

Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) 2022-01-24

Meeting was held via Zoom The meeting started about 7:00 and adjourned about 8:10 http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org

Attendees: Delegates:

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	Columbia River Dancers:	Delegate positions open	
	Eager Beavers:	Leslie Tallman, Alice Hendricks	
	Hayshakers:	Delegate positions open	
	Hoedowners:	Mike Duyck (absent), Kathy Christy (Kathy not seen, was muted)	
	Mix'n'Mingle:	Rick and Robin Faltersack (both absent)	
	Oak Hills Squares	Judy Martin, Ken Marifke	
	R Square D:	Chris and John Poole (John absent)	
	Sunset Promenaders:	Judy Schnase, Floyd Wolf	
	Toe Draggers:	Linda Curtis	
	Tri Squares:	Carol Roos, Ursula Kuhn (Ursula absent)	
	Valley River Dancers:	Jan Amerson, Perrin Damon (Perrin absent)	
	Valley Squares:	Julie Cooper, Dorothy Reed (Dorothy absent)	
	Wave Steppers:	Bob Allen, Karen Bowyer (both absent)	

Officers, Elected & Appointed:

President: Mike St. ClairVice-President: Jan AmersonTreasurer: Tammy LeBlancSecretary: Andis GarutsState Delegate: Josie RosenburySunshine Chair: Janice SminiaPast-President of the TVC: Dale Brabham (absent)PAC Representative: Erin KalmbachOregon Federation Youth Advisor: Kathy Roberts (absent)Caller Advisor: K.C. CurtisCaller Advisor: K.C. CurtisCuer Advisor: Randy Lewis (absent)TVC Webmaster: Tim Roberts (absent)OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka (absent)

Visitors Attending:

Gary Clark (Sunset Promenaders) Peter Cooper (Valley Squares) Tami Helms (Cuer) George Hermann (President, OR Federation) Tim Keck (PAC) Steve LeBlanc (Sunset Promenaders) Carolene Siebert (Valley Squares) Tom Sminia (Sunset Promenaders) Dale Smith (Columbia River Dancers)

TVC Officer Reports:

Previous Council meeting minutes approved as written.

President's report: (Mike St. Clair)

Upcoming Midwinter this coming weekend and upcoming TVC Recognition Ceremony on January 31, 7 p.m. at Odd Fellows Hall.

I will go into more detail later in the meeting

Vice President's report: (Jan Amerson)

Upcoming dances: I would like to know everyone's thoughts about our upcoming dances. **Our TVC dance in April:** Should we plan it, or should we wait until the next or following month to see what conditions are like? (Discussion; it was decided that we would go ahead with planning the dance.)

Treasurer's report: (Tammy LeBlanc)

All of the Clubs have paid for the Directories, except for Columbia River Dancers. A deposit was made for \$160.25 from the Clubs that paid for the Directories. Checking balance: \$1,152.21. Savings balance: \$7,587.93.

Secretary report: (Andis Garuts) No report.

State Delegates report: (Josie Rosenbury)

I will be doing a report for the Federation Meeting this upcoming weekend, and I need to know a few things for this.

I would like updated information about the TVC Clubs' lessons or lesson plans this year:

Valley Squares: Tuesdays starting January 18, 7 to 9 p.m., Aloha Grange, Mainstream Workshops

Sunset Promenaders: Sundays starting February 6, at 4 p.m. Odd Fellows Hall, Hillsboro, Mainstream. Rounds workshops: Sundays at 2:30 p.m. starting February 6.

Eager Beavers: Plus lessons on Mondays starting on February 14, noon to 1:15 p.m. Aloha Grange.

Valley River Dancers: Mainstream and Advanced on Tuesdays; we started last week.

R Square D: Wednesdays starting January 12. Mainstream and Plus.

Oak Hills Squares: Mondays starting January 17, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Oak Hills Recreation Center, Beginner.

Columbia River Dancers: Sunday evenings starting in January, Basic lessons at 6 p.m., Mainstream at 7 p.m.

Summer Festival 2022: This will be held on July 15-17 at Blanchet Catholic School in Salem. The Festival could use some help in a few areas: Chairs for Color Guard, First Aid, Vendors, Facilities, and a sound technician. Delegates, please let your Clubs know that help is needed in these areas. If anyone in the Clubs is interested in helping, one can contact the co-chairs directly to volunteer.

