

MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL

Michael Solomon Pavilion

January 11, 2011

Pledge of Allegiance – Renee Arnett opened with the pledge to the flag at 7:05 PM.

Installation of New Officers – Linda Hasting swore in 2011 officers that were present:

President- Renee Arnett

Vice President- Steve Stoehr

Treasurer- Joan Ganger

Secretary – Myrna Allen

Secretary – Larry Carey moved to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Steve Hayden and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Joan Ganger reported on the Council finances for the period November 9, 2010 through January 10, 2011. Beginning checking account balance was \$1,156.71. No. receipts. Total expenses were \$766.76. Checking account balance as of January 10, 2011 was \$389.95. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit. Joan noted that the year-end report was available on the back table. Bob DeRegnaucourt summarized the MSSC 2011 budget, which was also available on the back table. Total projected income: \$10,550.00. Projected expenditures: \$6,680.00. Projected savings account expenditures: \$4,500.00. Harvey Crick moved to accept, seconded by Larry Carey and approved by all. Ed Cordray shared some of his criteria for refinishing the floors with Bob, and Bob announced that it may be possible that floors won't require refinishing this year. This would make for a savings of \$1750.00 in expenditures in 2011. There was a discussion of how the Hotline physically operates, where it is located, and recent hotline operational problems. Larry Carey suggested that we check into an answering service and volunteered to be the one to do so. Joan announced that insurance forms and related instructions should be picked up at the end of the meeting. Insurance is still \$50.00. Forms and payment are due by the end of the March council meeting.

Vice President – Steve Stoehr reported that there are sign-up sheets for club lessons on the back table. Reps are to see that they are filled out and returned by the March council meeting.

Trustee's – Kathy Divens announced that the trustee benefit dance will be held September 18, 2011 and that Wounded Warriors will again be the benefactors. Callers have not yet been finalized.

President – Renee Arnett announced that if bad weather occurs on council meeting nights, it may be necessary to move the meeting to another night and to adjust the time in order to accommodate events occurring at MSP. She stated that Donna Tucker has accepted the appointment of Publicity Chairperson.

Caller's Association – Faye Samborsky announced that the association will hold a dance for new dancers on Sunday, January 16 from 2:00 – 5:00 at MSP.

Award's Chair – None

MSP Support Committee –Bob DeRegnaucourt noted that his full report was available on the back table. He gave some highlights of issues the committee is addressing. One of these involves how to better insure that clubs actually complete all items on the checklist before leaving MSP. Bob announced that Dave Grinnell is in charge of maintenance and that Dave should be called first regarding maintenance issues. Dave's number is posted in the case at the entrance of MSP, along with the numbers of other committee members who might need to be contacted. Bob noted that the committee had discussed the possibility of asking domicile clubs to pay once annually for usage of the building in order to simplify paperwork. Several reps shared how that decision would negatively impact their clubs' financial capabilities and Bob agreed that his committee would revisit the subject. Bob stated that the committee is not looking at raising club usage fees at this time. He announced that his committee is comprised of himself as coordinator; Joan Ganger- treasurer; Dave Grinnell- maintenance; Shirley Fluharty-scheduler; Leitha Webber-member-at-large; Kathy Divens-trustee. Renee will include this list in the newsletter as part of her President's Report. It will also be on the website as soon as possible. Leslie Hyll requested that the MSSC minutes also be posted on the website. Joan gave the MSSC treasurer's report for the period November 9, 2010 through January 10, 2011. Beginning checking account balance was \$4,322.73. Total income: \$1,545.00. Total expenses: \$879.71. Checking account balance as of January 10, 2011 was \$4,988.02. Savings account balance: \$25,057.79. Joan announced that the year-end MSSC financial report was available on the back table. The next meeting of the MSSC will be February 12, 2011.

Hotline – None

State Corps – Steve Hayden announced that the next meeting is February 6.

