

**MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL
JANUARY 13, 1998
MICHAEL SOLOMON PAVILION**

CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Bob DeRegnaucourt, president, at 7:05 p.m. He asked George Heinz, v-pres., to lead the council in the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Carolyn Stovall, sec., asked if there were any corrections or additions to the November 1997 minutes that were mailed to all council reps. There were none. Tom Dieterle moved to accept the minutes as mailed. Seconded by Randy West. Approved. Honor Roll Couple nominations from any and all clubs should be in to the secretary by March 1, 1998. Clubs were encouraged to choose a couple to honor. This is a good morale booster for clubs.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Tomlinson, treas., reported the checking balance as of 11/1/97 as \$3204.56. Cash Disbursements were \$1280.35. Cash receipts were \$1065.14. Ending balance 1/1/98 was \$2989.35. CD's balances 1/1/98 were \$32,090.61, \$11,223.54, and \$5532.85.

Clubs are getting their insurance fees into Mary. Only those clubs that submit their fees will be covered by council insurance this year. The premium should be in within a month.

Acknowledgment was made of a large donation to the emergency food bank by the Wheeler Dealers of Lebanon.

Mary Tomlinson stated that the treasurer's books have been audited every two months, and that she will keep up this procedure. Bob DeRegnaucourt asked that the support committee's books be included in this audit.

CLUB TIME:

Cardinal Squares--Feb. 27th dance will be a Central Methodist Church. All other dances will be at their regular location.

Yellow Rockers--April 26th Spring Fling will feature Pam Courts and Ed Laudenschlater and will be held at their regular dance location, Bryan Community Center.

Clinton County Squares--Beginning Jan. 22 this club moved to a new location two doors down from old dance place. They have moved to the new school building on Laurel Road. There will be a sign to direct you. The 2nd and 4th Thursdays will be Hi-Lo workshops. The all-nighter will be April 18.

Date'n 8's--Jan 24th at the pavilion with Dave Crow and Sam Dunn.

Brookville CurliQ's--Hi-Lo dances will be Jan. 17 with Jay Fitch, Feb. 21 with Dick Winkler, Mar. 21 with George Wiseman.

Fayvorite Rounds--now dancing at 10 Wilmington Place.

Lake Choctaw Twirlers--Jan. 17 dance with Ken Pennington. Everyone is invited on March 1st to this club's 25th anniversary dance. This is Sunday 3/1 from 7:30 to 10 p.m., a Hi-Lo dance with Jaye Fitch the caller.

Circle Eight--Feb. 25 dance will feature a caller new to this area, Frank Kehner, from Massilon, OH.

Washington 2x4's--Hi-Lo dances through April 18th and the first Sat. of the month will be rounds.

Twin Base Squares--March 22 from 2-5 p.m. at pavilion they will have a St. Patrick's Day Dance with contests, Irish games, etc. between the dancing and rounds with a Pot of Gold prize to be won. \$4 admission. Raids and retrievals welcome. Big and Little Ennis calling with Dorothy Roasa on rounds.

Grand Squares--announced a caller change for Feb. 13.

Gem City Squares--Jan. 25 was Super Bowl Dance; Feb. 22, a Sweetheart Dance; and March 25 will be a Potty of Gold Dance. All are Hi-Lo and at the pavilion.

DIVISION OF LEISURE SERVICES--Peggy Collins was not in attendance.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S PUBLICITY REPORT-- George Heinz announced the youth classes to begin at the pavilion on Jan. 18 from 2-5 p.m. . This was announced in the Go section of the DDN, on channel 10 in this area, and to all Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. The first two lessons are free. Meijers donated \$20 for refreshments.

Bob DeRegnaucourt told reps that the advertising in the Go section and on cable channel 10 is free, and he encouraged clubs to take advantage of this. George has forms for the cable use. Bob also cleared up schedule errors in the flyer about the youth classes. This will be announced at the Sunday sessions.

COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS for 1998--

State Corp. representatives--Ed and Betts Melhuish, Tom and Barn Dieterle

Newsletter--Jean Aills

Publicity--George Heinz

Membership--Ray and Leona O'Connor

Club Operations--Iris and Jim Maloney

Historical Reference--Jo and Paul Bonnell

Michael Solomon Pavilion scheduling--John Roasa

Babe Parkes moved to accept these appointments. Bill Fischer seconded. Approved.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT--Clarita Maples, chairperson. no report. This group is empowered to do more. They will meet from 9-10 a.m. before the executive board meeting, and if more time is needed, will have to meet at an additional time. Bob DeRegnaucourt did mention that if any of their work involves the city only one person, John Roasa, should be the council's liaison with them. More than one person speaking on behalf of the council causes confusion.

CALLER'S ASSOCIATION REPORT--Ken Roberts reported on the continued success of the student dances on the second Sunday of the month from 2-4:30 p.m. in Vandalia. He encouraged all clubs with students to get them to these dances.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Ray O'Connor reported 36 representatives in attendance.

NEWSLETTER AND HOTLINE--Jean Aills reminded clubs to have their articles in by the 1st of the month. Also new rosters should be turned in, and also new officers. If there is any change in callers, get those changes to Jean so she can update the hotline.

Banner raid chairmen will receive a letter from Jean shortly announcing a meeting to go over all banner raid rules and to update them.

Bob DeRegnaucourt stated that the pull out in the first edition of the new newsletter was very unwieldy, and this has been changed. If this change is not satisfactory, please give feedback to the committee, so more work can be done on the pullout to make it to your liking.

CLUB OPERATIONS--Iris Maloney. An honor roll couple plaque was given to the Concord Cloverleaf rep. as no one was present to receive it at the November meeting. Iris presented a detailed report of their work from March 1997 when she and Jim took over the job through December 1997. There have been a total of 70 raid stickers awarded. Also 11 new friendship badges were issued with 7 danglers for a total of 18 friendship awards. 88 badges were given out by council. She doesn't have the exact count for Jan. and Feb., but assumes that the total for the year is around 100 badges. One dancer is getting very close to 1,000 raids with another dancer coming near that milestone. The badge supplier has been commissioned to design a 1,000 raid badge to be ready for these dancers. The raider board is completed. If there are any errors, please let Iris know, so corrections can be made. Many thanks to John and Dorothy Roasa and to Ellis Marcum for their help in completing the raider board.

Friendship Badge display will be updated now. A letter is in the club packets asking that someone in each club verify friendship badges from 1992 up to present time. The dancer's word will be taken for this. Submit club member's names who have this friendship badge to Iris.

Four more clubs will added to the 25 year plaques. These clubs are Shooting Stars, Wright Patters, S'Allemandes and Lake Choctaw Twirlers.

Iris and Jim Maloney will head a committee to plan the event to honor the Honor Raid people and the Honor Roll Couples in the fall.

Dorothy Roasa said that the form for the Friendship visit does not say you cannot be banner raiding at the same time. It is generally understood that the two cannot be done simultaneously. Wayne Forsythe thinks that students should get a friendship badge when they finish. Jean Aills' committee will address all these issues, revise the rules making them very clear. The committee will meet on Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. at the pavilion. All banner raid chr. and club pres. are invited to this meeting.

OHIO CORP.OF DANCE CLUBS--Barb Dieterle reporting. The State Fair has been set for Aug. 15. At the state fair there will be a wooden floor for the round dancers. Toledo has bid for the 2003 convention. The square dancers need 250 more state license plates applications before this plate will be OK'd. At Sea World this past year there were 350 dancers in attendance. Barb has 4 state friendship badges to present. These go to Dick and Rose Winkler and Ken and Chrissie Allen. The Ohio table at the National Convention will pass out magnets made in the shape of the state. See Barb if you are willing to help make these.

Bob DeRegnaucourt asked that the Dieterles have forms for state friendship badges to pass out for next council meeting. Millie White said that she already has a copy of this form. This award is given if a dancer has visited a club in all of the dance council areas in the state. Iris and Jim are looking into a state friendship board to hang in the pavilion.

