

Flutterwheels Meeting Notes 09/06/2025

Attending:

President	Leanna Dvorak
Vice President	Melissa Roy
Treasurer	Ellen Matheny
Secretary	Becky Brewer
Newsletter Editor	Georgine Woolcock
Sunshine Committee	Jutta Wabinga
Additional Attendees:	
Steve Dvorak	Amy Gleckler
Glenn Raiha	Gary Gleckler
Nancy Raiha	Marc Denniston
Alice Huber	Melissa Roy
MaryEllen Brown	Isaac Roy
Monica Ranger	Ron Woolcock
Luke Manning	Amy Lu Thompson
Mandy Manning	Tom Smith (guest)

Treasurer & Membership Report: Ellen Matheny provided the financial summary for the entire last year, and for this year through August. The fiscal year for the club begins on June 1st. At the end of last year our balance was \$576 more than at the beginning of the year. We ended the year with a little more than \$5,400. This is a bit overstated, as some payments have not yet been processed. We currently have \$3,655. This is a healthy club balance.

Ellen shared a letter we received from the Little Red School House, thanking the club for the donation of \$104 and the supplies donated at our back-to-school dance.

Ellen provided a current copy of our membership roster, which is posted on the Flutterwheels page of the OASDI website. Our current membership is 108 members. 78 Members are returning members, and 30 are new members. Ellen will be in contact with 15 people who have not yet renewed their membership and have not indicated if they are leaving or would like to renew.

SW Council: Dan Bode and Becky Brewer are the representatives to the SW Council. The council does not meet during the summer months, so the last meeting was in May, so there is nothing new to report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th 7 pm Mountain View Baptist Church 1201 Belmont – Centralia. Both Dan and Becky plan to attend this meeting.

OASDI: Leanna Dvorak reported that the next OASDI meeting is on September 20, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the dance hall. Ellen & Leanna are the Flutterwheels representatives to OASDI; everyone is welcome to attend.

Lessons: Nancy Raiha provided an update on lessons. This next Thursday, September 11th, will be the introductory session with paid lessons beginning the following week. Nancy asks that members please try to

be there and encourage new dancers. Bringing snacks would also be appreciated, as would staying after lessons to help with hall cleanup.

It is not too late to do some final marketing for lessons. Please consider posting the lesson announcement on NextDoor, which is neighborhood based. Also consider reposting the lessons announcements on Facebook. If you see that someone has reposted the lessons on Facebook it is helpful if you like their post, as it may boost where it is seen.

There will be a mainstream program that will begin at 8:15 pm during lessons. We may not have any/many new mainstream students, so it may become more of a practice/workshop experience.

Nancy reminded all our members that lessons are a **no recruitment zone**. It is ok to answer any student questions about what the clubs are, or to wear your club badge, but this should not extend to trying to recruit students.

Alice Huber mentioned that the lessons will try to use the computer software Square Rotation to assign people to squares, beginning at lesson 2. This means that there may be a lot of moving around between squares, and some splitting up of couples to provide angels for students. This program was used during summer workshops, this will be the first lesson cycle where it is used. It may take some time and experimentation to see how well it works, but it does have advantages of getting people into squares more quickly, is less awkward for single dancers, provides an opportunity to dance with different partners, and decreases readjusting squares during the patter.

Lesson costs are \$6 per person per lesson, or \$60 for the entire program, \$3.50 per lesson for a child or student (including college students), and \$14.50 per lesson for a family. Lessons can be paid weekly, or for the entire program. Paying for the entire program makes it less burdensome at check in. Scholarships are available upon request. Angels have the choice of continuing to pay for lessons if they believe they are still in learning mode, however it is not necessary for angels to pay.

Upcoming Dances:

9/6/2025	No White After Labor Day	A. Garboden/R. Catt
9/20/2025	Raiha Boys to Do Broadway	G.Raiha/M.Parsons
10/4/2025	Autumn Leaves Dance	G.Raiha/R.Woolcock
10/18/2025	Character Dance	T.Blackstat/R.Woolcock
11/1/2025	Death by Chocolate	
11/15/2025	Pie Contest	G.Raiha/
12/06/2025 Dance	DARK	- Travel to Cougar Squares Thankful Christmas
12/20/2025	Holiday Dance	G.Raiha/

New Business:

Hall Cleaning - All clubs clean the hall on a rotating basis. Flutterwheels are responsible for hall cleaning December 2025 and May 2026. The December Hall cleaning date will be Saturday, December 6th at 10 am.

Directory - Amy Lu Thompson reported that she often travels to a club that offered her a club directory, and she provided an example. The directory included history, square dancer etiquette, etc., in addition to the normal directory information of name, birth date, phone numbers, etc. It could also include member photos. AmyLu has volunteered to take on the task of developing a directory for the Flutterwheels. Nancy Raiha pointed out that the Flutterwheels new member manual already has some of this type of information. The current Flutterwheels membership list offers privacy, and does not share phone, email, or address data for members. For members to be listed in the directory they will need to give permission to be included and indicate what information they would be willing to share. The club voted to proceed with development of a draft directory. AmyLu will bring it back to the club before publishing it. Some discussion was held on what the potential directory cost may be, and how to keep publishing costs low.

