



*Live Lively – Square Dance!*

## *The Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs*

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USDA Report – July 14, 2024

David Byers, Penny Byers and Debbie Moffitt were the 3 Delegates that represented Missouri Federation of Square 'n Round Dance Clubs at the Annual Board of Directors meeting held Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 1:00pm at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center Hotel in Milwaukee Wisconsin in the Crystal Ballroom.

Meeting was called to order at 1:02pm. Invocation and Pledge was said. Guests that gave us a warm welcome included the NEC (National Executive Committee) President & VP, General Chair of the Milwaukee, Shreveport and Texas Conventions and Teresa Berger, on behalf of Caller Lab.

Roll Call was taken. 18 delegates required for a quorum; we had 26 present.

Several clubs has turned in applications for Associate USDA Membership. One organization from Arizona applied for Affiliate membership. Clubs from KY, MI, GA, AZ, 2 in CO, CA & OK. Voted to accept them as members.

A donation of \$5,000 was received from a private donor for the Youth Scholarship.

Parliamentarian talked about a change in the Bylaws & Standing Rules, but it was just an administrative clean up. USDA online magazine is a great publication to place ads for dances in. Handicapable Dancers would like help starting more clubs in different areas.

Kaylia Avil, from Independence OR, is the winner of the Youth Scholarship of \$2,500. She is a Square Dancer & Round Dancer, a member of 2 clubs and loves several other kinds of dancing. (I've attached a copy of the letter from Kaylia). They are always looking for donations for the Scholarship. They received \$1,000 from various groups in WI this year.

Centennial award added 2 members this year. They now have over 30 members. (Criteria – 100+ yrs young & still involved in square dancing)

USDA News publication is only \$6 per year. It comes out quarterly. They have all State & Regional Conventions in it for the next 9 months.

The USDA After Party is Friday night with 40 callers in the Live Band Hall. Come join them.

Join the USDA Facebook page. They have to approve anything that gets posted b/c of hackers.

Edythe Weber was recognized for 30 yrs of service!!

Officers elected & installed: President Ellery & Karen Gulbrand, Eastern Region VP is open, Central Region VP Scott & Sandy Ebright, Plains Region VP Mark & Bina Krebsbach, Western Region VP Nina Grigsby, Secretary Marilyn Schmit, Treasurer Jim & Judy Taylor.

There were several Education Seminars offered.

Respectively Submitted by Penny Byers, USDA Delegate