

MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL
Michael Solomon Pavilion
March 12, 2013

Pledge of Allegiance: Steve Stoehr opened with the pledge to the flag at 7:02pm.

Secretary: Steve Hayden moved to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2013. Seconded by Tom Griffis.

Treasurer: Joan Ganger provided a written Financial Report covering the period of January 8, 2013 through March 11, 2013. There were no questions and the report will be filed for audit. Steve Stoehr announced Paul Lundquist and Bob DeRegnaucourt completed the audit. Joan also said insurance is due tonight and she will contact those clubs who did not turn them in.

Trustees: Kathy Divens stated they are working on the Benefit Dance and they are trying to include all types of dancing from the Council not just the Square Dance Clubs. No date yet but probably will be in September.

Vice President: In the absence of Dale Blackburn, Steve Stoehr stated the flyers for the New Student Free Coupons and the Summer Plus Workshop Schedules were in the club packets.

President: Steve Stoehr said he has new business he will hold till the end.

Publicity: No report.

Callers Association: Stuart Lewis thanks all for encouragement and support for students in lesson classes, high low dances, and student dances. Also bringing them out is more important than sending them out. Steve Stoehr agreed it makes a big difference if you just encourage them to go, they might but if you take them they can't leave. They have to stay.

Awards Chair: Linda Hasting reported there were 4-100 badges, 2-200 badges, 1-25 year plaque for Hoosier Corners and 25 Honor Plates added since the January meeting. The Friendship Badge information is updated on the website and she is working on a new design for the badge. She is still cleaning some Honor Plates. The Honor Dance went well with 150 dancers. Club Plaques are on the wall and Leslie Hyll has the plaques for the clubs no longer dancing.

MSSC: Bob DeRegnaucourt stated the Treasurer report for the Support Committee is on the table and all the clubs are paying on time. He will get with Dave Grinnell about the vent pipe leaking in the NW corner. The floor refinishing started and will be completed on Friday, March 29. The door is still being left unlocked and it has to be locked with the key to prevent entry when you leave. Even if it is locked you are still able to walk out. Steve Stoehr suggested you open it with the key then lock the door back and put the key back in the lock box. You can then push the bar down and hook it so the door can be opened and that will still leave it locked. Then when you leave, remove the hook from the bar and it will be locked. The next MSSC meeting will be April 27. Steve Hayden mentioned the water fountain had been down and then on Monday it was back on but the pressure was really low. Bob will get Dave to look at that and the dripping faucet. Also will look into the east door because it is really binding tightly and is difficult to get in.

Pavilion Scheduler: Pam Byrd was notified they do not need the Pavilion on Tuesday, May 7 for voting by the Board of Elections. She is sorry for any confusion and has emailed the clubs she had to cancel, for the voting, because the MSP is now available for dancing. There will still be voting on November 5. She thanked all the clubs that are looking at the Pavilion schedule and are calling when they need to cancel, make corrections or add information to keep the schedule current.

Historian: No report.

Hotline: Jean Aills said she needs the club schedules for the last 6 months of the year for the foldout by April 1, 2013 so she can have them done for the State Convention.

