

MINUTES OF THE MIAMI VALLEY FOLK DANCERS

BOARD MEETING

November 15, 2011

Chairperson Joanne Dombrowski **called the meeting to order** at 2:00 P.M. at her house. Other Board members present were: Lee Moser, John Pappas, and Bill Vernon. Carolyn Stovall was absent.

1. The **Minutes for the April 23, 2011, council meeting** were reviewed and accepted with the change of item 3 under New Business to read: **Daniela Ivanova, Oct. 9 possible workshop**—Council decided to pursue this opportunity by having Joanne check for interest in it in our club and in other parties.

2. The **Treasurer's Report was distributed and reviewed and accepted.** Lee Moser reported that the Israeli workshop had underpaid by \$20 the cost of the pavilion rental because Ed Cordray had given Ruthy Slann the wrong figure for the cost. MVFD made up the \$20 deficit by paying for it out of the other \$200 the workshop paid us.

Old Business

1. **Christmas Party**--Thursday, December 22--Council decided to switch refreshments night from the 29th to the 22nd and to switch teaching from the 22nd to the 29th.

2. **New Year's Eve Party, Saturday, December 31**—The band will play for \$300 for 3 hours, from 9 until 12 with a break each hour. Council decided on opening the pavilion for dancing at 8:00, asking Ed Cordray to play the music during the band's breaks, and treating the party as a money-maker. For this last purpose, Joanne will ask Jim Rohal to do a flyer, and she will contact possible groups and individuals who might be interested in attending.

3. **Honor Couple Nomination**--Ellen Rice and Leslie have prepared it, and Carolyn submitted it properly on time. There's been a change in handling the awards this year. The winners will not be announced until the Honors Couple Dance on the 1st Sunday in March, a delay Dance Council hopes will pull in more dancers. However, that will not draw non-square dancers like our club. John suggested we not be charged to attend if we won't be able to dance. Council decided to ask Louise to go ahead and plan a skit for the annual meeting to announce the club honorees to our members even though Leslie and Ed already know of their nomination.

New Business

1. **2012 Workshop Update**-Sonia and Christian are coming March 24-25, 2012. To

get the dates we had to trade the 25th for March 11. So there will not be an Ethnic Sunday in March and the new Program Committee needs to be informed of that when they convene. This workshop marks the 60th club anniversary. Dolores, Joanne, and possibly Mei-Hwa will co-chair the event. John agreed to look into catering a Saturday dinner ourselves, figuring on about 60 people attending the meal. Joanne will look into having a tee-shirt designed by Jim Rohal for sale. Of several initial designs shown to council, the simplest was most popular.

2. Lee Moser's Motion to stop the 9:00 teaching—Lee explained her reasons for the motion. Discussion sympathized with her reasons but centered on retaining the teaching while modifying when it occurred or the length of time allowed for it. Council suggested the motion be made at the annual meeting and discussed.

3. Annual Meeting Recommendations--besides discussing the teaching issue and having the skit for the honor couple, council discussed awarding lifetime memberships to Henry Stovall, Gitta Reck, and several others. It was moved and passed to award Henry and Gitta a lifetime membership.

4. Peace Museum Proposal—Louise Van Vliet and a member of the Board of the peace museum are considering a fund raiser dance and asking folk dancers to teach some dances. They might also ask us to sponsor the pavilion rental for the function. Council's discussion centered on the feasibility of the project and recommended that the proposal be taken to the Dance Council for their involvement.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.
Respectfully submitted, Bill Vernon, Secretary