

ANNUAL MEETING MIAMI VALLEY FOLK DANCERS

January 9, 2011

1. **The meeting was called to order** by the Chair, Joanne Dombrowski, at 3:02 P.M. at the Michael Solomon Pavilion. Twenty-three members were present.
2. **The Minutes** for the annual meeting of January 10, 2010, were read by the Secretary, Bill Vernon. Members pointed out that the Honors Couple award given John and Carol Pappas was omitted and should be added. The minutes were then approved as corrected.
3. **The Treasurer's report** was read by the Treasurer, John Pappas. A copy is attached to these minutes. The books show a loss of \$1,259.90 in 2010, with a final account total for 2010 of \$5,825.51. However, most if not all of the nearly \$800 spent for the Greek workshop will be recouped when the workshop occurs in February. The major costs for the club are the monthly rental payments for the pavilion, and the \$30 monthly payments for refreshments. Members unanimously accepted this report to be filed for audit.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. **Miami Valley Dance Council**—Lina Considine reported that the Ohio Dance Convention would be held in Dayton on May 6-7, 2011, and MVDC will hold a fundraising dance to benefit it in the pavilion on January 29. MVDC will also hold a Train-In Dance preliminary to the convention on Thursday, May 5, at which we folkdancers are scheduled to do a half-hour demonstration/audience participation program. The convention's welcome ceremony will be on Friday, May 6, at 7:00 P.M. Dancing begins after it. Also, Leslie Hyll was appointed the MVDC Historian. Lina's report is attached to these minutes.
 - B. **Miami Valley Dance Council Support Committee**—Lina reported that David and Judy Rose were the new coordinators heading this committee, and anyone wishing to rent the pavilion must apply to Shirley Fluharty, the Pavilion Scheduler, via their club's representative to MVDC. Ed Cordray announced that the Roses had resigned their position so there was a new coordinator, and the committees 5 or 6 members were appointed by MVDC and were not necessarily members of groups using the pavilion. The DC treasurer was also the Support Committee's treasurer. That group reports directly to MVDC. The Committee did hire someone to plow the parking lot after each snowfall. The MVDC bylaws, which are online, explain the Support Council's functioning.
 - C. **Program committee**—Susan Tsui, Chairperson, thanked the six other program committee members for their work and reviewed their accomplishments. Susan is still seeking volunteers to sign up to run programs on the 2011 Thursday dance session calendar. Susan's report is attached.
 - D. **Equipment and Recording Committee**—Ed Cordray pointed out that the most popular dances the past year were Dana and The Syrian Dance. The breakdown of popular dances is on the MVFD website. Thirty percent of the dance music played was played only once.
 - E. **Orientation class**—John Pappas reported that 11 members taught 66 of the 144 core dances during the 7:00 o'clock classes: 40 non-partner and 26 partner dances, a 60 to 40 percent ratio. He recommends using the present core dance list until all 144 are taught before changing the list, and he urges we continue to

vary ethnicity of the dances. Leslie's metrics show that this is the first year one country's dances did not dominate beginners' class teaching with 10 percent or more. Although Israeli and English dances led those taught, they were each less than 10 percent. The metrics showed the 9:00 teaching more skewed, as expected. John's report is attached.

- F. **Kitchen**—Chair Ellen Rice said only the kitchen committee was buying supplies, and it was trying to use only biodegradable or recyclable supplies. She asked for the donation of towels and volunteers to join the committee. Ellen's report is attached.
- G. **Refreshments Committee**—Lee Moser said that volunteers had filled the 2011 calendar. Up to \$30 is paid for supplies. When a month's final Thursday overlaps a special event, she urged the volunteer to supply refreshments as normally done and that could be supplemented with other food and drink.
- H. **Publicity**—Chair Dolores Brooks recapped her publicity efforts this past year, sending press releases to the various media and appropriate groups. She asked that members let her know when they spot publicity for events so she gets a feel for what works. When registering people at the door of special events, we should ask how they heard about the event and relay that information to Dolores. Dolores asked for suggestions about where and what to publicize and whom she could contact. Also, she has put MVFD on Facebook and asked that members sign up as friends and leave contacts and links at the site. Finally, she urged Council to continue contacting those who join or visit us to dance and then quit showing up. Dolores' report is attached.
- I. **Membership Committee**---Lee reported that extra greeting cards in the yellow envelop were in the cabinet for any of us to send should she not be available to send the cards. A number were sent this past year.
- J. **Webmaster** ---Leslie reported no major changes in our web presence. Eighty email addresses, up from 77, are now on our Yahoo group mailing list, some of them duplicates or triplicates for one person. Her report is attached.
- K. **Historian**—Leslie asked that we send her reports and other paperwork, and those in electronic form are most appreciated. MVFD archives from 2003-2004 have been added online. More historical photos are soon coming online as well. The CD of syllabi and our music are online now, but you must have a password to access either. Contact her. Leslie's written report is attached.
- L. **Newsletter**—Ellen Rice reported little change in the newsletter focus, but asked for suggestions of what to delete and include. She always needs submissions. Also, she revised the mailing list this year, and plans to send a digitized copy of newsletter to those not attending. She thinks the newsletter may go completely digital in the near future. This is Ellen's 7th year as editor and maybe her last. A new volunteer is needed. Ellen's report is attached.

Chair's Report--Joanne thanked all club members for their cooperation and work, and said all was going well. Twelve new members joined us this past year though we lost several old members as well. Average Thursday attendance was almost 37, including an average of 5 or more guests. The Halloween party and the New Year's party each drew

over 50 attendees. Three workshops and our orientation classes went well. She urged members not to request a dance not on our repertoire, but get it taught instead. Attendance figures in her report are attached.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:** none

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Jim Rohal proposed that MVFD get on the list to be designated as Blood Donor Recipients at the Blood Bank if there are no questionable conditions involved. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Three motions as passed are attached. Motion #1, to amend the Rules and Regulations to call the unnamed fifth member of Council "Member-at-large," passed. Motion #2, to add to the Method of Operation, Article VIII, Section A, the statement that "The cost of flowers or other remembrances should not exceed \$50," also passed. And Motion #3, to raise the fee for non-members for a regular Thursday evening to \$2.00 passed.
- c. Greek Workshop is February 12-13 with Kyriakos Moisidis.
- d. Mini-workshop with Lee Otterholt is February 24.
- e. Plans for 2012. The pavilion is reserved in October for the club's 60th anniversary workshop. What should we do? Joanne has already received suggestions to reinvite the popular Romanian couple teachers we've had here or to invite an International fold dance teacher. Lina suggested the Turkish teacher we almost hired before. Joanne asked for further input from members to help Council decide.

HONOR COUPLE

Louise orchestrated a humorous skit starring herself, Ellen Rice in a wig, Lorraine Fortner as herself, and Jim Rohal at a computer. It was their way of introducing the award given this year to Leslie Hyll and Ed Cordray. Ellen Rice read the nominating remarks she wrote and submitted for the Club to MVDC.

ELECTION OF MVFD COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council terms were over for John Pappas, Lina Considine and Bill Vernon. The two council members whose terms continue for one more year are Joanne Dombrowski and Lee Moser. John and Bill were reelected, and the new member is Carolyn Stovall.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Vernon, Secretary