

Prairie Dulcimer Club

December 2018 Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING: Saturday, December 15, 2018, (always the third Saturday of the month)

Westminster Hall, 417 West Lexington, Independence, Missouri 64050

PROGRAM:

Month	Hammer / Activity	Mountain / Activity	Club Activity
Dec. 15	Christmas Party	Christmas Party	Potluck
January	Open	Open	Potluck
February	Open	Open	Chili Cook-off

Note to Hammered & Mountain Players – We will jam together and play club Christmas tunes. Bring club music.

Directory updates: Please make the following addition to your PDC directory.

Debbie Thornton – new member, hammered dulcimer

Business Meeting: The meeting was called to order by President, Otis Watson. He welcomed new member, Debbie Thornton and renewing members Kay Lehr and Kitty Long. Rita Young made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion seconded by Kim Morrow, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Deb Leavitt presented the treasurer's report in Treasurer, Mary Richardson's absence. Jodi Bowers made a motion to accept the report. Motion seconded by Allen Macfarlane, motion approved.

New Business – Jim Davidson announced that he has a Russell Cook Hammered Dulcimer for sale. Contact him if you are interested. Pam Haskell reminded everyone that new and used instruments for sale can be listed on our website. Contact Penny Lewis for help with the website. Also, remember our web address is now PrairieDulcimerClub.com.

Discussion was held regarding the annual Christmas party in December. A motion was made, seconded and approved that there will be a gift exchange for anyone who wishes to participate. Everyone will jam together on Christmas tunes. The gift exchange and potluck will follow.

Dana Taylor reminded everyone that volunteers are needed to play at the annual Chocolate Festival held at the church (same location as PDC meetings). The Festival will be the second Saturday in February, 2/9. In you are interested in playing, contact Dana.

Old Business – Rita Young presented the report from the committee asked to review the club meeting format change and proposal of songs to learn from 2019. After discussion, Rita made a motion that beginning in January, 2019, the meeting format be changed to begin with a workshop at 9:00. The workshop would end at 10:15 would be followed by the business meeting. Following the business meeting, hammered and mountain players would come together for a jam, focusing on 9 songs that everyone would work to learn from memory by the end of 2019. Songs would include:

Ragtime Annie	Rakes of Mallow
Southwind	Arkansas Traveler
Sandy River Bell	Shenandoah Falls
Arran Boat Song	Leaving of Liverpool

Liberty

Jim Davidson seconded the motion, motion passed. Music for these 9 songs will be made available on the club website.

Allan Macfarlane suggested that all instructors should be paid. After much discussion, Jim Davidson made a motion that the club would pay instructors beginning in January. Kim Morrow seconded the motion, motion passed. It was suggested that a committee be formed to work out a plan for payment.

Education Committee Report – Rita Young reported that she is now mentoring Brenna Kuder on hammered dulcimer.

Announcements – Pam Haskell has copies of music for Blue Christmas if anyone would like a copy.

Dave Courtney announced that Esther Kreek has been nominated to be inducted into the Kansas Country Music Hall of Fame. Dave will provide Rita with information.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and passed.

UPCOMING EVENTS: – 22nd ANNUAL DULCIMER WORKSHOPS – March 16, 2019

Linda Thomas will present her annual workshop in March. Linda's class will be for advanced beginner to advanced hammered dulcimer players and will focus on the ability/enjoyment of playing with others. Larry and Elaine Conger will teach advancing beginner to intermediate mountain dulcimer players and will present numerous duet arrangements.

Workshops will be held at the John Knox Presbyterian Kirk located at 11430 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Mo. For more information call Linda at 816-941-7834 or email at lindadan@primary.net.

GATEWAY DULCIMER MUSIC FESTIVAL – August 2, 3, 4, 2019

The festival will be at the four Points by Sheraton/Fountain Conference Center located at 319 Fountains Pkwy., Fairview Heights, Il 62208. Make room reservations as soon as possible if you plan to attend. Call 618-622-9500 and ask for Gateway dulcimer Music Festival – block #GA1013 or GAAGAAD. This is always a great festival for both hammered and mountain dulcimers as well as autoharp, ukelele and other assorted acoustic instruments.

THIS 'N THAT: Our website is back up and running. It is now Prairiedulcimerclub.com. Check it out.

Looking for music frequently played in jam sessions - a helpful web site available is [Jam Tunes & Resources – Colorado Dulcimer Festival](#). Sheet music is available to be printed off. Thank you to Katy Waters for providing this information.

[Dulcimer Players News](#) – The magazine has a new owner/editor, Ashley Ernst. Ashley is taking over the magazine from Dan and Angie Landrum. This resource for dulcimer players is filled with much good information about upcoming festivals, tips for playing tunes, etc. If you are interested in subscribing, the contact information is:

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