

ANNUAL MEETING OF MIAMI VALLEY FOLK DANCERS

Date: January 9, 1983

Place: Michael Solomon Pavilion - 3 p.m.

Attendance: 49

The annual meeting of the Miami Valley Folk dancers was called to order by John Pappas, Chairman. Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved. Ed Gessel questioned whether we had paid Viltis for our ad last year, since it did not show on the report. As it had not been paid, he moved we pay Viltis \$95.00 for last year. Grace Wolff seconded the motion and it passed.

John reported on the "State of the Club."

We had 89 members in Dec. 1981 and increased to 98 members by Dec. 1982.

Our New Year's eve party was a success. We had 69 attending.

We had three workshops this year: a one-day Macedonian workshop in cooperation with the Cincinnati group. In the spring we had an Italian workshop with Mae Fraley which was profitable. Our Armenian workshop in the fall with Tom Bozigian was the most expensive weekend we have ever had, but the most successful in many years in terms of the number of dances we have kept from it.

We purchased a chalk board on which to write the names of dances taught and for requests. Most people agree it is invaluable in helping learn the names of the dances.

After a poll of the entire membership, programs are to include a request dance after every second or third dance of the regular program. We have had many favorable comments on this change.

Tri-City was not well attended by our club this year. We are hosts in 1983 and hope to have a solution which will increase participation by all three clubs. We are planning on having this activity at Camp Kern, which is centrally located for Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton. Melinda Marsh and Rick Rutan have agreed to chair Tri-City this year.

John gave special thanks to Jan and John Puterbaugh for chairing the New Year's eve party, to Jeanne Gulden for typing the blue cards for the tapes, to Rose Anna Mills for taking charge of monthly refreshments and Ethnic Sunday suppers, to Ann Ballinger and her assistant, Vera Fisher, for their work with the beginners' class, to Adele Nellis for the artwork for our various activities, and to each member of the Council for work throughout the year.

John then gave a few statistics:

Average attendance on Thursday nights was 61.

Average attendance on Ethnic Sundays was 53.

We had our highest attendance of 115 the Sunday we had the German dancers and their host families.

We had 68 at our Macedonian one-day workshop.

Our highest attendance for a regular Ethnic Sunday was 55 for Turkish.

The Club gave 19 demonstrations this year for rest homes, YWCA groups, Sauerkraut festival American Field Service exchange students etc.

The Committee Reports were as follows:

Secretary read a letter from Joe Birkemeier, Chairman of Program Committee, as he could not be present. He reported that due to unforeseen prolonged absences from the Dayton area, some members were unable to carry out all their duties. However, other members filled in. All new records were catalogued and card file brought up to date, master computer printout annotated, and 100 record sleeves for 10 inch records were purchased to replace those wearing out. Ray Gottschall was able to build a storage box for 10 or 12 inch records as the metal ones were no longer available.

Peg Eltzroth reported on the Miami Valley Dance Council meetings. We contributed \$150.25 to the Support Committee. The question of insurance in case of an accident due to the slippery floor was discussed again with no action taken.

Rose Anna Mills, Refreshment Committee, thanked everyone for cooperation with the monthly refreshments, and also for bringing double portions when we entertained the German dancers.

Ann Ballinger, Beginners' Class Chairman, reported 50 dances were taught last year - all of which were requests. She thanked everyone who taught.

Jeanne Gulden reported 40 three minute tapes were purchased with money donated by Peggy Booher for the group she arranged to dance at a Greek party. The three minute tapes will make it easier to locate the dances.

Roseanne Gessel, who handled Promotion, reported she had released news of the club to newspapers and radio stations, altho she did not know if they generated any response. Ann Ballinger said she had received calls as a result of this publicity.

There was no old business. New business followed.

Bessie Lee Shropshire, speaking for Marilyn Bishop who could not be present, advised several members of the club have started to meet one afternoon a week at Marilyn's home to work on some of the dances we have learned. So far they have had five attending. They would like to be affiliated with our group, and when they have enough people to warrant, they would like to meet at the Pavilion and use our equipment there. They have checked and the Pavilion is available most afternoons. The matter was discussed - one member stating this would entail a change in the constitution - another stating no special action would be necessary as this would only be another activity of our club. Lou Hyll moved Council write a proposal concerning an afternoon group and circulate in the form of a news letter, the results to be implemented by Council. Dona Hyll seconded the motion and it passed.

Harry Khamis moved we purchase a quarter page ad in Viltis for 1983 - approx. cost \$250.00. Charles Krainz seconded the motion and it passed.

Ed Anderson moved Council consider putting an ad in the Yellow Pages, either our club alone or in conjunction with other clubs. Louise Van Vliet seconded the motion and it passed. Ed stated the charge was approx. \$3.80 per month and October was the deadline.

John Beem moved Miami Valley Folk Dancers become an organizational member of City Folk. This would cost \$25.00 per year. Motion was seconded by Harry Khamis and passed. City Folk put out a news letter which would give our club some publicity for various events. They also sponsor folk arts, dancing, and music.

Carolyn Stovall wanted to know when our workshops were scheduled for 1983 as well as Tri-City, as she had received a call from John Owens, who teaches English and Danish dances. He is starting a dance camp in Maryland and wants to publicize it before it opens and would be willing to come to Dayton from Pittsburgh for a workshop for expenses only. He would bring 3 musicians, 2 teachers, and his own Morris team to demonstrate dances.

