

MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL

Meeting at the Merryantics, May 1, 1955

Present: Gladys Davis, Robert Clark, Don Hutchinson, Milo Clingman, Maryann Woolery, Grace Wolff, Earle Steele, Bob Holt, Jim McFarland, Frank Hart, Frank Graziano, Alton Brokamp, and Michael Solomon. Minutes of the previous meeting, held April 4, were read and approved.

First matter of business was a report from council members on the question of underwriting the forthcoming Dance Festival, October 29 and 30 at the Fairground Coliseum. All members present, with the exception of Mr. Hart (Dayton Folk Dance Club), reported their organizations would underwrite the Festival. Mr. Hart stated that he hadn't had an opportunity to present the plan to his club's general membership, but felt that when he does, they will very likely go along.

Motion by Mr. Brokamp, seconded by Mr. McFarland, and carried, that the Council proceed officially with plans for the Festival.

Motion by Mrs. Wolff, seconded by Mr. Clingman, and carried, that refreshments at the Festival be limited to soft drinks, potato chips, and similar items of a packaged or returnable nature.

In a general discussion of the facilities at the Coliseum, it was decided to ask that bleachers be erected on one side only, preferably the east side. If this can be done, then the west side of the building can be used for display booths, and tables and chairs for refreshments.

It was suggested that for necessary current expenditures for the Festival, the Dayton Square Dance Clubs might be willing to advance an amount of \$100.00 or so, to be repaid after the Festival. Mrs. Davis promised to take up this suggestion with her Council.

Members of the Miami Valley Dance Council volunteered to committee chairmanships as follows:

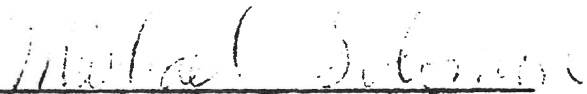
EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES: Milo Clingman
DECORATIONS, INVITATIONS, & WELCOME: Mr & Mrs. John
Tulipan (Earl Steele)
REFRESHMENTS: Don Hutchinson and Bob Holt
TICKETS: Gladys Davis and Jim McFarland
PUBLICITY: Henry Dils (Robert Clark)
ACCOMODATIONS: Maryann Woolery
PROGRAM: Michael Solomon

A general discussion of programming then ensued, and the following plan was outlined: Sessions will be held Saturday afternoon 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday evening 8 to 12 p.m., and Sunday afternoon 1 to 5 p.m. This will total 12 hours for the festival. Of this total, approximately the following hours will be allotted to various kinds of dancing: Square Dancing---7 hrs; Round Dancing---2 hrs; Folk Dancing---2 hrs; Contra Dancing---1 hr. Each session will be arranged to promote a reasonable balance among these four kinds of dancing, so that a pleasing variety is maintained throughout the dance festival and interest is maintained at as high a level as possible.

The appointment of a treasurer for the festival was discussed, and Gladys Davis, Co-chairman of the Ticket Committee, accepted the post of treasurer.

Because it was getting late, several questions that members wished to discuss were postponed to the next meeting. These were: 1) A review of the admission charges tentatively agreed upon at the meeting of April 4; 2) A discussion of the kind of booths to permit at the festival, and what to charge; 3) Whether to make majority decisions arrived at in council meetings binding upon all clubs in the council.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned, to meet again at the City Recreation Office, basement Municipal Building, on Monday, June 6, at 8 p.m.


Michael Solomon, Temporary Chairman
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P. S. After the business meeting everyone (there were some 25 persons present, including the wives of several members and other guests), was pleasantly surprised with refreshments of coffee and donuts furnished by Maryann Woolery. Our thanks to Maryann for an unusually pleasant ending to our most important meeting to date.

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