

**MVFD Council Meeting
Sunday, January 20, 2001**

Agenda

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Assignments

Program Committee

Refreshments - Dot - Club will reimburse part of that

Kitchen - Sarah

Publicity - Dolores

Orientation Class - Carolyn

Equipment - Ed Condrauf

Membership - Hitta

Culture Works - Kris

Mini-workshop

Tri-City

* Snow List - use e-mail

* Membership Packets - to be passed out to new members

Closing the Pavilion - joint

Newsletter

Performance request

World A'fair

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Meeting time: 10:00 A.M.
Council members present: Ed Anderson, Dolores Brooks, Joanne Dombrowski,
Lee Moser

The meeting began with Dolores reading the minutes from the last Council meeting held on December 11, 2001. Joanne approved and Ed seconded the minutes as read.

In response to the minutes read, Ed commented that the audit of our books from 2001 had been completed. He also noted that the clean-up of the Pavilion attic had indeed taken place on Saturday, December 27th with himself, Ed Cordray, and Leslie Hyll helping out.

There was no new Treasurer's Report as Jim Woolley is presently on vacation. However, Ed noted that we currently have \$3,504.11 in the treasury based on Jim's latest figures given at the January 13th Annual Meeting.

Carole Pappas is collecting dues and guest fees while Jim is on vacation.

Committee Assignments were discussed.

- Program Committee: Various members were recommended to serve. Joanne will contact them to see if they are willing to participate.
- Refreshments: Dot Santi was recommended to continue to organize the monthly serving of refreshments. Members will be reimbursed for up to \$20.00 of their out-of-pocket expenses provided they submit receipts to Jim. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up with Dot.
- Kitchen: Sarah Fleischer was recommended to continue to monitor the kitchen.
- Publicity: Dolores Brooks will continue to work on club publicity.
- Orientation Class: Carolyn Stovall will continue in the role of primary instructor for the club's 7:00-8:00 beginner's class. Other members have stepped forward and offered to help Carolyn should she need to take some time off. In response to requests from some of our newer members to have copies made available of the dances being taught, Ed has volunteered to coordinate the copying of and paying for these dances.
- Equipment: Ed Cordray was recommended to continue to monitor the equipment.
- Membership: Gitta Reck and Lee Moser will continue to take care of specific membership related needs. Council will ask Gitta to send "Thinking of You" cards to non-active members in lieu of Christmas greetings which were inadvertently skipped this year. It was also recommended that the Membership Committee send follow-up notes to visitors attending special club functions such as Open

House inviting them to return to our regularly scheduled Thursday evening class/dance. Jim Woolley will provide Membership with a list of names and addresses for such correspondence.

In addition, Council decided to make a charitable donation in the amount of \$25.00 in memory of Gitta's son, Bruce Reck, who passed away in October. This followed a lengthy discussion concerning funds which should be allocated for memorial contributions and/or flowers upon the death of a club member, spouse, or child. No definite decision was reached. However, Council did agree to be more vigilant about responding to these events in a more timely fashion. Jim will check his records to see what expenditures were made at the time of the death of Dick Clair.

Culture Works: Lois Lynch was recommended to continue as our representative.

MVDance Council: Ed Anderson will continue to represent us.

Concerning the mini-workshop with Roo Lester on Thursday, March 28th, Ed Anderson will ask Harry Khamis to clarify the exact format for the evening. Council feels a variety of dances would be more appropriate for our membership rather than just one couples' dance as Harry had suggested. A vote will be taken as soon as Ed gets back with us.

To avoid future confusion or delay when verbal requests concerning workshops or special club sponsored events are made, Council will require individuals or groups making such requests to submit a detailed written proposal including dates, times, costs, contact person(s), day or evening format, etc.

Council discussed ways in which to inform members regarding the cancellation of Thursday night activities in case of inclement weather. The MVFD roster was divided up among Council members with each member choosing either email or a phone call as the means to inform club members of unexpected changes or events.

Tri-City has been scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 2002. Joanne and Dolores will work with Leslie Hyll on planning not only the afternoon workshop and evening dance but also the kick-off to the club's 50th anniversary year. Joanne will contact Nicholas Hilferink and submit a proposal to Council.

Joanne suggested that Membership Packets consisting of information about the club, a membership roster, guidelines for giving a program, and a welcoming letter from the MVFD Council should be organized and provided to new dancers when they become official members of the MVFD. Council members agreed with this suggestion.

Closing the Pavilion. There seems to be some confusion among members about the role of the Program Committee versus the individual giving the Thursday night program

concerning the cleaning up and closing of the Pavilion after a Thursday night dance. All Council members agreed that this is a joint responsibility. The Program Committee is ultimately responsible for seeing that the Pavilion is cleaned up. The actual cleaning should be a shared responsibility with all members encouraged to help. Due to safety concerns, Council stressed that there should always be at least two members present at the end of the evening to close and lock up the Pavilion. Ed will check the stated description, "Guidelines to Closing the Pavilion," found on our website and submit any necessary revisions to reflect Council's views.

Ed and Harry will be responsible for helping to orient new Program Committee members on the use and storage of the equipment.

Newsletter. Many of the items discussed today will be submitted to Jim Rohal for the next newsletter.

Performance Request. The Miami Valley Dance Council has issued a request for a list of dancers who would be willing to participate in performances. More specifics are needed and Ed will follow up on this.

We have also received a request from Monticello Elementary School for a folk dance demonstration to be held on Friday afternoon, February 22nd. Council agreed that this is a good community service activity, but that it requires a lot of time to organize. Ed agreed to coordinate this demo.

Concerning World A' fair, Council agreed to continue placing the MVFD ad in the DIFI program booklet.

Ed brought up a concern regarding the use of the request board. Sometimes there seems to be too many requests made by the same person for the same type of dance. Council decided not to act on this concern, rather leaving the choice of dances to the discretion of the person giving the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dolores Brooks
Secretary

To: 2002 MVFD Council members
Program Committee members (March, 2001 – February, 2002)

As Chair of the Program Committee, I would like to comment on the decision by Council to *require the Program Committee Member who is responsible for a given month to help with clean-up at the end of the Thursday night programs for that month*. I have not talked with other Program Committee Members, so these comments are mine alone.

1. I strongly disagree with Council's decision. Program Committee Members carry a very heavy work load for the Club; burdening them with additional work is unfair. Club members will become disinclined to serve on the Program Committee when they realize how much work is involved. A far better approach would have been to encourage Club members to do their Thursday night program in *pairs*, so that they can handle all of the evening's responsibilities, including clean-up.
2. This decision directly affects the Program Committee. I don't suppose that Council is *required* to consult with Program Committee in making such a decision, but in this case they should have. It's a matter of courtesy. Program Committee should have the opportunity to offer input on a matter that directly affects it.
3. The Council's decision directly contradicts the Guidelines that are posted on our website (please see "Guidelines for Giving a Thursday Evening Dance Program").

For the good of the Club, the workload should be distributed "evenly" among the Club committees and Club members. Asking a Club member to "host" one Thursday night, including responsibility for clean-up, per year is not asking for much. You are now asking a Program Committee member to help with clean-up perhaps as many as eleven times for the year (two months of Thursdays, their own Thursday night program, and two Ethnic Sundays). This is on top of all their other Program Committee responsibilities. I would respectfully ask Council to re-think its decision.

---Harry Khamis, 1/25/02