Hosts - Monica Ranger brought lists of the dances that we have from now through April. For each dance we will need at least two people to sign up, but it would be good to have some extras to help with set up. Duties include showing up early, starting the coffee, filling pitchers for ice water, plating snacks and providing serving utensils, cups, plates, napkins, and silverware if needed. Decorating tables before the dance is an optional activity. Hosts should be encouraged to dance and then check the kitchen during the breaks. Linda Mabey and Jessica Van Woerkom have signed up to host September 20th. Muoi Nguy and the Gleckler's will host October 18th. Monica put the signup sheet out for others to sign up. Georgine Woolcock asked to have the updated sign-up sheet to her for inclusion in the newsletter, which will go out early this month.

Holiday Party -Considerable discussion was held about when to have the holiday party this year. It will be at the Raiha's, and they will be out of town until December 11th. The Do Si's will be having their holiday party on December 13th, and we do not want to choose the same date. If the club waited until the 20th, many would be busy with their own family holiday activities and travel. The possibility of having it during the week was discussed, but several indicated that their work would preclude weeknight attendance. It was decided to have the party Sunday January the 11th, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Glenn and Nancy Raiha's house. It will still include a white elephant gift exchange.

Organize and inventory decorations closet – We have two closets upstairs that hold decorations and other club items, over time they have become a bit disorganized. Leanna asked for a volunteer to lead an effort to reorganize the closet, and MaryEllen Brown volunteered to lead this effort. This can happen during the hall cleaning on Saturday December 6th, when there will be other club members available to help MaryEllen.

Ed Murrey's Funeral - Ellen Matheny reported that long-time dancer Ed Murrey has passed away, and that his services will be Saturday, September 27 at noon, Mills & Mills Funeral Home in Tumwater. Ellen spoke with the family, and they would like to have dancers attend, and possibly talk at the service. To honor him, the family suggest contributions to a cat rescue nonprofit that is run by his daughter. The club gave permission to Ellen to distribute this information via email, and to also post it and take up collections at tonight's dance. Nancy Raiha will also include this information in her weekly update.

Georgine reported that Norene Peterson passed away at age 100 two days ago. Georgine gave information to Jutta so that we could send a card. Her family will likely be asking OASDI for permission to use the hall for her memorial services.

New Years Eve

Marc Denniston provided a brief update. OASDI is responsible for the New Years Even Dance, but the New Years Committee has not yet asked the clubs for any specific participation. It is traditional to have clubs be responsible for an hour or two time slot during the dance. We should expect to have this as a discussion item at our next club meeting, when we know what we need to provide. OASDI has determined callers for the next three New Year's Eve dances. This year will be the Brendzy Family, 2026 will be Randy Dibble, and Adam Christman will call in 2027. Marie Wood will be the cuer for the next two years.

Travel Skirt Update – We discussed the best time to meet for an additional sewing session to create club skirts. Linda Barker, an accomplished seamstress, has mentioned that she could be there if the session was held on a Friday. Some members mentioned that this is difficult for those that work, but the Hall is not available on Saturday's. Friday, September 19th was selected, with a meeting time of 10 am pending confirmation that the hall is available. We have the skirt material available.

New Proposal Callerlab - Glenn Raiha provided an update on Callerlab plans to revise the dance program. The new plan eliminates the basic program and SSDI programs and replaces mainstream with a more limited set of calls, no more than 50 moves. The Callerlab mainstream committee has a tentative list of the new calling program, but it is not yet ready to be shared with the public. As of now there are 14 current moves that will no longer be danced at a mainstream dance. This list will be voted on in March and will be the basis for lessons that start in September 2026. Callerlab will also work on creating a suggested teaching order, and a manual to assist with teaching. The plus program will have additional moves added to it. Flutterwheels needs to take no action at this time.

Other items

Ellen confirmed decisions from previous meetings that our dance fee will be \$8 per adult mainstream dancer, \$6 for a basic dancer, and that students and youth will have a \$3 fee.

Ellen suggested that we give out tickets for a door prize at each dance, and that prize be two free tickets to a Flutterwheels dance. We agreed to begin that program with tonight's dance.

Ellen mentioned that the club handbook on the OASDI Flutterwheels page was created in Microsoft Publisher, and that software is sunsetting. Ellen has converted this document to Microsoft Word but has noticed that it needs an update. She will work on this and coordinate activities with AmyLu, as some of this information may also be useful for the proposed directory.

Amy Glecker mentioned that she and Gary enjoy doing food events and are more than willing to volunteer to help. Gary will be having knee surgery soon so will not be able to dance for a while but could be useful in the kitchen.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held November 1st at 1:00 pm at Dirty Dave's. Meeting was adjourned at 2:27 pm.