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To: MVFD Council Members

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A question as to the interpretation of criteria for membership has been presented to council.

The current by-law membership criteria for MVFD, revised January 11, 1981, is as follows:

"Anyone interested in folk dancing is eligible for associate membership in the Miami Valley Folk Dancers. After twenty (20) sessions of associate membership and participation concurrent in the club-sponsored instructions, they will be accorded full membership. Associate members are entitled to all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership, except voting, serving on council, membership dues, and weekend rates. If an experienced and accomplished international folk dancer requests membership, the council, by unanimous vote, can substitute the requirement of attending and participating in twenty (20) regular programs instead of the participation in twenty (20) club-sponsored instruction sessions."

The interpretation under question is as follows:

- 1) What are "club-sponsored instructions"? Are we referring to 7-8:00, 9-9:30, and/or Sunday afternoon teaching?
- 2) What is a "session"? Are we referring to a specific amount of time, e.g. one hour, from 7-11 p.m., or part of an evening?

**As the criteria now stand**, one could interpret them to mean that an individual can attend 20 Thursdays from say 8:30-9:30 p.m. and become a full member. - These individuals have attended 20 sessions and club sponsored instructions. We, as council, have not been interpreting the criteria in this manner and have been asked to discuss this matter.

Would it be possible to have a council meeting at 6:30 p.m. on October 13 at the Pavilion to discuss this matter? I invite any other interested party to attend.

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