SSD: I would like to know whether any Club in the TVC is using the SSD format for dances and lessons. Response: No club is currently teaching lessons using the SSD format. The Tri Squares were planning to do so, but their lessons have been postponed indefinitely.

Covid-19 protections: Clubs, please let me know if your Covid-19 protocols for dances and lessons have changed or will be changing. There are several clubs that have suspended dancing until the Covid-19 situation gets more under control.

PAC report: (Erin Kalmbach)

<u>B'n'Bs</u> are having a GroundHog Dance on Feb. 2

<u>Buzzin Bees</u> are starting to dance on 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 6:00. They are dancing at the Messiah Lutheran Church. They will be dancing at floor level. They are hoping to get some of their old class people back. They had 25 students before Covid.

Oaky Doaks will not be dancing in Feb. and March. They will meet in April to decide what to do.

<u>River City Dancers</u> has started classes on Sundays, 5-7. They have 12 students. New Dancers Jamboree will be March 13 from 4:00-6:00. There will be a resale at the March 12 dance and for the Jamboree. Please come support our new dancers.

PAC will have a visitation to RCD on Feb 12.

On April 29 there will be a PAC dance hosted by B'n'Bs at the Abernethy Grange, with the Glidewells calling and cueing.

OFSRDC Publicity and Education Report: (Kathy Roberts) (absent) No report.

OFSRDC Youth Report: (Kathy Roberts) (absent) No report.

Past TVC President report: (Dale Brabham) (absent) No report.

Sunshine report: (Janice Sminia)

Carolyn Bosch (Bob and Carolyn are the people that own "Sq-Dini Badge Co.") Had surgery, sent a get well card.

Mike Duyck, Eager Beavers member (Had surgery is doing well), sent a get well card.

Stan and Teija Danskey (Valley River Dancers): Stan's sister passed away on Christmas Eve, and Teija's mother passed away the following Wednesday.

Jeff Tefelske (former Valley Squares member) passed away on Christmas Eve from a heart attack at 62.

Jean Turner (R Square D) passed away just before Christmas at 99.

OFN Area Editor Report: (Ferrous Steinka) (absent) No report.

Webmaster report: (Tim Roberts) (absent) No report.

Old Business:

Next TVC Meeting: This will be in-person at the IOOF Hall in Hillsboro on Monday, January 31. It will be held in the dance hall. No dinner, just a few snacks. We will be presenting the TVC Recognition Award for 2021 at this Meeting. (The TVC Recognition Award for 2020 will be presented at the Mid-Winter Festival in Albany). Masks required.

New Business:

Future TVC Meetings: It was decided that future TVC Meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice.

Club Delegate Reports:

Columbia River Dancers: (Delegate positions open) (Dale Smith delivered the report) Club dances 1st and 3rd Fridays year round at the Manor Grange, 17901 NE 72nd Ave., Battle Ground, WA 98604. The times 7 to 8 Plus dance, 8-10 Mainstream dance with Jim Hattrick as club caller and cuer. <u>http://www.ColumbiaRiverDancers.org</u>

Columbia River Dancers are dancing at the Manor Grange in Battle Ground, on the 1st and 3rd Fridays; Plus at 7 p.m., Mainstream at 8 p.m.

Lessons are being held on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. Masks are required, proof of vaccinations not required.

Eager Beavers: (Leslie Tallman and Alice Hendricks, Delegates)

The Club dances every Monday afternoon, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the Aloha Grange, 185th and TV Highway. Our great caller/cuer teams are: Daryl Clendenin and Connie Clark, caller/cuer on 1st and 5th Mondays, Jim Hattrick calling and cueing on the 3rd Monday, and Darrell Kalmbach and Jeanine Norden, caller/cuer on 2nd and 4th Mondays. For additional information call 503-645-2414. http://www/EagerBeavers.info. Admission is just \$5.00 per person. Please bring your own beverage. http://www.eagerbeavers.info

The Eager Beavers were honored to be part of the United Square Dancers of America Centennial Award which was presented to Paul Swenson, our longtime member and founder of our club (along with his lovely wife Dottie). We celebrated with over four squares of dancers in attendance.

Our Plus lessons are scheduled to begin on Monday, February 14 at noon. Lessons will be held from noon to 1:15, with our regular Plus dance following from 1:15 until 3:00. Darrell Kalmbach will be teaching the first class, with Jim Hattrick to follow the next week. Please invite your Mainstream friends who are interested in learning Plus or those who need a little refresher course. It's always fun.

