



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) 2026-01-26

Meeting was held via Zoom

The meeting started about 7:00 and adjourned about 8:00

<http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org>

Attendees:

Delegates:

Columbia River Dancers:	Dale Smith, Nick Johnson (both absent)
Eager Beavers:	Tom Sminia
Hayshakers:	Kathy Liebowitz (absent)
Hoedowners:	Mike Duyck (absent), Carolene Siebert
Mix'n'Mingle:	Rick and Robin Faltersack (both absent)
Oak Hills Squares	Terri Browning (absent)
R Square D:	Chris Poole (absent)
Sunset Promenaders:	Janet Cason (absent), Judy Schnase
Tri Squares:	Charles McAuley, Barbara Huie
Valley Squares:	Pete Cooper (absent), Laura Irvan
Wave Steppers:	Max and Lynda Sherman (both absent)

Officers, Elected & Appointed:

President:	Sally Duyck (absent)		
Assistant to the President:	Donna Swanson		
Vice-President:	Judy Schnase		
Treasurer:	Bonni Lesser (absent)	Secretary:	Andis Garuts
State Delegate:	Laura Irvan		
Past-President of the TVC:	Dale Brabham	PAC Representative:	Erin Kalmbach
Oregon Federation Youth Advisor:	Kathy Roberts (absent)		
Caller Advisor:	Darrell Kalmbach (absent)		
Cuer Advisor:	Randy Lewis (absent) and Tami Helms		
TVC Webmaster:	Tim Roberts (absent)	OFN Area Editor:	Ferrous Steinka (absent)

Visitors Attending:

Carolene Siebert (Valley Squares)
Janice Sminia (Sunset Promenaders)
Ron and Joann Swanson (Sunset Promenaders)

Judy Schnase led the Meeting.

TVC Officer Reports:

Previous Council meeting minutes approved as written

President's report: (Sally Duyck) (absent) No report.

Treasurer's Report: (Bonni Lesser) (absent)

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Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/25

Ending Balance 11/30/25	Checking account balance:	1,266.72
	Savings account balance:	4,995.44
	Total in Bank Accounts	\$ 6,262.16
December Activity:	TVC Dance Revenue	1,069.00
	TVC Dance Expenses	937.77
State Directory Fees Recvd		
	Total Revenue	1,069.00
	Total Expenses	937.77
	Net Profit	\$ 131.23
Other TVC Expenses	State Directories	
	Lessons Advertising Reimb	
	Rent TVC Meeting	
TVC Savings Interest		0.21
Ending Balance 12/31/25	Checking account balance:	1,397.95
	Savings account balance:	4,995.65
	Total in Bank Accounts	\$ 6,393.60
New Years Eve Dance was a success with 80 people in attendance, 73 paid dancers. We have subsequently received an additional \$8. for food bringing TVC's profit to \$139.23		

Vice President's report: (Judy Schnase)

Dances for 2026

January 31, 2026
Caller: Mike Kiou
Cuer: Lane Clem
Hall: Aloha Grange
Host club: Valley Squares

August 29, 2026
Caller: George Hermann
Cuer: Julie Stiers
Park : Harleman Park, Cornelius
Host: Picnic potluck in the park before dance

May 30, 2026
Tri Council Dance
Caller: Scott Zinser
Cuer: Susan Healea
Hall: Washington Grange, Vancouver
Host: Evergreen Council

December 31, 2026
Caller: Scott Zinser
Cuer: Connie Clark
Hall: Kinton Grange
Host:

Secretary report: (Andis Garuts) No report.

State Delegates report: (Laura Irvan)

Updated officer information - Clubs are reminded to go and update their officer's information online. The election information is sent to the email listed online and is being sent out early February. A significant percentage of the clubs have not updated the information recently.

OFN - The OFN provides free advertising for clubs. It provides both local and national exposure for your club's activities.

Please spread the word to your new students about the resources that the OFN provides.

USDA Scholarship- The deadline for USDA scholarships has been extended to the end of March. Three scholarships are available, \$2,500, \$1,500, and \$1,000.

Summer Festival -

Nobody volunteered to organize the 2026 Summer Festival, so there will not be one.

Are there any clubs interested in organizing future Summer Festivals?