MINI-LEGACY--Len Cannell reporting. There were 32 attendees at this meeting. The concerns addressed were leadership and communication, dress codes and attire, a fixed site for the state convention. There were only four people from the Miami Valley. Money has been put aside by the state to offer grants of \$10 for first time attendees at mini-legacy. Mini-legacy will match this grant. Grants are applied for through the state corp. representative. The meeting was prior to the State Corp. meeting, and mini-legacy is considering doing this again in 1998. Len will prepare an article on mini-legacy for the newsletter.

SUPPORT COMMITTEE---John Roasa asked for the treasurer's report. Dorothy Roasa reported for Marilyn Peck. Balance 10/31/97 was \$6,056.41. Income from rent \$1645.00 leaving a balance of \$7701.41. Expenses were \$464.26. Balance 12/31/97 was \$7,237.15. Holding deposits \$150.00.

John went to pay the utilities and learned from Peggy Collins that the separation of meters from the golf course will not be taking place; therefore, we will not need to pay any utilities for some time. The city will continue to cover this expense for quite a while. John Roasa would like to see the money presently in the support committee treasury and additional rent money that will be forthcoming used to air-condition the hall. He has talked with the city about this idea, and they will support it and will close in the open side with a permanent insulated wall. Dick Lang moved that John Roasa be approved to do a feasibility study to air-condition Michael Solomon Pavilion and to maintain the present rent fee structure. Clarita Maples seconded. Motion approved with two nays.

Things have been disappearing from the hall. Daten 8's have lost their coffeepot. Friday, May 29, the kitchen will be painted and volunteers are needed. On the first Friday in May the restroom stalls will be painted and volunteers are needed for this. John and Elaine Stocker from Stetson Squares repaired all the floor fans and charged nothing for this service.

There was a complaint about the support committee's treasurer's report. It has been changed a little, but John said there is no way to tell projected income. Clubs can cancel 30 days ahead of time. If there is an emergency, John can arrange for this, but when you hand in your six months schedule to the editor, clubs should also give John a list of dates when they will not be using the hall, so that he can rent it. Every night and every afternoon except Friday, the pavilion is rented, as is every Sunday. Mornings are open.

John needs a letter from the Washington 2x4's stating they are not using the hall on the 5th Saturday, and a letter from the Date'n 8's that they are using the hall that night.

John Roasa requested the names of two people from each club who will be present at their dances to see that the hall is cleaned and closed properly. Everything needs to come away from the walls when it is swept.

Floor will be retouched and clubs will be notified when this happens. Bill Pangas is in charge of this.

Dayton Square Dance Club disbanded leaving Friday night open. John could not find a square dance club to take this night, so a Friday Night Round Dance group has moved in with Stuart Lewis and Dorothy Roasa in charge.

Gem City Squares have taken the first and fourth Friday nights.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS--everything was covered in the meeting and so no report.

OLD BUSINESS--There will be three busses to Toledo convention. Cost is \$16.

Jean Aills encouraged club reps to please pick up their packets.

If you did not get a newsletter, see Jean tonight.

NEW BUSINESS--Ken Roberts requested that Gem City become a domiciled club of the pavilion.

Gem City offered to sponsor the Miami Valley lesson class at the pavilion for the dance council. Gem City will pay for the hall and the caller. They encourage every club to bring students and angels to these classes. It is important to stay and dance with the students.

Mona Cannell suggested that council take advantage of this generous offer. These would be council wide classes. Right now Gem City has its own class.

Dorothy Roasa moved that we decide by next meeting if anyone wants to sponsor classes. If not, then accept Gem City's offer. LeRoy Clouser seconded. Approved.

At the March meeting be prepared to vote on council lesson classes for fall.

Bill Fischer moved for adjournment. Bonnie Dryden seconded. Approved.

**Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Stovall, Secretary**

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 10, 1998 7:00 P.M.