State Corp: State Corp report attached. Steve Hayden also passed around the possible sketch for t-shirts and golf shirts to be used for fundraising with Ohio bidding on the 2017 National Convention. Also see Stuart Lewis if any questions about the BRDC Dance in April. The State Corp website can easily be reached from the MVDC website. Available on the State Corp website are the forms for the State Friendship Badge and links for the upcoming State Conventions. The links are the easiest way to obtain the current information. Ohio State Corp is bidding on the 2017 National Convention but that doesn't mean we have it yet. They looked all over the state and Cincinnati had the number of rooms needed with the best deal. The Cincinnati Federation put on the 1995 National Square Dance in Cincinnati and they are not excited about putting on another one. This is a lot more work than putting on a State Convention and there will be a job for anyone who wants to work. Everyone will be needed. Any job you do even if a greeter for an hour or so is a big deal. Patterns and pictures for the State Outfit are available on the State Corp website and there are only a few left for \$10.00 and when its reordered they will be more expensive. Steve Stoehr added at this time it doesn't appear that anyone else is bidding for the 2017 National Convention. To make a bid you need an NEC Advisor to visit your location two times before you put the bid in. Our bid was put in on March 8. The deadline is March 15 so they can review before the convention. No one else has had the two visits yet. There will be a public bid session at the 2013 National Convention and the NEC and public can ask questions. Then there will be a private session with the Bid Committee, representatives from the different facilities and the NEC. At that time they will beat us up on the cost of hotels and convention and things we are doing to make it easy on the dancers. They also don't want us to have a convention that doesn't make money. We have spent two full weekends in Cincinnati with the NEC Advisor, the City, the hotels, and the Convention Center and are working out the best deals that we can. They have negotiated and we have been able to lower the cost of the rooms etc. Once we get the bid we will need seed money. We have a proposal from the city for \$7,500. We think we need \$15,000 total. One suggestion was for all the councils to contribute the balance but some of the councils are not well funded. Only Cleveland and the MVDC have any money in their treasury. Cleveland is currently seeding their 2015 convention. Just like with the Ohio State Convention you never know if you will make money or get the full amount back. Everyone has gotten the money back at Nationals according to the Advisor but obviously that is an issue. It is not a guaranteed thing where you can calculate out an interest rate. All the Convention Chairs that we have talked to have received more back than they borrowed. That is something that will come up if we get the bid we will be looking for some dollars. If you feel the MVDC can participate in that we will need to bring it to a vote so everyone has a say. If you look at the Treasurers Report we have the funds that we could help support and it would not put us in jeopardy of losing money if a catastrophic situation. We will find out if we receive the 2017 bid at this years convention in Oklahoma. Our advisors are the Chairmen from the 1989 Indiana and 2011 Detroit Conventions and they feel we have a good chance of winning. The Cincinnati Convention Center has added a third floor and all the dancing will be in one location and there is a fantastic area for Round Dancing. There will be no need to use the hotels except for staying because the Convention Center is bigger than we need. The Millennium, Hyatt and Hilton hotels are within a block. The Millennium hotel is the only one attached. A question was asked about the interest rate that is paid in the past. Steve Stoehr stated that the NEC doesn't encourage publication of complete financials. The last two conventions were paid back about 30-35% on the money that was borrowed but there are no guarantees. Right now we are looking at up to \$10,000 would be needed, if we get the bid, and that could be needed in about a year. Steve Hayden suggested we discuss it back at our clubs before we make a motion to lend any monies. We will bring it up to a vote at our May meeting.

Old Business: Dale Blackburn had a note about the wording for the ad for the Great TV Auction not including all MVDC styles instead of being focused only on Square Dancing. Steve Stoehr made an apology and said it was something that he inherited and he reworded it several times but didn't take a broad enough stroke. It had to be turned in in January and right now it will favor square dance lessons. Next year he will get it rewritten and bring it up at the last meeting of the year so we can make changes before it has to be submitted. Jean Aills also asked to have the club representative names and phone numbers provided to her because she doesn't have email and isn't online. Steve Stoehr suggested we print information from the website for her.

Web Master: Steve Hayden asked everyone to drop him a line if you find anything that needs fixed on the website. At the bottom of each page is a link to email the web master and clicking on that will open your email. He also reminded us that there are two calendars. Pam Byrd keeps the one for this building, the MSP. He keeps the one that shows the club dances including where they dance and the callers. If you send him your clubs year calendar he can enter it all at one time and get it all done. If there are changes let him know and tell him what changes.

Newsletter: In the absence of Renee Arnett, Steve Stoehr announced the \$20.00 winner of the logo contest in the Newsletter was Charlie Neu from Kittyhawk. The deadline for the next newsletter is March 21st.

New Business: None

Club News: Tom Griffis said the Yellow Rockers next dance, The Spring Fling, is Sunday April 14, 2013 at the MSP with Homer Magnet and Elaine Wintrow from 7:30-10:00pm. Jean Aills said the Grand Squares next dance is Sunday March 17, 2013 at the MSP with Wes Dyer and Linda Bishop from 2:00-5:00pm. Harvey Crick announced the Swinging 8's next dance is Saturday March 23, 2013 with Jason Raleigh and Elaine Wintrow. Their April dance is Saturday April 27, 2013 with Jimmy Robison and Gary Hutton. Mark Givens said the Curli Q's next dance is Saturday April 13, 2013 with Tom Davis and Linda Bishop and a special dance Sunday April 21, 2013 with Nick Hartley and Elaine Wintrow at the MSP from 2:00-5:00pm with a silent auction. Faye Samborsky announced the Hallelujah Jubilee on Sunday March 24, 2013 at the MSP with Sheila Collins singing and Ken Roberts and Pam Courts calling with Stuart Lewis on rounds from 2:00-5:00pm to all gospel tunes. Bring your students because every tip is mainstream.

Attendance: The Cityfolk and Wheeler Dealers did not sign in.

Adjournment: Motion moved by Steve Hayden and seconded by Bob DeRegnaucourt. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Next MVDC meeting will be at the MSP on Tuesday May 14, 2013 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kyle Rieker
MVDC Secretary