

Place: Home of Sam Ballinger

Attendance: Leslie Hyll (Chair.), Louise Van Vliet (Vice Chair.), Sam Ballinger (Treas.),
John Puterbaugh (Sec.) and Ed Anderson (MAL)

1. Chair. Leslie opened meeting at 7:30 PM.
2. Sec. read minutes of June meeting. Approved.
3. Ed Anderson asked that all members of the Council should receive a copy of the minutes. Sec. will see to this.
4. Louise reported she would send a belated Thank You to Ed Cordray for his work in getting the stove repaired at the Pavilion.
5. Sam. Ballinger reported \$1876.62 in checking account. This includes \$606.50 received for the Israeli Workshop.
6. Sam reported on Mini Workshops held during the year:
 1. Sandy Starkman on 10-3-96 Cost was \$150.00. Took in \$67.00.
 2. Wim Bekooy on 7-11-96 Cost was \$163.32. Took in \$62.00.
 3. Bi-Centennial Ball on 10-13-96 Cost was \$200.00. Took in \$43.00.
7. Ed Anderson questioned the Bi-Centennial Dance as he thought some people did not know what was going on.
After further discussion: Louise Van Vliet made a motion that, if the MVFD Council approves a Special Dance activity which involves an instructor and/or live music, then the person in charge can spend up to \$200.00 without further Council approval. Ed Anderson seconded. Motion passed.
8. Council asked that the Sec. prepare a list of Council Operating Guidelines for items the Council has approved over the last 3 years.
9. Sam Ballinger is to compile a list of Honory Members for the Council.
10. Due to illness of Gene Santi, we will not be able to have the New Years Eve Party at the Santi's. Leslie Hyll made a motion to forego the New Years Eve Party this year. Sam Ballinger seconded. Motion passed.
11. Ed Anderson suggested that since we are not having a New Years Eve Party, that we have a party on Jan. 2 instead. Leslie suggested it be themed with the 45th Anniversary. Ed will decide on something and be responsible.
12. The Israeli Workshop was discussed and revealed that it will probably cost the Club around \$1300. So far we have 32 meal reservations for the Workshop.
13. At our Annual Meeting in Jan. Ed Anderson will be submitting a change to the Methods of Operation concerning a portion of the Program Committee by adding a Recorded Music Committee and its duties.
14. Leslie raised the question of a possible dues increase being introduced at the Annual Meeting. After further discussion, the Council decided to propose a change in dues from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a month per member. We will also be proposing to change the fees for non-members to \$1.00 on Thursdays instead of \$.50. The Council was unanimous on these decisions.
Sam Ballinger is to compile an overview of the financial status of the Club, in support of these increases and have it prepared by Thanksgiving.
John Puterbaugh is to prepare a list of these changes as they affect both the Methods of Operation and Rules & Regulations. These are also to be prepared by Thanksgiving. Included in this listing will be the changes that were affected by the MV Dance Council changing its Constitution in accordance with the City of Dayton. The Sec. will contact our representative to the Dance Council, Carolyn Stovall, concerning these changes.
15. The Secretary will also check with Carolyn concerning whether the Dance Council wants copies of our minutes sent to them.
16. Ed Anderson nominated Lou and Nancy Hyll as our Honor Roll Couple for 1997. Sam Ballinger seconded. Unanimously passed by Council.
17. Leslie reported we would be having a Polish Mini Workshop on Thurs., Feb. 20, 1997 at the Pavilion. Members of Mazowze will be the instructors. Specific cost is not known yet but we will be charging our regular special fees for this type of event. Louise made a motion that we have the Polish Mini Workshop. Leslie seconded. Motion passed.
18. Leslie suggested that since we will be celebrating our 45th Anniversary in 1997, we need to start looking for an instructor now for an International Dance Workshop. One suggested instructor was Wim Bekooy. Louise will contact John & Carol Pappas about chairing this Workshop.
19. Sam Ballinger reported that he had 4 new keys made for the new door in the Kithcen.
20. Several suggestions were proposed for next year's Council:

1. Staying with only one Open House in Sept.
2. Try to increase attendance on Ethnic Sundays.
3. Remind members that Thursday Night teaching is a review of dances and may not be for new people.
4. Consider possibly not having an Ethnic Sunday every month but keep in mind that if we don't we could possibly lose the use of the Pavilion permanently on those Sundays. It is recommended that Council appoint a Committee to investigate and make recommendations on Ethnic Sundays.

Meeting adjourned 10:50 PM

Respectively submitted,



John Puterbaugh, Secretary