The club/clubs that organize the Festival split the net proceeds 50/50. Although the last Festival only had an attendance of 225 people, there was a profit of \$1600 that was split between the Federation and the organizing club.

The profit was significantly increased by the side activities, including the raffle, the used clothing sale, and at least one other activity. 50% of the used clothing sale is given to the Festival. In addition, 100% of the trail's end dance goes to the organizing club.

The Federation does supply some money to enable the summer festival organizing.

If there are no Summer Festivals, the Federation is losing one of its funding events and would possibly need to ask clubs for extra dues.

Zelle- Robert Swee reported that their club is successfully using Zelle for their dancers to pay admission to their dances. There is no fee for using Zelle. They had considered using square and paypal but both of these required fees to be paid.

Potato Festival - The Potato Festival is canceled due to a caller double booking.

New dancer badge- One Council had many new dancers earn their new dancer badges by attending new dancer jamborees.

Mainstream/Plus/Advanced dance moves reclassifications

In the discussion regarding the new dance move reclassifications, there were mixed opinions about how to implement it and how much trouble it will be. There was a question as to whether or not it could be forced to be used as the callers and cuers are considered independent contractors.

There are 8 moves that were taken out of "A" and pushed down to "plus". There were moves taken out of "mainstream" and pushed up to "plus".

One suggestion - open your dance 1/2 hour early and teach one new move a session (needed to bring the plus dancers up to speed on the additional "A" moves).

Another suggestion - your biggest allegiance is to increasing membership of your own club, and do what makes sense for your club

Cuer recording - Brooke Davidson wrote an article for the OFN regarding music licensing, answering questions which she was previously asked about. A question was asked regarding whether or not cues recorded over the music was covered by the current licensing. Brooke's interpretation of the rules was that if the cues were recorded on the same channel as the music, it needed a "mechanical license" which would be a different license than currently is provided, but if they were on separate channels played at the same time it would be OK. Recording the cues on the same channel would be changing the music, which makes the difference in the licensing requirements. Brooke does not present herself as a lawyer and is giving her understanding of the rules. There is more in her article but this is one point we focused on in the Federation meeting.

Medical training - Thanks to those that attended the medical training provided by Lori.

Insurance - Next year, Vicki will try to do all the insurance renewal via email and online. The insurance calendar year is January - December regardless of your club's calendar year. If you have December graduates, if you graduate them on December 31, you don't have to pay for the current year. If you graduate them before December 31, they are not covered until you pay the full year's insurance cost which is not prorated for the short year.

Bottle deposit information - PAC is successfully running their bottle deposit. Although the Oregon Bottle deposit requires charities to be a 501(c)(3) to be part of the program, PAC is not. They submitted their determination letter and it was accepted. When we get our determination letter, we can also submit our application and we can see if we are accepted if we want to try this.

PAC report: (Erin Kalmbach)

PAC Dances are all going to be at the Oak Grove Community Center this year.

Jan 30, 2026 Scott Zinser and Julie Stiers

July 31 Darrell Kalmbach and Tami Helms

Oct. 30 Mike Kious and Tami Helms

Sept. 19 and 20 is the State dance and Meeting. B&Bs are hosting. The dance on Saturday the 19th. This would be a great time for all TVC clubs to support the state.

Feb. 16 Happy Hoppers are having a clothing resale.

Feb. 20 is Chaps and Petticoats FLINTSTONE Dance with "Fred" Kalmbach and Tami Helms.

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

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

Cuer Advisor Report: (Randy Lewis) (absent)

February 2026 Oregon Round of the Month

Council : Central Oregon

Dance: "Magnolia Tree"

Artist: Katherine Nagy

Album: Magnolia Tree

Rhythm: two step

phase: 2 + 1 fishtail

Choreo: Gabriele Langer

Cue Sheet

https://www.danceroundoutyourlife.com/CuesheetsDL2/Magnolia%20Tree%2C%20Langer%2C%20Gabriele_Two%20Step_2%2B1.pdf

