

MINUTES OF THE MIAMI VALLEY FOLK DANCERS
BOARD MEETING

April 23, 2011

Chairperson Joanne Dombrowski **called the meeting to order** at 10:05 A.M. at her house. Other Board members present were: Carolyn Stovall, John Pappas, and Bill Vernon. Lee Moser was absent.

1. The **Minutes for the January 16, 2011, council meeting** were reviewed and accepted without change. Of the to-do jobs in the minutes, Joanne reported that Ed Anderson had reserved a picnic shelter house for us in the Stroop Road Kettering Park for August's Ethnic Sunday, Votra Shiva had been invited to play at our New Year's party and seemed inclined to accept our offer (their decision will be coming soon), and the Club's Rules and Regulations have been updated on-line.

2. In the **Treasurer's Report**, copies of it submitted *in absentia* and one copy attached to these minutes, Lee Moser reports that three members need to pay dues and have promised to do so. Lee reported also that the trend looks as if our savings will fall yearly, with our major bill being about \$2000 for pavilion rental (which is closer to \$1200 rental fees for normal events, and the rest special events). So we need to bring in more money and do a better job of saving what we have.

John reported that the Greek Workshop made a small profit, though mainly because of Leslie Hyll's rummage sale proceeds. This workshop's cost for food and other refreshments was excessively high so council agreed that we need to set a budget for food for future workshops. Another problem was that some members brought in food to serve but it was never served, thus discouraging members from bringing food to future events. This failure also needs to be addressed.

Old Business

1. **2012 Workshop Update**-Sonia and Christian are coming for \$800 plus travel expenses. March 24-25, 2012. Joanne will ask Dolores to co-chair the event, and maybe ask Mei-Hwa also to co-chair. Joanne has to negotiate with a round dancers group to release Sunday the 25th to us in exchange for a date we have the pavilion. She will try to exchange our March 11 ethnic Sunday date for March 25.

2. **Dance Convention Update**—Joanne asked that we bring CDs of ethnic music to donate to Leslie's basket of folkdance material to be raffled off.

3. **Open House**—Patti Gehring is in charge. Ellen Rice provided lists of dancers who attend our sessions regularly and sporadically. Council checked the lists and agreed to email everyone with an email address about open house and send postcards to the

non-emailers that we recommended. Flyers about the event will be distributed at World Affair and the Dance Convention.

New Business

1. **Honorary Membership**—Council considered several members possible, including Henry Stovall, Ellie Wooley and Zora Craines. The last two might be awarded it together. Council decided to check for the R&G's new definitions of this designation

2. **Hanny Budnick Workshop**—Bill reported that she would respond to the club's offer of \$150 for a July Thursday mini-workshop soon. Council okayed asking \$4 for entry to this workshop.

3. **Daniela Ivanova, Oct. 9 possible workshop**—this item changed to read: Council decided to pursue this opportunity by having Joanne check for interest in it in our club and other groups.

4. **October 2011 Weekend** reserved for us—Council agreed to release the date.

5. **Honor Couple/Dancer**—Council agreed on Leslie and Ed again.

6. **New Year's Eve Party**—Council agreed to charge \$10 per person if we have a band.

7. **Virginia Reel request**—Joanne provided resource material to the grade school instructor who asked for a member to teach this dance. No MVFD volunteer was available to teach it at the time requested.

8. **Brian Tsou requested**, through Bill, that he be allowed to rent the pavilion through the club, and use our computer and music, for a party for Janifer and her dance friends, including our club members. Feb. 25 is the date he wants. Council agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Vernon, Secretary