

MVFD Council Meeting Agenda
January 18, 2004

Minutes of last Council meeting (9/9/03)

Treasurer's report

MVDC Rep report

New Business

Snow list

Committee Assignments

Program Committee (6 members)

Refreshments – Dot Santi

Kitchen – Sara Fleischer & Peggy Crutchfield

Publicity – Dolores Brooks

Orientation Class – Leslie Hyll, Harry Khamis, John Pappas

Equipment – Eddie Cordray

Sunshine Committee – Gitta Reck

Culture Works – Lois Lynch

Historian – Joanne Dombrowski & Leslie Hyll

MVDC Pavilion Support Committee Rep. – Bill Vernon

Newsletter editor – Jim Rohal

MVFD Webmaster

Tri-City Chair (March 14, 2004)

World Affair (May 21-23, 2004)

Open House

Annual Workshop Chair (October 30-31, 2004)

Summer Picnic (August 8, 2004)

Computerization of MVFD

MVDC Honor Roll Designee

Old Business

Purchase of remote microphone and batteries

Grace Wolff – honorary membership

Other Business

Harry's spring schedule

Adele Nellis' passing

Carolyn Stovall – storage of tapes

Next MVFD Council meeting

Adjourn

MVFD Council
Minutes: January 18, 2004

Meeting Time: 2:00 P.M.

Members Present: Harry Khamis (Chair), Lina Considine (Vice-Chair),
Dolores Brooks (Secretary), Jim Woolley (Treasurer),
Bill Vernon (Member-at-Large)

The meeting began with a reading of the minutes from the last Council meeting held on November 9, 2003. Bill commented on one item in the minutes regarding insurance on our equipment. He informed Council that according to Ed Cordray none of our equipment is insured and furthermore, it is not worth insuring. Following a brief discussion, the minutes were approved as read.

Jim Woolley gave the Treasurer's Report. A copy is included in the minutes. As of January 18, 2004, we show a balance of \$5122.19. Jim commented that the sale of the Entertainment Books, which is a fundraiser for the Miami Valley Dance Council, brought in a profit for our group of \$3.50 per book. Bill moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Dolores seconded.

Bill Vernon gave a report from the January 13, 2004 meeting of the Miami Valley Dance Council. A copy of this report is included in the minutes. Bill pointed out that at this meeting, the MVDC voted for the Chevaliers as the Honor Couple with the Hylls coming in second. He noted that the Chevaliers placed second last year. This led to a discussion concerning the possibility of re-nominating the Hylls as Honor Couple for 2004. One factor that may improve their chances lies in the fact that this is the 50th Anniversary of the MVDC. Since the Hylls have been active dancers for 56 plus years, they may stand a better chance of winning during this special year.

The MVDC has a telephone hotline which gives information about all the member clubs. Council agreed that it would be a good idea for us to be included in this hotline. Bill will find out how MVFD can participate as well.

Jim will renew our subscription to the MVDC newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council established the "Snow List" earmarking who was to call whom should a Thursday night dance be cancelled due to inclement weather. Harry makes the final decision on cancellations.
2. Council discussed the Committee Assignments for 2004. The following members have agreed to chair the various committees:
Refreshments: Dot Santi will continue to coordinate the monthly refreshments using the sign-up sheet format which worked so well last year.

Kitchen: Sara Fleischer and Peggy Crutchfield will continue to monitor the kitchen.

Publicity: Dolores will continue to work on club publicity.

Orientation Class: Due to the retirement of Carolyn Stovall, Leslie Hyll, Harry Khamis, and John Pappas have agreed to share responsibility for the 7-8 P.M. Thursday night class. They will continue to follow their alternating monthly format given the approval of the new Program Committee.

Equipment: Ed Cordray will continue to take care of our equipment.

Sunshine: Gitta Reck requested that the "Membership" Committee be renamed "Sunshine." Council suggested that in addition to sending get well and sympathy cards, the Sunshine Committee could from time to time send a note of concern to those members who have not been in attendance recently.

Culture Works: Lois Lynch will again act as our representative.

Historian and Archives: Joanne Dombrowski and Leslie Hyll will continue to manage this committee.

MVDC Pavilion Support Committee Rep: Bill Vernon will serve in this capacity.

Newsletter Editor: Jim Rohal

MVFD Webmaster: Harry proposed that we add this designation to our list of committees since it is such an important task and should be officially recognized. Leslie Hyll has managed our website for several years and should be given due credit for this work. Council agreed with Harry's suggestion.

Program Committee: Various members were recommended to serve. Harry will contact them to see if they are willing to participate.

3. Tri-City: March 14, 2004. Council decided to forego having live music this year for economic reasons. Harry will approach Patty Gehring as a possible Chair for this event. She will need to inform Cincinnati that it is their turn to teach a dance this year.
At this point Council entered into a discussion on the future of Tri-City with the hope that in the future it can be restored to its original week-end format. Tri-City will be discussed at subsequent Council meetings this year.
4. World Affair: May 21-23, 2004. Harry will ask Lee Moser and Louis VanVliet to organize the informational booth situated in the lobby of the Convention Center. He will ask Joanne Dombrowski to organize the demo on the informal stage.
5. Open House will be held after the World Affair weekend on Thursday, May 27th from 7-10:30 P.M. Lina Considine will chair this event. There will be no fall Open House.