You Tube Listen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ko1WQWvfJ5c>

Purchase: Download Amazon / Apple Music

Amazon

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09F92MZLX/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2F7CU8K8RF0QI&dib=eyJ2ljoMSJ9.KCTvQgIJ9TkWclwm_S4vePnluMUJEqAwPwf-6bQkWE.aSInZJQ_xqZLcfRI0wP6Ggp8y8GsAFzA7wUpg3J8E3k&dib_tag=se&keywords=Magnolia+Tree+Katherine+Nagy&marketplaceId=ATVPDKIKX0DER&musicTerritory=US&qid=1768332337&s=dmusic&sprefix=magnolia+tree+katherine+nagy%2Cdigital-music%2C174&sr=1-1&trackAsin=B09F92MZLX

Apple Music

<https://music.apple.com/de/album/magnolia-tree/1584022786?i=1584022790>

Randy Lewis

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

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

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

Old Business:

TVC recognition award: Garrett Hoerer picture. There is a write up on TVC web site and in February's OFN.

Randall Award: Discussion on the voting procedure to determine the recipient of the Award. Some of us at the TVC were concerned that we had no information on the nominees of the Award until almost the Mid-Winter Festival.

Report on the Medical Emergency Class held at Mid-Winter: No report.

New Business:

Nominating Committe Report: (Dale Brabham)

Our nominations for officers are:

Pres. Sally Duyck

VP Judy Schnase

Sec. Andis Garuts

Treas. Bonni Lesser

There is currently no candidate for State Delegate.

Dale Brabham

Next TVC Meeting: The TVC has decided to not hold a meeting in February, unless it is decided otherwise later. Our next Meeting may be on March 23, via Zoom.

Club Delegate Reports:

Columbia River Dancers: (Dale Smith and Nick Johnson, Delegates) (both absent)

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 Daryl Clendenin as club caller and cuer. <http://www.ColumbiaRiverDancers.org>

No report.

Eager Beavers: (Tom Sminia, Delegate)

The Club dances every Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Aloha Grange, at 185th and TV Highway. Darrell Kalmbach is our caller and our cuers are Tami Helms on the 1st, 3rd & 5th, and Lane Clem - 2nd & 4th Mondays. Door donation is \$7.00. For additional information, call 503-645-2414 or visit our website at <https://eagerbeavers.info>

There were twenty Eager Beavers at the TVC New Years Eve dinner and dance at the Hillsboro IOOF Hall. The Sunset Promenaders hosted the event and served a meal of ham dinner with scalloped potatoes. The dance was called by Darrell Kalmbach and cued by Tami Helms. The hall was decorated with a lot of lights and other seasonal stuff, and we celebrated New Years at 9:00 PM.

Eager Beaver Club dances are running well, usually with three or four squares on the floor each Monday afternoon. The donation at the door is \$7.00 and the Beavers Plus dance each Monday during the day from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Aloha Grange, 185th and TV Hwy with parking close by. Darrell Kalmbach calls and we have two cuers that alternate weekly, Tami Helms and Lane Clem.

On December 29 the Club had dinner after the dance at the Backwoods Brewing in Hillsboro, twenty eight of us gathered in the Vault at the restaurant, the building was a bank for years and they use the old vault as a dining area with tables and chairs.

On January 19 the Beavers had a donation dance in remembrance of Jeanine Norton with donations to go to her favorite cause, which was Golden Bond Rescue, dog rescue, and we raised \$600.

The Club is starting Plus Dance Lessons on February 9. The lessons will be on Mondays at the Aloha Grange from 12 noon until 1:15 weekly. All Mainstream dancers are invited; Darrell Kalmbach will be the instructor.

Submitted by: Tom Sminia, Eager Beavers TVC Delegate.

Hayshakers: (Kathy Liebowitz, Delegate) (absent)

Hayshakers are now dancing the 4th Sundays at 5:00 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>

No report.

Hoedowners: (Mike Duyck (absent), Carolene Siebert, Delegates)

Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Caller: Mike Kious. The Cuer is Randy Lewis. Mainstream and maybe Plus from 7 to 9:00 p.m. Rounds vary.

<http://www.hoedowners.info>

February 14 Dance:

February is a big month for us. We are celebrating 76 years with a Lasagna dinner starting at 6:00 pm at the Aloha Grange. Bring your special someone for dinner and dancing to celebrate Valentine's Day.

The dance will begin at 6:30 pm with higher rounds, plus squares at 6:45 pm and main stream with plus at 7:00 pm. Michael Kious calling & Randy Lewis cueing.