Convention Committee – Steve Hayden reported that there will be a fundraiser dance from 7:30-10:00 at MSP on Saturday, January 29. Cost will be \$5 and there will be raffles, split-the-pots and t-shirts for sale. Jack Pladdys will call and Gay Chevalier will cue. Steve included fliers for reps to take as part of their flier packets. There will be no convention meeting in February. Linda Hasting has keychain and small bag kits that need to be sewn as giveaways for the sewing room at the convention. Please contact her if you can help. Renee, as chairman of the convention demo committee, informed Steve that she has e-mails confirming that there should be electricity provided at the demo on Courthouse Square on the Friday of the state convention. Renee is looking for a club to sponsor this demo, which is scheduled from 12:00 - 1:00. The club will need to make sure that there is a table for the caller (Jack Pladdys) and insure that there will be enough dancers. Participants must wear appropriate dance attire. Renee asked Leslie to see if Miami Valley Folk Dancers would be interested in performing at this demo as well.

Newsletter – Cheryl was not at the meeting, but Renee requested that clubs submit newsletter information to her ASAP. This information is normally due to Cheryl at the council meeting.

Unfinished Business – Leslie Hyll noted that her line item for the Historian report had been left off the agenda, but that she had no report tonight. Renee reminded reps that at the last meeting, the Caller's Association requested that square dance clubs start charging for lessons. Renee stated that the council does not dictate to clubs how they should operate, but that the Executive Board is issuing this statement: "It is the recommendation of the Executive Board that the square dance clubs support the Caller's Association's recommendation to charge for lessons." Discussion followed. Points made included that this would only work if all clubs followed the recommendation. Several reps stated that their clubs had decided to charge in the fall. Faye Samborsky suggested that one of the trustees try to get a representative from each club together to discuss the issue. Steve Hayden pointed out that each trustee has clubs to which they are assigned, and that all trustees take this on. Renee said that she would like to see this happen. Leslie suggested that each trustee get feedback from their liaisons. Linda Hasting stated that she has had only one Honor Couple survey form returned and asked clubs to submit theirs to her next meeting.

New Business – None

Club News – Gem City announced their Souper Bowl dance (January 15) and Miami Valley Folk Dancers promoted their Greek workshop to be held February 12-13.

Attendance – Clinton County, Grand Squares, High-Point See Saws, Hoosier Corners, Tuesday Afternoon Plus and Wheeler Dealers were not signed in.

Honor Couple/Person Announcement – Renee stated that there were many excellent candidates this year and that it was a close race for the nominees. She pointed out that the council is honored to have such dedicated people serving their clubs. Renee announced club nominees for 2011:

Miami Valley Folk Dancers – Edmund Cordray and Leslie Hyll
Double H – Larry and Pam Byrd
Kitty Hawks – Richard Shepherd and Janet and Darrell Ward (Richard and Janet are dance partners)
Gem City – Bonnie Papini and Lindy McMahon
Curli-Q's – Mark and Joan Givens
Concord Cloverleaves – Fred and Terri Organ
Clinton County – Bob and Charlotte Grim
Cardinal Squares – Gail and Donna Grossman
Grand Squares – Jean Aills

Renee announced that after following the MVDC Honor Roll selection process, the Executive Board chose Jean Aills as the MVDC Honor Roll Dancer. Grand Squares will host the Honor Dance on May 15.

Adjournment – Moved by Bob DeRegnaucourt and seconded by Steve Hayden. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Additional Notes: Newly-elected trustee Bob Jackson arrived too late to be sworn in with the rest of the officers, but was sworn in by Linda Hasting after the meeting. Also, fliers and other communications for Clinton County, High Point, Tuesday Plus and Wheeler Dealers will be left on a table at the back of MSP, since they were not in attendance. Renee will deliver packets to Hoosier Corners and Grand Squares.

Next Miami Valley Dance Council meeting will be at MSP on Tuesday, March 8, at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Myrna Allen, Secretary