We continue to require face masks or shields, along with proof of vaccination, to ensure the safety of our members and guests. Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship with our great caller/cuer teams.

Leslie Tallman and Alice Hendricks

Hayshakers: (Delegate positions open) (Craig Holt delivered the message)

Hayshakers are now dancing the 3rd and 5th Fridays from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Mark Wheeler caller & cuer. Dance is at the Pacific Grange, 90475 Hwy 101, Cullaby Lake, at Warrenton, OR. Be sure to call first to make sure we have enough people for a dance. 503.325.8109, 503.861.2726, 503.325.2100.

http://www.hayshakers.org

The Hayshakers are dormant (French for sleeping). We will have a Board meeting in a few weeks to decide how many more months it will be before we wake up and resume dancing.

I started dancing again with the Columbia River Dancers in September. The next month the Happy Hoppers resumed dancing on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays and just this month R Square D on the 4th Saturdays. So now I dance three Saturday evenings a month. I've since stopped dancing with the Columbia River Dancers because they dance Friday nights and since I still work, I'd have to take time-off to get there.

I'm not aware of any other Hayshakers dancing at this point - maybe the Worthingtons. Best wishes, Craig

Hoedowners: (*Mike Duyck* (absent) and Kathy Christy, Delegates) (Kathy not seen, was muted) Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Guest callers. The Cuer is Randy Lewis. Mainstream and maybe Plus from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Rounds vary. <u>http://www.hoedowners.info</u>

No report.

Mix N Mingle: (Rick and Robin Faltersack, Delegates) (both absent)

Club dances Plus at the Winona Grange (8340 Seneca Street, Tualatin, OR) on 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Pre-Rounds begin at 7:30 PM and Plus & Rounds from 8:00 – 10:30 PM. The door donation is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members. Randy Dibble is our club Caller and Jeanine Norden our club Cuer. <u>www.mixandminglesquares.org</u> No report.

Oak Hills Squares: (Judy Martin and Ken Marifke, Delegates)

Oak Hills Squares meet on Monday evenings at the Oak Hills Recreation Center on 153rd and Oak Hills Drive (2400 NW 153rd Avenue, Beaverton). 6:30 to 7:30 Class (start dates - February) 7:30 to 8:30 Mainstream (6:30 to 8:30 when no classes running). 1st Monday of each month from 7:30 to 9 Mainstream Singing calls and Rounds. Mark Wheeler is our Caller. <u>http://myplace.frontier.com/~ferrouss/OakHillsSDC.htm</u>

We Started LEARN MODERN SQUARE DANCING When: Mondays beginning January 17 – 6:30 – 7:30 PM Where: Oak Hills Gym, NW 153rd Ave. & NW Oak Hills Dr. Who: Sponsored by Oak Hills Squares Cost: \$6.00 Donation at the door No new students after January 24 Mark Wheeler calling The first night we had 6 new people, the second week we had three.

On Monday, January 10 three members of the Tri-Squares came to visit us and we all had a great time that night.

At the present time we have lessons from 6:30 to 7:30 and then regular Square dancing until 8:30 P.M.

Masks and proof of vaccination required to attend our dances and lessons.

R Square D: (Chris and John Poole, Delegates) (John absent)

We dance the 2nd Friday and 4th Saturday from September through May and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday from June through August. Plus with intermediate rounds from 7 to 8; 8 to 9:30 Mainstream and rounds. The venue is Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA) and Craig Abercrombie is our Caller. Call 360-425-6260 or visit our website at <u>www.r-square-d.info</u> for more information.

R Square D currently has 14 people in the Beginner's class that started on January 12 and we are encouraged by this. Our first dance was on January 14 and we had 4½ squares, including at least twelve people from Columbia River Dancers. It was a fun dance and great seeing many whom we hadn't danced with in almost two years. On February 11 we are having our Valentine Dance with Craig Abercrombie calling and Susan Healea cueing. On February 26 we will host a "Rockin' to the 50s & 60s" dance with guest caller Mark Wheeler and cuer Susan Healea. Face masks are required but not proof of vaccination.