February 28 Dance:

Again we will celebrate "Chinese New Year", the year of the Fire Horse. Come see what your fortune cookie predicts or your "fortune". Michael Kious calling & Randy Lewis cueing.

Mike Duyck and Carolene Siebert

Hoedowners delegates

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 \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. Randy Dibble is our club Caller. Guest Cuers.

www.mixandminglessquares.org

At our most recent dance we had three squares.

That is up from our usual two, let's hope the trend continues.

We dance 1st and 3rd Saturdays at Winona Grange, Tualatin.

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Oak Hills Squares: (Terri Browning, Delegate) (absent)

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.

www.oakhillsquares.com

Happy New Year everyone! The Oak Hills club has had a fantastic start!

We had 18 members, 8 guests, 8 students for our new mainstream dance classes, and one dancer from a Seattle club last week.

Our mainstream dance classes continue from 7:00 to 8:00 with instructor Mark Wheeler.

Round dance classes begin on February 2 from 6:00-7:00 and will be cued and taught by Lane Clem.

Mainstream dancing is each Monday from 8:00-9:00 called by Mark Wheeler.

See the attached flyers for more details. Please join us to dance, learn and angel!

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Browning TVC delegate

R Square D: (Chris Poole, Delegate) (absent)

We dance the 2nd Friday and 4th Saturday from September through May and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday from June through August. We are dark the fourth Saturday in January, April, May, October and December. Plus with intermediate rounds from 7 to 8; 8 to 9:30 Mainstream and rounds from 8 to 9:30. The venue is Catlin Center (formerly known as Kelso Senior Center, 106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA). Craig Abercrombie is our Caller. Visit our website at www.r-square-d.info for more information.

R Square D had only one dance in January, which was our “Snow Ball” & graduation dance on January 9th. Eight dancers from our fall lessons received certificates and packets with information about our club, as well as dance festivals for 2026 and other dance information. The packets also included passes for free admission to one of our dances. We were dark on January 24 and encouraged our members to attend Mid-Winter Festival. Great reports were received from those who danced this past weekend in Albany!

A new set of lessons began on January 7 and was open for two weeks, with free admission to new dancers both weeks. We had 27 new dancers attend one or both weeks and we credit the large numbers to extensive advertising that our president, Lisa Jessen, does before each set of new lessons. This includes social media and local advertising (newspaper, radio, flyers with pull-off cards). We know the number of students will drop off a bit, but are hopeful we will retain at least half of them.

February 13 is our “Hearts & Chocolate” dance with Craig Abercrombie calling and Susan Healea cueing. It’s likely there will be a considerable amount of chocolate in the refreshments that night! “Wild, Wild West!” is the theme of our February 28 dance and we will have a “chili feed” prior to the dance at 6:00, at no extra cost for the meal. Craig and Susan will again call and cue this dance.

Our club recently created a new logo that is on club t-shirts, sweatshirts and new badges that were purchased in the last couple of months. We are excited to show them off at dances and other club functions!

Chris Poole

Sunset Promenaders: (Janet Cason (absent) and Judy Schnase, Delegates)

Mainstream Dances 1st & 3rd Saturdays. Dance starts at 7:00 with mixed level Rounds, and then 7:30-9:30 Mainstream dance with mixed level Round dances, and a Plus tip at the end. Darrell Kalmbach calling and Tami Helms cueing. The Club also has Plus dances on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays. These dances start at 7:00 with Intermediate Rounds, and then the Plus dance from 7:30-9:30 with mixed level Round dances. Darrell and Tami also call and cue the Plus dances. The Club dances at the Hillsboro Odd Fellows Hall at 267 E. Main St. More information call (503) 640-3383 or visit www.sunsetpromenaders.com.

The Oregon Federation of Square Dance awards a Randall Award every year to someone or a couple for outstanding work in square dancing community, **Lane and Marie Clem, club members, have been nominated for the Randall Award.**

We have several of our members headed for Mid-Winter to Dance Around The Clock!

Our club mainstream dances are 1st & 3rd Saturdays with Pre-Rounds at 7pm & the dance at 7:30-9:30 with refreshments following. Our February dances are on the 7th and the 21st.

