

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MIAMI VALLEY FOLK DANCERS (1968)

The annual meeting of the Miami Valley Folk Dancers was held at the Michael Solomon Pavilion on Thursday evening, January 4, 1968, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Council, Steve Kloeters. Roll call was not held but a head count by the Council Secretary, Florence Seger, revealed that approximately 50 percent of the membership was present.

The minutes of the annual meeting of 1967 were read and approved.

Vera Fisher gave the treasurer's report. The treasury shows a balance of \$1,419.22. This balance includes the net returns, after expenses and contributions, obtained as a result of the Duquesne Tamburitan Concert of 1967.

The Chairman, Steve Kloeters, informed the group that he had had discussion with Grace Wolff the previous evening regarding the responsibility and terms of leadership for the Miami Valley Folk Dancers. Grace is currently on leave of absence from the responsibilities of programming per her request made to the Club in a meeting which she called in September 1967. Grace was not present at this annual meeting as a result of a conflict in duties with her job with St. Elizabeth Hospital and this meeting date. Her telephone conversation with the Chairman was to inform him that she would be unable to attend and to discuss the resumption of responsibilities for programming and leadership. However, the Chairman reported to the membership that this telephone conversation did not result in a specific indication that Grace would be willing to assume responsibility for the dance directorship as stated under the currently published Rules and Regulations of this organization. He was unable to relate specific terms which would be acceptable by Grace Wolff and therefore the Club was unable to take action to elect Grace Wolff as dance director at this time.

A motion was made and seconded that members of the Council meet with Grace Wolff and discuss with her what leadership fee she would accept in carrying the responsibilities as leader and dance director. The Council would stipulate that (as dance director) she could be absent from a specified minimum number of dance sessions and that she must be present by 9:00 p.m. on all evenings for which she was responsible for conducting the program.

Discussion followed this motion regarding the responsibilities of leadership, i.e., dance director, as provided in the published rules and regulations of this organization. Discussion indicated that the stipulation in the motion regarding the 9:00 p.m. time schedule was not considered to be satisfactory as this would require another club member to be responsible for the program before this time. Also, it was indicated that a written contract would be desirable if the terms for assumption of responsibility as dance director were other than those specified in the rules and regulations.

The Council Chairman was instructed by the membership present to arrange a meeting between Council members and Grace Wolff within the next several

weeks, to negotiate with her terms of resumption of responsibility as dance director, and to present these terms to the membership at a special called meeting in order that the membership can vote for acceptance or rejection of these terms.

If the Council Chairman is unable to arrange a meeting with Grace Wolff within the next several weeks, another meeting of the membership is to be called to discuss future direction and plans of the organization.

The motion as previously stated was voted and carried.

Motion was made and seconded that this organization have a Record Committee consisting of five members, not necessarily Council Members, to be responsible for the selection of dance records.

Discussion following this motion indicated that the Committee does not have to submit their dance record selections to the membership but shall use their judgment in determining which records would be in the best interest of the entire organization. This Committee is also responsible for obtaining record cases for the club records.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded that the Record Committee be given an initial allocation of \$100 for the purchase of records and cases. Motion carried.

The Chairman read a letter received from the City of Dayton regarding the purchase of tables for use at the Michael Solomon Pavilion. In the discussion with the City in relation to sponsorship of the Duquesne Tamburitza Concert of 1966, the Miami Valley Folk Dancers agreed to set aside \$100 of the profits for a donation to the City of Dayton which would be used to purchase equipment for the Solomon Pavilion. The Club again expressed the desire to make a similar contribution in a meeting held after the successful financial effort expended in the Duquesne Tamburitza Concert of 1967. This letter indicated that the City of Dayton wished to purchase 6 tables to be used at the Solomon Pavilion. However, the total cost of these tables would be \$222.00, or \$22.00 more than the amount originally set aside by the Club for this purpose.

A motion was made and carried that an additional \$22.00 be donated to the City of Dayton for purchase of the tables.

Motion carried.

Election of members to the Council was held to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of terms of three members of the Council, Florence Seger, Barbara Moore, and Vera Fisher. The members remaining on the Council are Steve Kloeters and Dick Mann. New members elected to serve on the Council for a term of two years are Ann Ballinger, Jack Hunter, and Pat Hennessey.

Mr. Clarence Thomas, Supervisor of Special Activities, City of Dayton Bureau of Recreation, attended a portion of the meeting. Mr. Thomas informed the group that the Pavilion had been reserved for March 30, 1968, in order that the Miami Valley Folk Dancers could sponsor the Tri-City Folk Festival.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Walter Kolar in which he expressed his sincere appreciation to the Miami Valley Folk Dancers for their efforts in sponsoring the Duquesne Tamburitzans Concert held at the Memorial Hall on December 3, 1967.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Florence Seger".

FLORENCE SEGER
Secretary, MVFD Council