Chris Poole

Sunset Promenaders: (Judy Schnase and Floyd Wolf, Delegates)

Mainstream Dance 1st & 3rd Saturdays. Dances starts at 7:00 with Intermediate Rounds, and then 7:30-9:30 is the Mainstream dance with a Plus Tip at the end. Caller is Mike (Julie) Stout; Cuer is Ken (Diane) Pratt. The Club also has a Plus dance on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday of the month. These dances starts at 7:00 with Intermediate Rounds and at 7:30-9:30 is a Plus dance with Darrell Kalmbach calling and Tami Helms cueing. We dance in Hillsboro at the Odd Fellows Hall Upstairs on the corner of 3rd & Main Streets above LaHaies. More information call 503-848-3841 or <u>www.sunsetpromenaders.com</u>

The Sunset Promenaders and Promenaders Plus are doing OK. We postponed our Mainstream lessons and now they are on February 6 on a Sunday at 4:00 o'clock at the Odd Fellows Hall in Hillsboro. Promenaders Plus is every 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday and Mainstream is the 1st and 3rd Saturday. Darrell and Tammy calling and cueing for Thursday and Mike and Julie for Saturday night. We also having an Intermediate round dance workshop starting at 2:30. The club and friends are doing a showcase dance on Saturday night at Mid Winter so hope to see you all there.

Toe Draggers: (Linda Curtis, Delegate)

Dance at the Kinton Grange on the 1st Friday 7:30-8:00 Pre-Rounds, 8:00 to 10:00 Mainstream (3rd tip Plus) and on the 3rd Friday 7:30-8:00 Plus, 8:00 to 10:00 Mainstream with the last tip Plus. Caller is K.C. Curtis; and Cuer is Bev Flint. Kinton Grange is at 19015 SW Scholls Ferry Rd., Beaverton, 97007. <u>www.toedraggers.org</u>

The Toe Draggers want to thank everyone who attended our last dance, it was a lot of fun. We will not be dancing "until further notice" (at least until after April, maybe).

Tri Squares: (Carol Roos and Ursula Kuhn, Delegates) (Ursula absent)

We dance on the second and fourth Friday of each month at the historic Tigard Grange in Tigard. Terry Halley is our club Caller with Sandra Pinion Cueing. We dance from September to June. We are dark in July and August. Hearing enhancement devices are available. We round dance from 7:30 – 7:45, dance Plus from 7:45 to 8:00 and Mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.; the 4th tip will be PLUS. Refreshments are served at 10:00. <u>www.trisguares.com</u>

We will continue to visit other clubs' dances; we are not holding dances since we do not have enough people that will dance.

We have a basket ready for the Mid-Winter Festival.

Valley River Dancers: (Jan Amerson and Perrin Damon, Delegates) (Perrin absent) We dance Plus on 2nd Fridays, and Mainstream on 4th Fridays in Newberg at the Chehalem Community Center, located on the corner of 2nd and Howard Streets. We dance 'A' on 5th Saturdays at the Woodburn Senior Estates Community Club. Randy Dibble is our Caller. Leonard Snodgrass cues 2nd Friday; Sherri Clark cues 4th Friday. <u>www.valleyriverdancers.org</u>

The VRD had planned to hold their dance on the second Friday this month; however, we were one person short of a square.

We are dark this Friday (January 28).

We plan to hold our dance on February 11, and our Birthday Dance will be on February 25. Masks and proof of vaccination required to attend our events.

Valley Squares: (Julie Cooper and Dorothy Reed, Delegates) (Dorothy absent) Dance 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy, year-round. Mainstream at class level with rounds from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Plus with rounds from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., dances will end around 9:30 p.m.. Open break with refreshments starting at 8 p.m. Guest callers, Connie Clark Cuer. <u>www.valleysquares.com</u>

Our next dance will be on Saturday, February 19 at 7 p.m. Craig Abercrombie calling, Connie Clark cueing. Class level.

Mainstream Workshops will be held until at least until the beginning of March, on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. These started out as lessons, but since all of our students that showed up have square danced before, we decided to change them to Mainstream Workshops. Aloha Grange. Craig Abercrombie, Instructor.

Masks or face shields required to attend our dances and lessons.

Wave Steppers: (Bob Allen, Karen Bowyer, Delegates) (both absent)

Dance 2nd Saturday March through October. The dance is Mainstream, with one PLUS tip, every second tip at the Garibaldi City Hall (107 6th Street, Garibaldi, OR 97118) from 7:00 to 9:30 PM with guest Callers.

No report.

