

**Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs, Inc.
February 7, 2016 State Corp Meeting
Gahanna, Ohio**

Call to Order:

The quarterly meeting of the Ohio State Corporation of Dance Clubs, Inc. was called to order by President Steve Stoehr at 1:05.

Invocation: No Invocation was given.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Akron, Central, Cleveland, Miami Valley, Southwest Ohio/Northern Kentucky, Toledo, and BRDC were represented.

Introduction of Past Presidents: Steve & Sharry Hayden, Marianne & Gordon King, Judy Calkins, and Don & Barb Garris were all present.

Introduction of Guests: Connie Weber, Akron; Chuck & Shirley Berry, who were substituting for Loren Brosie and Bruce Haislip.

President: Steve Stoehr asked about the plaque for the convention and the pins for the Honor Couples. They are needed by March 1, 2016. The State Corporation banner will be displayed on the stand at the State Convention in May, 2106 in Columbus.

Vice President: Barry Carney brought up insurance for dancers. USDA has Limits—9 months, 50 calls. The suggestion was made to have someone come to the Columbus Convention to talk about insurance.

Recording Secretary: Judy Nelson asked to forego the reading of the November minutes. Judy Calkins made a motion, and Steve Hayden offered the second. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Warner gave the Treasurer's report. It was filed for audit. Dues from each Federation/Council, \$35.00, are due for 2016.

Correspondence: Irene Dommin reported that Toledo sent her the names and address of their Honor Couple.

Committee Reports:

By-laws: Don Garris had no report.

BRDC: BRDC dance is March 20, 2016 in Gahanna.

Nominating Committee: Steve Hayden reported that the current officers will run again. If anyone wants to run for one of the offices, please tell Steve Hayden at the end of today's meeting. We will vote in May.

Convention Procedures: Judy Calkins reported that a convention may advertise statewide two years before the convention date. Ways & Means may sell statewide one year out. You may sell within your own Federation/Council any time.

Friendship Badges: Gordon & Marianne King reported that one person did reorder a lost badge.

Showcase of Ideas: Ohio/National Irene Dommin

The display at the National Convention, 2016 will advertise the National Convention in Cincinnati in 2017. There will be two tables at the State Convention; one to advertise the National Convention, 2017, and one for information on Ohio events.

Sunshine: Sharry Hayden sent a Thank You card for the Banner Stand to Dick Liston, Columbus. She sent Get Well cards to Peggy Carney, Cincinnati; Rodney Spencer, Akron; Ed Cordray, MVDC; Brenda Howard, MVDC; and Linda Bishop, MVDC.

Education: Dale Bennett began his report by saying that the caller's name(s) would be un-named and confidential. He talked about the future of The NEST program, saying that it is viable

The initial intent of The Nest

- a. to recruit on a year-round basis (the biggest problem with traditional clubs)
- b. students could progress at their own pace
- c. students would eventually join other clubs

What went wrong:

- a. Dancers were not capable of teaching the calls
- b. The majority of the Cincinnati area callers opposed The Nest and were not supportive
Note—the Nest program was successful in Colorado, but not in Cincinnati. Bear Miller's club had 80+ students go through The Nest without advertising.
- c. We tried to have a "school" without club support, so we didn't have enough angels. People were not willing to devote an additional night to lessons.
- d. A local caller that was teaching The Nest syphoned dancers that had not completed the program to create a club of their own. This affected other clubs.
- e. Due to economic reasons we could not invest in advertising and leave signs out all year.

Dale plans to relaunch the NEST in Cincinnati in April or May. It will be a Mainstream club (emphasizing DBD).

- 1. Money is now available for advertising and purchasing equipment.**
- 2. It is anticipated that Jason Raleigh and Nathaniel Arnett will teach full squares.**
- 3. Taminations (animations of calls) will be viewed on TV's. The following callers have agreed to record definitions synced to Taminations: Tom Davis, Jack Pladdys, Mark Patterson and one other caller from California.**
- 4. Dancers could wear a headset to hear the narrator so multiple squares or mini-squares could be going simultaneously.**
- 5. Students will pay \$5. a person.**

Education at State Convention:

- a. Dale plans to have a panel at the 2016 State Convention entitled "How to Grow a Club." Peggy and Barry Carney from Frontier Squares (SONKSDF) are the only couple so far.**
- b. Dale will create a survey to new dancers who dropped out to find out why. He will be happy to provide this survey to interested clubs.**

Historian: Jonathan Warner is interested, but would like more information about being Historian. Judy Nelson sent him the name, address and email for Kathleen Reed, who is Historian for Medina Squares.

Publicity: Katie Raleigh reported that the Round Dance was being publicized. Send her any information for special events.

DSL Promotions will print flyers, back and front, in color for \$85.00. The address is; DSL Promotions, 501 Richardson St, Suite B, Simpsonville, SC 29681; the phone is 864-757-9652. This super price is for 500 copies or more. Call to get firm pricing, especially for quantities less than 500.

Convention Reports:

Columbus 2016: Mary Galentine and Dennis Budinski reported. There are 129 room reserved so far. 214 dancers are registered for the convention. Please send the names of Honorees from your Federation/Council. Rounds are set. Sue Powell and Loren Brosie are the cuers. Miami Council has 30 youth coming to the convention, so there will probably be a Youth Hall. There will be a caller school. There is no registration fee for that. There will be a Mardi Gras Parade on Friday evening. There will be a talent show at the after party on Friday night. There will be an after party for the National Convention, 2017, on Saturday night. Mary asked if our National, 2017 would like to purchase an ad in the program booklet. Would Kansas City like an ad? There will be a food table available throughout the day. The show Saturday evening features a Frank Sinatra singer with Marilyn Monroe. There is room for 60 people at the State Luncheon. The cost is \$30.00 each. Dennis needs the count for each area.

Ohio Honoree's Dance, May 6, 2017: The one day event will begin at 10 AM, and last until 10 PM. The venue is the Shriner's Tadmor Temple, 3000 Krebs Dr. Akron, Ohio, 44319. There is a lounge area that holds 150 people. The dance hall is 80' by 80". The Eastern Star will prepare the luncheon for the State Corporation. They will provide a snack bar throughout the dance. There will be a walkthrough of the venue on Sunday, February 28. There will be a tour of the Temple on August 7 at 2 PM. There is room for a Chinese Auction and for Raffle baskets. Mary Galentine will write up an ad for the Convention, 2016 program booklet. Cheryl and David Storgard are scheduling the callers and cuers. Registration forms will be at the Convention, 2016. The cost for the event is \$12.00 until March 15, 2017 at which time it goes up to \$14.00.

National Convention-2017: Steve Stoehr reported that 900 are registered for the National Convention in 2017. The Pre-Convention is March 2-5, 2016

Convention, 2018?? Mary Galentine will determine if Columbus could host another Convention in 2018. She will see if the Crown Plaza has the dates available. A suggestion was made that State Corp host the event, which raises the question as to how the profits would be divided.

Website: (www.SquareDanceOhio.com) Steve Hayden

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nelson,
Secretary