

FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF MIAMI VALLEY FOLK DANCE COUNCIL

PLACE: Home of Carole Pappas - 7:30 p.m. - January 16, 1983

ATTENDING: Carole Pappas, Chairman, Sam Ballinger, Peg Eltzroth, Sam Fleischer and Marjorie Darragh

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. Secretary's minutes were approved as submitted. Treasurer reported we had \$1,443.54 in the treasury as of January 1, and since then have taken in \$381.25 (mainly dues) making a total of \$1,824.79.

OLD BUSINESS:

We have had no reply from Jaap Leegwater, of the Netherlands, concerning our spring workshop. Carolyn Stovall had offered to chair a workshop with John Owens, teacher of English and Danish dances, and council agreed to give her the authority to proceed with this project. Suggested dates were April 23-24, April 9-10, and May 7-8. John Owens had stated he would bring musicians, teachers, and dancers with him. They agreed to come for expenses only and stay in homes.

Melinda Marsh and Rick Rutan, who are in charge of Tri-City, have tentatively set the date for March 12. The cost will be \$22.00 per person up to 40 people which would include Saturday afternoon workshop, Saturday night dinner and party, overnight lodging and Sunday breakfast. More than 40 people would bring the price down to \$17.50 each. Council decided we would need firm reservations and would charge \$22.00 per person with our club providing snacks.

Peg Eltzroth reported she had another letter from James Roncevic from Pittsburgh regarding a Romanian workshop in the fall. He will charge \$300.00 plus transportation and room and board. He will bring his wife also. Peg will find out if he would drive or fly. If he plans to fly, Peg will then call Sunny Bloland in California. No date has been established yet.

Sam Ballinger gave us a copy of sheets which Ed Anderson had revised per Council's suggestions. These are sheets given out to new or prospective dancers.

According to annual meeting the Council was to write a proposal and submit it to the membership regarding the afternoon group Marilyn Bishop has started. Carole had worked on this and Council agreed on the proposal which will be included in a news letter to the membership, with voting ballot included. Members are to give ballot to secretary and votes will be tabulated by her and the treasurer. We decided to allow about 3 weeks (deadline will show on letter) for members to turn in their ballots.

Pat Hennessey audited the books and they were correct.

There was discussion as to whether we should participate in the International Festival as we did last year, having some easy audience participation dancing led by members of our group. It was decided we would if we were asked, or if members requested that we do it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Program Committee appointments were discussed. Carolyn Stovall is the member who remains until July. The following members were suggested and Carole called them and they accepted: Harry Khamis, Truus VanDer Sluijs, Joanne Dombrowski, and Tad Tubiel. Betty Molnar will be asked to begin in July for one year.

Roseanne Gessel will be requested to continue to do our Promotion.

Rose Anna Mills requested not to be Refreshment Chairman. We decided to divide the duties of refreshments into two categories. Leslie Hyll will be chairman for the Thursday night once-a-month party and will assign people to be in charge each month. We will continue to give \$15.00 to help with expense for this evening. Charles Castellano will be asked to continue making the coffee for all occasions. Council decided to appoint a Kitchen Chairman to be in charge of the Sunday Ethnic suppers and to buy all supplies needed for the kitchen, both for Thursdays and Sundays. She will assign different people to help her each Ethnic Sunday. Unless someone in the club volunteers to fix meat occasionally, we will have a pot luck supper and will no longer furnish meat. As we have never raised our dues, even with inflation, this will be one way to economize. Suggestions for the Sunday Ethnic suppers and Kitchen Chairman were: Zora Krainz, Dot Santi, Louise Tubiel, and Sara Fleischer. Carole will ask them in that order to see if one of them will accept.

The tape committee will remain as it has been: John Pappas, Harry Khamis & Jeanne Gulden.

Ann Ballinger will continue to teach the Beginners' class with Vera Fisher, Assistant.

Peg Eltzroth will check with the Miami Valley Dance Council at their next meeting to see if there is any interest in putting an ad for the clubs in the Yellow Pages.

It was recommended that the Program Committee take a survey of the membership to see what kind of workshops they are interested in for 1984.

Peg Eltzroth will take care of reserving Lohrey Center for our New Year's eve party for 1983.

Carole checked how many keys we have to the Pavilion and how many we will need and their distribution.

Council decided a news letter every two or three months was adequate to keep everyone informed.

Lori Van Ausdall requested membership without attending the 7 to 8 o'clock class, as she works those hours. As she is an experienced dancer, it was unanimous that she be admitted to membership as soon as she has attended 20 times.

Sam Fleischer gave each of us a copy of a letter in which he recommends we try and encourage leadership in our young folk dancers and help them become acquainted with a balanced program of international dances. He proposes we help them financially by paying expenses to some folk dance camps in order that they may be able to develop this leadership.

Members of the Council were each given names to call in case of snow or other cancellations.

Sam Fleischer suggested we might give Carolyn Stovall the choice of appointing someone to help her with the spring workshop, if she felt the need, due to illness in her family. If she does not, she may work alone.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Darragh
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cc: Carole Pappas, Sam Ballinger,
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