Good of the Order:

Josie Rosenbury: I am on the Nominating Committee for Federation Board positions. If anybody is interested in serving in any of the positions on the Federation Board, please contact me at <u>dancengrin@gmail.com</u>. It is preferred that you contact me this week.

Next TVC Meeting:

Monday, January 31, 7 p.m., at the Hillsboro IOOF Hall, 267 E. Main Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123. This will be our annual President's Potluck and Meeting.

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Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) 2022-01-31

Meeting was held at the Hillsboro IOOF Hall, 267 E. Main Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123.

The meeting started about 7:00 and adjourned about 7:45

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Attendees: **Delegates:**

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Toe Draggers:	Linda Curtis	
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President: Mike St. Clair Vice-President: Jan Amerson Treasurer: Tammy LeBlanc Secretary: Andis Garuts State Delegate: Josie Rosenbury (absent) Sunshine Chair: Janice Sminia Past-President of the TVC: Dale Brabham (absent) PAC Representative: Erin Kalmbach Oregon Federation Youth Advisor: Kathy Roberts (absent) Caller Advisor: K.C. Curtis **OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka** TVC Webmaster: Tim Roberts (absent)

Visitors Attending:

Terry Amerson (Valley River Dancers) Gary Clark (Sunset Promenaders) Joyce Clark (Sunset Promenaders) Peter Cooper (Valley Squares) Dan Damon (Valley River Dancers) Tami Helms (Cuer) Melissa James (Columbia River Dancers) Darrell Kalmbach (Caller) Tim Keck (PAC) Steve LeBlanc (Sunset Promenaders) Al Mickelson (Sunset Promenaders) Ginny Mickelson (Sunset Promenaders) Doug Morgan (Hoedowners) Dianne Pratt (Sunset Promenaders) Candy St. Clair (Sunset Promenaders) John Semm (Eager Beavers) Carolene Siebert (Valley Squares) Tom Sminia (Sunset Promenaders) Karen Steinka (Eager Beavers) Chris Stover (Hoedowners)

Cuer Advisor: Randy Lewis (absent)

President's welcome statements.

Prayer from K.C. Curtis.

Introduction of "celebrities" (Mike St. Clair) The Recipients of the 2021 Randall Award: Gary and Joyce Clark.

Announcements from Club representatives:

Eager Beavers: Plus lessons start on February 14, from noon to 1:15. Aloha Grange. Plus dances afterwards from 1:15 to 3 p.m.

Valley Squares: Next dance is on February 19, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Aloha Grange. Mainstream workshops are on Tuesday nights, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Aloha Grange.

Valley River Dancers: We attempted to hold lessons, but were not successful. We attempted to hold a dance on the second Friday of this month, but the dancers were sent home since we were one person short of a square. We will hold a dance on the second Friday in February.

Columbia River Dancers: We started lessons and dancing in September; lessons are on Sunday nights, and dances are on the first and third Fridays of each month.

Sunset Promenaders: We are dancing on the first and third Saturdays of each month, and Plus on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of each month. Mike and Julie Stout are the caller and cuer on Saturdays; Darrell Kalmbach and Tami Helms on Thursdays. We are also holding workshops on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and lessons start on February 6 at 4 p.m.

TVC: Our first TVC dance will be held in April.

TVC Officer recognitions: (Mike St. Clair)

TVC Recognition Awards: (Mike St. Clair)

Each year since 1994, the TVC Recognition Award is presented to an individual or couple who has made a significant contribution to the square dancing community.

We are pleased to announce that the 2020 TVC Recognition Award goes to **Bob & Carolyn Bosch**.

2021 marks the 28th year this award has been given out. In 2020 we were not able to have our ceremony for this award because of Covid but we did have a winner. I did not want to present this award without having a ceremony for them so I decided to wait until we could meet.

As it turns out they were not able to attend the ceremony but that's the way things have gone this last couple of years.

For the year 2020 Bob and Carolyn Bosch are the winners of this award. Some of you may not know that they are the ones that started this award 28 years ago and, in that time, they have been a big part of our square and round dance lives. If it weren't for SqDini Badges, we may not know the persons' names across from us in our square and some cases we would not know who we are. They have been involved with most all our major events, working hard at getting us the hardware we need, along with supporting our clubs all year long.

I am very proud to be able to present this award to Bob & Carolyn Bosch for the year 2020. A year that will go down in the History books.

Congratulation to Bob & Carolyn Bosch

The Boschs could not be here to accept the Award tonight; I am accepting this Award on their behalf, it will be presented to them soon.