6. Annual Workshop: October 30-31, 2004. Harry will look into the possibility of holding a Croatian dance workshop. Suggestions for chair are either John Pappas or Carolyn Stovall.
7. The Summer Picnic will be held again at Delco Park on Sunday, August 8, 2004. Program Committee is in charge of organizing this event.
8. Computerization of MVFD. Council is favorably inclined to accept Ed Cordray's proposal to purchase a laptop computer for the purpose of storing and playing our folk dance music. Lina will ask Ed to research the price of a laptop as well as a portable amplifier.
9. MVDC Honor Roll Designee. (See Bill Vernon's MVDC report and comments above.)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The purchase of the remote microphone and rechargeable batteries as proposed by Ed Cordray at the Annual Meeting was discussed. Bill Vernon moved that we purchase this new equipment. Dolores Brooks seconded. Lina Considine will inform Ed Cordray to go ahead with the purchase.
2. Harry has written a letter to Grace Wolf informing her that she is now an honorary member of the Miami Valley Folk Dancers. In this letter Harry notes how much the club has appreciated Grace's leadership and involvement over the years. As honorary member, annual dues will no longer be required.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Jim Woolley informed Council that ELMI wishes to rent the Pavilion in March under the auspices of the MVFD. Even though this arrangement has occurred in the past, Council would like to know more about this group and what they do. Jim will ask Ed Anderson for more information.
2. Jim Woolley also proposed that Council consider raising dues and guest fees in 2005. Guest fees would increase from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per dance and membership dues would increase from \$30.00 to \$36.00 per year. Council decided to think about this proposal and discuss it again at a future meeting.
3. Council discussed the ongoing concern of keeping our membership as well as increasing it. Along these lines, it was mentioned that we all must do our part to make new dancers feel more welcome and comfortable and most of all enjoy themselves.

4. Bill Vernon announced that MVFD has been invited to perform at Sinclair Community College on Thursday, February 26th during their "Global Awareness Week." He is working on putting together a group of dancers to participate in this event.
5. Harry announced that Wright State University will once again host an "International Friendship Day" on Saturday, April 10th. He will ask Ed Anderson to organize this event.
6. Dolores commented on Jim Rohal's proposal to make the Newsletter more interesting to our members. In addition to writing brief "biographies" about individual members – as Jim proposed - Dolores suggested we have a "Personal" column with members' birthdays, anniversaries, upcoming trips, awards or recognitions received, workshops attended, etc.. anything that would help us get to know each other better.
7. Harry announced that he will be gone from late March until mid- June. Lina will take care of Thursday night announcements.
8. With the recent passing of Adele Nellis, Council decided to dedicate the October workshop to her by playing some of her favorite dances and by displaying some of her many workshop covers. Council will make a donation in her memory as soon as the family announces details. On Thursday, January 22, 2004, we will dedicate 3 dances to Adele.
9. Carolyn Stovall sends her thanks for the Golden Lamb gift certificate. She wishes to inform the club that she has all of our tapes and is willing to store them in her home. Council has no objection. Leslie and John have all of our records.
10. The next MVFD Council meeting will be held on Sunday, March 21st at 2:00 P.M. at Dolores's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Brooks
Secretary

Miami Valley Folk Dancers
Treasurer's Report for 2004
(Council Meeting 1/18/04)

Balance as of December 31, 2003 \$4579.71

Receipts

Dues \$900.00
Guest Fees \$4.50
Interest \$1.03

Hall Rent

Tri-City Festival
Entertainment Books
Fall Workshop
Postage Donation

Demonstrations
Sat. Morning Classes \$29.00

Total Receipts \$934.53

Total Funds for the Year \$5514.24

Disbursements

Pavillion Support (Hall Rent)
Liability Insurance \$50.00
Refreshments & Kitchen Supplies \$43.75
Paper/Printing Supplies \$14.80
Entertainment Books \$283.50
Fall Workshop
Tri-City Festival
Postage

Advertising
Memorials & Gifts

Culture Works
CityFolk

Total Disbursements \$392.05

Balance as of January 18, 2004 \$5122.19

Gain/(Loss) \$542.48

Respectfully submitted: James M. Woolley
James M. Woolley, Treasurer

REPORT ON MV DANCE COUNCIL meeting Of Jan 13, 2004

1. Honor Couple is the Chevaliers.
2. Beginners Dance on Sunday afternoon---\$5 at the door--- includes some contra dancing.
3. For state Convention in May, for display, send picture or two of club in action with info on how we helped spread word (educate the public) about dancing.
4. Call for decorators---need a chairperson and volunteers to do the job---suggestion for each club to take a month and do it??? Support Committee (Ed Cordray, Chair) handling it.
5. Received this info: schedule of events, Honor couple form, hot line guidelines, Banner Raid guidelines, Friendship Badge guidelines. Anything here relevant to us?
6. We need to renew subscription to DC newsletter? Ghillies want to buy a subscription?
7. We need to send Vickie Sexauer-Barton a copy of membership list---tied to insurance we just paid for.
8. For 2006 convention SHOW here in town, suggestion wanted on a demo we might do tied in with a Dayton-related theme. Notify Haydens.
9. Clubs asked to complete and return Buckeye necklace decorations to be handed out. To Barb Dieterle before May.