John advised Tri City will probably be March 19-20. Our spring workshop was to have been Russian but we have had no success in finding a teacher and have been considering Bulgarian with Jaap Leegwater of the Netherlands, who is making a tour of the U. S. this year. Our fall workshop is to be Romanian with either James Roncevic or Sunny Bloland. No dates have been set as yet, and we have not had a reply from Jaap Leegwater.

Carolyn suggested we consider John Owens either for a spring workshop or a Saturday night party and Ethnic Sunday workshop this spring. Grace Wolff moved to have Council consider a workshop with John Owens, and Ed Gessel seconded the motion. It passed.

Elections were held to replace two members of the Council - John Pappas and Peggy Booher. They were replaced with Carole Pappas and Sam Fleischer.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 and was followed by a covered dish supper and request dancing.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Darragh
Marjorie Darragh, Secretary

MIAMI VALLEY FOLK DANCERS
Treasurer's Report for 1982

RECEIPTS::

Bank Balance & Cash, 1 January 82		\$1,480.64
Dues	\$1,258.50	
Interest	94.74	
Miscellaneous	60.75	
New Year's Eve Party	24.50	
Fraley Week-end	935.00	
Macedonian Sunday	342.12	
Brozigian Week-end	<u>1,326.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$4,041.61</u>
Total Funds for 1982		\$5,522.25

EXPENSES::

Program	\$ 127.45	
Ethnic Sunday	368.03	
Thrusday Eve Party	215.31	
Copies	25.85	
Chalk Board	120.10	
Miscellaneous	22.32	
Michael Soloman Pavilion Support	150.25	
Tri-City	65.00	
New Year's Eve Party (Rent--\$109.50)	215.23	
Fraley Week-end	893.30	
Macedonian Sunday	456.00	
Brozigian Week-end	<u>1,419.87</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$4,078.71</u>
Bank Balance & Cash, 31 December 82		\$1,443.54
NET LOSS for the Year 1982		\$ 37.10


S. F. Ballinger
Treasurer

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1982

The Program Committee consisted of the following members:

Joe Birkemeier, Chairman
Ray Gottschall
Leslie Kay Hyll (first half of year)
Carole Pappas
Jerry Raz
Carolyn Stovall (second half of year)

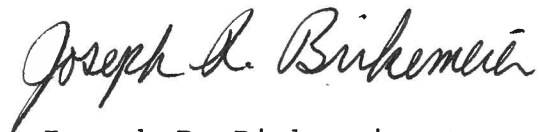
Because of unforeseen prolonged absences from the Dayton area, some Committee members were unable to carry out all their duties. However, considerable progress was achieved by those who could perform. Carole Pappas deserves a special note of thanks in this regard for rescuing the Committee on more than one occasion.

Several improvements were made in the Club's record collection. All new records were catalogued. The card file was brought up to date and a master computer printout was annotated as needed. One hundred record sleeves for 10-inch records were purchased to replace those that are wearing out. Metal storage boxes like those we now have proved to be unobtainable for 10-inch or 12-inch records, but Ray Gottschall was able to build one from wood according to our needs. Two attempts were made to update the computer file and produce new printouts. However, other commitments intervened and no reportable progress was accomplished. No progress was made in cleaning the records, but Ed Anderson donated a record cleaner that the next Committee can use for the job.

Thanks to the special efforts of Rose Anna Mills, the German Ethnic Sunday held in June was a memorable event. A visiting dance group from North Germany performed for us and joined us for dinner.

Club members were invited to nominate dances that they wanted to be taught at the August Ethnic Sunday. Their requests provided good guidance, not only for the Ethnic Sunday but also for other teaching sessions.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph R. Birkemeier
Chairman

DEMONSTRATIONS - 1982

2-17-82	King Tree	Ann Ballinger in charge
2-24-82	Covenant House	" "
3-20-82	American Field Service - Centerville (exchange students)	Leslie Hyl
4-5-82	Burkhardt Community Center	Ann Ballinger
4-27-82	Maria Joseph Home	Vera Fisher
5-26	Bellbrook - Carriage by the Lake	Ann
5-6	Crestview	Rosanne
6-12	Ohio State Alumni	Ann
6-30	Stillwater Health Center	Ann
7-7-	Friendship Village	Vera
5-12	R.S.V.P. in Greenville (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)	Rosanne
7-17	Greek dancing for private party being catered	Peggy Booher Pd 35.00 5 minute tapes
7-19	Greenwood Manor, Xenia, Ohio	Vera Fisher
8-27	Gem Savers Club	Vera Fisher
9-22	St. Elizabeth Occupational Therapy	Vera Fisher
9-29	Carriage by the Lake - Bellbrook	Ann Ballinger
10-9	Sauerkraut Festival	Ann & Vera
12-2	ywca - the New Citizens	Rose Anna
12-8	ywca Day Care Center	Ann

Demonstrations 1983

Heartland
 Parkview Manor
 King Tree
 Siena Home
 Trinity
 Hester Nursing
 Ann's Church
 MidTown Festival
 Sauerkraut Festival
 Crestview
 Harrison Township
 Women's Club

12 total