

MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL

Michael Solomon Pavilion

November 9, 2010

Pledge of Allegiance – Renee Arnett opened with the pledge to the flag at 7:00PM.

Secretary – Tom Griffis moved to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Steve Hayden and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Joan Ganger reported on the council finances for the period September 14, 2010 thru November 8, 2010. Beginning checking account balance was \$782.11. Receipts were \$1,510.00 (\$500.00 transferred from savings) and expenses were \$1,135.40. Checking account balance as of November 8, 2010 was \$1,156.71. Statement Savings Account was \$9,518.39. Total CD's were \$50,490.72. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Vice President – none

Trustees – Darla Mattice reported on the Trustee Benefit Dance that was held September 19, 2010. 165 attended and \$812.00 was donated to the Wounded Warrior Project. Kitty Hawks again won the "boot award" to keep for one year, while Cardinal Squares came in a close second. Darla thanked everyone for their support.

President – Renee announced that the schedule foldouts were ready to be taken back to clubs. Information for the next foldout will be due in March and she encouraged everyone to check their club's information for accuracy. Renee informed reps that she has appointed Linda Hasting to chair a committee to look into ways of generating interest in the honor event dance. Those interested in being on the committee should see Linda. Linda provided a questionnaire and all were requested to take part in her survey. Renee pointed out that club Honor Couple forms were due before the end of the meeting. She also stated that the MVDC Executive Board would be interested in having a detail-oriented central communications person who would regularly check for timeliness and accuracy the council website, foldouts and other information that advertises for the clubs. Reps were requested to see Renee if interested in serving. Renee emphasized the need to make sure the doors of the MSP are locked when dances are over. Doors have been left unlocked on a couple of occasions. If a key is used to unlock the building (doors other than the kitchen), a key must be used to relock it. Information on whom to contact in case of an emergency is posted in the case outside the south door of the MSP.

Caller's Association – Stuart presented a recommendation from the MVCA that all clubs begin charging for lessons again. Callers have noticed that students are not as loyal about attending classes when they are free, and that they do not often go to club dances, which are not free. The caller's association feels that a nominal charge will cause students to take lessons more seriously and to be more responsible about attending. He pointed out that for this to work; all clubs would need to charge.

Award's Chair – no report

Hotline – none

State Corps – Steve Hayden announced that the Midwest Council (Lima area) is down to one club. Larry and Dee Scott and Delda McHugh are the new representatives. The Showcase of Ideas National needs the help of about 6 men to set up tables at the Detroit Convention on Tuesday. They also need people to man the Ohio Delegation tables. For the 2011 State Convention, Mini Legacy would like to focus on new dancers and things they may be interested in knowing about square dancing. It will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday. The Midwest Council put on a fundraiser for the 2011 convention, and 110 dancers attended. State Corps discussed honor couples and determined that it is up to the council to choose whoever they want to honor. Dancers may represent any council dance-type. That couple does have to attend the convention to receive their honor badge. State Corps donated \$200.00 to the youth hall at the national convention. SWONK (Cincinnati area) is considering a bid on the 2014 state convention. If they hold the dance, it will be at a smaller venue than in the past. Steve reported that national convention ads are being offered to Ohio clubs for \$25.00.

Convention Committee – Next state convention fundraiser dance will be on January 29 at MSP from 7:30-10:00. Gay Chevalier and Jack Pladdys will donate their time. Another fundraiser will be held at MSP on Thursday, May 5, the night before the convention and clubs are needed to host. Steve encouraged people to register for the convention, in order to help with the next convention payment. Renee asked for help at the Courthouse demo at the convention.

Newsletter – Renee reminded reps to send newsletter items to Cheryl, at: <http://www.miamivalleydancecouncil.org/> . Click on “The Council”, then on Cheryl’s name under “Miami Valley Dance News Editor”.

Unfinished Business – none

Nominating Committee – Jim Mattice announced that one of the new trustee candidates who had previously been announced no longer wished to run. He announced that the following candidates had agreed to run for 2011: Renee Arnett (President), Steve Stoehr (Vice President), Joan Ganger (Treasurer), Myrna Allen (Secretary), Kathy Divens (Trustee) and Dan McDonough (Trustee), Tom Griffis (Trustee) and Bob Jackson (Trustee). Jim asked for further nominations from the floor. With none made, Jim asked for a motion to accept the slate by affirmation. Motion was made by Steve Hayden and seconded by Cheryl Hornsby. There was no discussion. The vote to accept the slate of candidates was unanimous. Officers will be sworn in at the January, 2011 meeting.

New Business – Renee requested that those wanting to be put on or taken off the council meeting agenda try to let her know by the Saturday Executive Board meeting. Renee

introduced Leslie Hyll, the new council historian. Leslie informed reps of the difference between an archivist and a historian and noted that she plans to perform as both. She will be scanning paper artifacts into an electronic format and will be working with the artifacts that live on the walls of the MSP. She requested help from reps in filling holes in the archives. Leslie would like anything having to do with the MVDC or a member club, including old newsletters, flyers, minutes, photos, and banners. She requested that material, including fliers from upcoming dances, be brought to a council meeting or left for her at the back of MSP and thanked everyone for their support. Renee requested that everyone take a look at the proposed MVDC budget for 2011. Jim Mattice raised the question of which officers should be insured. Joan and Renee will do research and the topic will be revisited as Unfinished Business in January. Renee announced that the MSSC meeting summary was available on the back table.

Club News – Grand Squares and Kitty Hawks announced upcoming dances.

Attendance –All clubs were signed in.

Adjournment – Cheryl Hornsby made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Hayden. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Next Miami Valley Dance Council meeting will be at MSP on January 11, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Myrna Allen, MVDC Secretary