We are pleased to announce that the 2021 TVC Recognition Award goes to **Darrell & Erin Kalmbach**.

This year's TVC Recognition award went to a couple that has been a big part of square and round dance for very long time. We are very Blessed to have a special couple that are devoted to supporting square and round dance and they work very hard to promoting our sport. Darrell came from a square dance family, the family danced with the Buzzin' Bees in Vancouver.

He was not allowed to dance when he first wanted to because he was too young, so he has only been dancing since 1965. He sharpened his skill by dancing in a youth club which included competition dancing.

Darrell started calling in 1970. His first clubs were the Noble 8s and the Hoedowners. He currently is the Caller for the Promenaders Plus, The River City Dancers, and the Eager Beavers Plus, along with many other gigs he does in his spare time.

Darrell and Erin's passion for this sport has huge impact on our clubs in the TVC. They have a huge following, and you can guarantee they bring that to the dance. They put the "fun" in Dance!

Erin, who makes this a complete team, has been a big part of square and round dancing in her own right. She not only makes sure Darrell is in the right place at the right time, but she is a big part of our Council as a Delegate from the PAC, keeping both Councils aware of what the other is doing. Along with that she will take on anything that needs done, including Door duty and staying and cleaning after the dance. That makes her a big part of every club they are associated with.

I think you will agree that they are deserving of this award, and I am proud to be the one to present this to them.

State Delegate's report: (Josie Rosenbury)

Highlights from the State Meeting at Mid-Winter Festival:

There were 440 in attendance at Mid-Winter, and it is looking like they came pretty close to breaking even after doing everything they could to cut costs. The MId Winter committee would like to know whether having the program booklets on the MWF website and facebook page was convenient. Was it utilized? Could you go back and ask your clubs and report at the next meeting some comments so we can provide some feedback to the committee (Emerald Empire in particular as they always prepare the booklets). Plans are in the making for next year so feedback is helpful.

A few less advanced tickets were sold for Summer Festival this year as compared with years past, but we are still in good shape. If you are planning to go please purchase your ribbons early. The Summer Festival committee is still in need of a Facilities and a Vendor Chairman. Contact Lorri or Cece if interested. If you do not have their contact information, I can always relay the information if you email me (dancengrin@gmail.com).

It's renewal time soon for BMI, ASCAP and SESAC licenses for callers and cuers (renew by March 31st) so be sure and check to ensure your club caller and cuer has renewed those licenses so you can avoid steep fines if it is determined their licenses lapsed and they played music at a dance anyway. It is recommended you physically check to see these licenses, or ask to have a copy for your files. A caller's license does not cover your cuer. The same applies if a caller or cuer comes to a club as a guest, they must have a current license to play music at your event. It is recommended you physically check and verify these licenses, or ask to have a copy for your files. If you would like more information on how all of this works, there are plans for an educational seminar (approx 1 hour) on this topic coming soon--perhaps at Summer Festival.

February marks the time for the councils to work on the Randall Award recipient paperwork for next year. Go back to your clubs and let them know so that they have ample time to select the deserving people to run and get paperwork prepared, double-checked and submitted to the TVC. You will also need a nice photo of the nominee(s). The Randall Award nomination paperwork is available for download from the federation website. If you have someone you want to nominate but you don't have all their facts for writing up their bio, don't let that stop you. Submit what you have to the TVC about why you think the person should be nominated and if the TVC agrees, there will be assistance to get the paperwork completed. Please update your club officer membership information on the Federation Web site as soon as your elections have occured. Enter the new information and save it, then please go back and make sure what you changed has actually changed. I've seen several clubs spend time to update their roster and then I've seen it not save reverting back to what it was previously. At the top of the form there is also a place for you to enter the number of current memberships. You also need to enter your student names and contact information on the Federation Web site. As soon as a student joins your club you then need to collect their club dues, add them to your membership roster and send off money to the current Insurance Chair to cover the current year for their insurance.

I was given flyers for the Pear Blossom Festival, April 8-10 (Haworth/Lobatto); Summer Festival, July 15-17 (Carnathan/Lobatto); and Diamond Lake, July 20-23 (Wood & Ramey/Wood) so if you are interested these are likely available soon on the OFN.

Next TVC Meeting:

Monday, February 28, via Zoom. The Meeting ID and Passcode will be on the next TVC Agenda.

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