The February 7th dance is our Sweetheart dance with a guest caller, George Hermann and a guest cuer, Connie Clark.

February 21 is a “President’s Day” theme, Darrell Kalmbach calling and Tami Helms cueing.

Our next dance is **Plus, on Thursday, January 29**. Darrell is calling and Tami is cueing. Intermediate pre-rounds 7 – 7:30 pm, plus with mixed-level rounds 7:30 – 9:30 pm. Join us for refreshments after the dance.

Our **Promenaders Plus dances in February are on Thursday February 5 & the 19**. All Club 's door donations \$7 per person.

We started our **Mainstream Square Dance Lessons** on January 11. Lessons continue every Sunday from 2-4pm. We have about 10 students taking the lessons. Hopefully, they will love square dancing and keep on dancing!

For current information, please see our website: <https://sunsetpromenaders.com/>.

Tri Squares: (*Charles McAuley and Barbara Huie, Delegates*)

We dance on the second and fourth Friday of each month at the Kinton Grange, 19015 SW Scholls Ferry Road, Beaverton, 97007. 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. www.trisquares.com

On December 12, 2025 we had our dance with the theme “Happy Holidays”. George Hermann was the caller and Sandra Pinion the cuer. We had three squares of mainstream and three squares of plus.

Our club's holiday party was on December 14th at the Royal Panda. More than 30 people attended including some square dance students. Chinese Food was served in a family style and we had the Christmas Gift Exchange Game for the activity. A good time was had by all.

On December 26, 2025 the club had our Snowflake Ball dance with the suggestion to wear black and white. We had three squares of mainstream and two squares of plus. The caller was Terry Hailey and the cuer was Sandra Pinion.

On January 9, 2026 we had our Country Western Dance. Terry Hailey was the caller and Sandra Pinion was the cuer. This was a dance level dance. One student attended. We had two squares of mainstream and one square of plus.

Our lessons started back up on January 4th. We currently have three students. Other students dropped out due to personal / medical reasons or the pace of the lessons was too fast.

On January 4, 11 and 18 Tri Squares had English Country Dance lessons from 1:45 pm to 3:15 pm at the Kinton Grange. The cost was \$7 per person per lesson. These were taught by Laura Hatch. About 20 or more people attended every week.

We were dark for our January 23rd dance to encourage attendance at the Mid Winter Festival in Albany, Oregon.

Beginning on February 1st and continuing for five weeks, Tri Squares will offer Line Dance lessons from 1:45 pm to 3:15 pm at the Kinton Grange. The cost is \$7 per person per lesson. The instructor is Melissa James.

Tri Squares has been creating a new website. This site will be more secure, give information about square and round dance and promote lessons. It will also highlight the club's activities and have a password secured membership directory. This will be launched sometime in February of this year.

Valley Squares: (Pete Cooper (absent) and Laura Irvan, Delegates)

Dance 1st Fridays and 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy, year-round. Mainstream with every third tip Plus, with rounds from 7 to 9 p.m. Break at 9 p.m. with refreshments. Callers are Scott Zinser and Mark Wheeler, Connie Clark Cuer.

www.valleysquares.com

The next VS dances will be on Friday, Feb. 6 and Saturday, Feb. 21.

We had just over 2 squares for each of our last two lessons. Lessons continue on Tuesday nights at the Aloha Grange, at 7 p.m.

Wave Steppers: (Max and Lynda Sherman, Delegates) (both absent)

Wavestepers dance every Tuesday afternoon, 4 to 6 p.m., at the Tillamook Senior Center, 316 Stillwell Avenue, Tillamook OR. We dance mainstream to Anthony Egan. It is good idea to call to make sure we have a square. Website: www.wavestepers.org/

No report.

Good of the Order:

PSA by Donna Swanson: Watch out for scam e-mails that are supposedly from our fellow dancers, but are not. Be vigilant. Some of us have gotten e-mails from fake accounts where the sender says that he or she is someone that he or she is not.

The Aloha Grange Blood Drive will be held on Friday, at the Aloha Grange.

Next TVC Meeting:

Monday, March 23 (tentative) at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The Meeting ID and Passcode will be sent with the Agenda.

Respectfully edited and published by Andis Garuts, TVC Secretary