in this because of the decision you made to support or not support the convention.
7. The executive committee has no power. It is a clearinghouse for items to be brought to the Council. Each of you has more power by your vote than the whole executive committee. Use it.
8. You need some workers to separate and sift through each proposal and idea to get the meat of the issues. This is why we have an executive committee.
9. Last and certainly not least, the Council files are open to any dancer in good standing.

This letter is only an attempt to answer some of the questions that have come to my attention and some of which appeared in one candidate's letter, which is an example of the taking of half truths and expanding on them.

If you or any of your dancers have a question about the Council, please feel free to call me (298-4136). We have an answering machine, and I will get back with you. Thanks for your time and support.

Sincerely,

Ed. Melhuish, President
Miami Valley Dance Council

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