

# Minutes

Hadley Park Line Dancers (HPLD) Board Monthly Meeting held at  
Hadley Park Community Center, 1037 28<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Nashville, TN  
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DATE: January 15, 2025

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Convened: 5:07PM

Adjourned: 6:07PM

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**In Attendance:** Sharon Jarrett – President  
Denise Evans – Vice President  
Linda Porter – Treasurer  
Edna Grove – Secretary  
Paulette Brown – Board Member  
Ella Ford – Sergeant at Arms – via phone  
Debra Alexander – Board Member

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Sharon Jarrett, followed with prayer by Mrs. Ford.

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from December 4, 2024, were put forth for adoption. The minutes were approved as distributed.

## OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Alexander reported that the recipients for the 2023 Book scholarships are Shapre J. Gaines, Tennessee State University (TSU), Elijah Usher, Campbellsville University in Kentucky, and Alonzo Rhodes, Big Picture High School. Mr. Rhodes is still in the process of deciding which college because of basketball scholarships offered from several colleges. Ms. Alexander will give information to Ms. Porter for writing the checks and mailing to the schools to put on their account. Each recipient will receive \$466.00. Ms. Alexander is still working on the 2024 Book Scholarship recipients and will update the board at the next meeting. Ms. Jarrett asked Ms. Alexander how much money will be given to HPLDs. Ms. Alexander stated she will discuss with the Fashion Show Committee and let the Board know. It was asked if the scholarships are for High schoolers or Colleges. Ms. Alexander stated it is for High Schools, Trade Schools, and Colleges/Universities. She is working on revising the application. It was asked that the 2024 Fashion Show be closed out by the next board meeting.

Ms. Porter reported that the Angel Tree was budgeted for \$500.00. A total of \$795.00 was spent. Ms. Jarrett asked for suggestions for the 2025 Seniors Angel Tree. Below is a list of suggestions.

- Trevecca Towers
- Bordeaux Nursing Home
- Golden Manor
- Spruce Street House of Hope – located at 515 Spruce St, Nashville, TN 37203 (holds 23 people)
- Phylis Wheatley Retirement Home off Whites Creek Pk located at 515 Spruce St, Nashville, TN 37203 - (holds 15 people)

Ms. Sheila Cook gave an itemized report of the HPLDs Christmas Party to Ms. Jarrett (see attached), and the money to Ms. Porter. A profit of \$2360.00 will be deposited into HPLDs bank account.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ideas for raising funds:

- Lottery Tickets
- Fish Fry
- Seafood Boil – can be costly
- Raffle tickets and when prizes
- Sneaker Ball
- Ask HPLDs for suggestions

## **INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Ms. Porter reminded the Board that the annual 990 tax short form is due in April for the 2024 tax year.
- Ms. Brown let the board know she sent some of the photos to her lawyer of the gift giving at the Senior's Christmas Angel Tree gathering. He was so appreciative.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on February 5, 2025, 5:00pm at Hadley Park Community Center.

# Hadley Park Line Dancers Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 2, 2025

**Time:** 5:00 PM

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## Attendance:

- **In Person:** Sharon Jarrett, Linda Brown, Linda Porter, Denise Evans, Ella Ford
- **Present by Phone:** Debra Alexander

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## Opening:

- The meeting was opened with a prayer by Sgt-At-Arms Ella Ford.

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## New Business:

1. **Secretary Position:**
  - Discussion and voting for a new Secretary (Angela Anderson) were scheduled.
  - Angela Anderson has declined the offer.
  - Linda Porter will continue as Acting Secretary until another candidate is named.

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## Old Business:

### Fashion Show 2024:

- The close-out report for the 2024 Fashion Show is still outstanding.
- Chairperson Debra Alexander, who attended by phone, did not provide an update.
- Via text messages, Debra Alexander announced her resignation as committee leader.
  - She requested the Board to distribute the remaining \$3,000 in funds for scholarships.
- **Scholarship Distribution Plan:**
  - The Board agreed to distribute \$600 each to five recipients, totaling \$3,000.
  - Linda Brown proposed revamping the scholarship program and brought up the idea of using the Nashville Sounds' scholarship application process as a model.
  - The Board plans to work with community centers, churches, and other organizations to identify scholarship recipients for the 2025 term.

- Another suggestion was to keep the funds in the bank until the scholarship process is finalized.
  - **Fashion Show Committee Updates:**
    - Linda Brown was nominated by Denise Evans to be the next Lead Chair.
    - A Co-Chair and additional committee members are needed. Linda Brown will consult with past committee members about continuing their involvement.
    - The proposed date for the next Fashion Show is either **August 16, 2025**, or **August 23, 2025**, at the Elk's Lounge.
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## Upcoming Events:

### HPLD Picnic:

- **Lead:** Sharon Jarrett
- **Tickets:** Printed and ready for distribution.
- **Venue:** Same location as the last two picnics.
- **Menu:**
  - Hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken wings, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert, chips, fruit, and drinks.

### Sneaker Ball:

- **Proposed By:** Linda Porter
  - **Proposed Date:** 2026 calendar year due to timing and financial constraints.
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## Fundraising Ideas:

1. **Raffle Tickets:**
    - Sharon Jarrett is undecided on the raffle ticket design and needs more time for planning.
  2. **Concert Ticket Raffle:**
    - Linda Porter suggested raffling tickets for the **Queen's Concert** (featuring Chaka Khan, Gladys Knight, Patti LaBelle, and Stephanie Mills in May).
    - Linda Porter offered to purchase the tickets if necessary.
    - Linda Brown suggested trying to get the tickets donated to save costs.
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## Other Ideas and Initiatives:

1. **\$5 Dance Class Proposal:**



- Linda Brown's idea for paid dance classes was not discussed further at this meeting.
  - 2. **Line Dancing in the Park:**
    - Linda Brown contacted Metro Parks about hosting a Line Dancing in the Park event.
    - The event will invite other line dancing groups, community vendors (e.g., Matthew Walker Health Center, Meharry Medical College), and food trucks for financial support.
    - Proposed dates: September 2025 (excluding September 19–21, October 18, and October 26 to avoid conflicts with other major events).
  - 3. **Nashville Sounds Performance:**
    - The Hadley Park Line Dancers will perform a pre-show on an upcoming Nashville Sounds game day in April.
    - Sharon Jarrett and Denise Evans will meet with the Nashville Sounds committee leader to finalize fundraising details.
    - HPLD will receive a percentage of ticket sales (General Admissions, Corner, Select, Premium, Club, and Houchens categories).
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### **Closing:**

- The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.
- **Next Steps:**
  - Follow up on scholarship program revamp.
  - Finalize plans for upcoming events and fundraisers.
  - Linda Brown to consult with committee members for the Fashion Show.

**Minutes Prepared By:** Linda Porter, Acting Secretary

## **Hadley Park Line Dancers Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

**Location: Remote and In-Person**

### **Present:**

- Linda Porter
- Linda Brown
- Denise Evans
- Debra Alexander
- Sharon Jarrett (by phone)

### **Absent:**

- Ella Ford

Meeting called to order by Vice President Denise Evans due to the illness of President Sharon Jarrett.

### **1. Approval of Minutes:**

- April's meeting minutes were read and approved with no corrections.

### **2. Old Business:**

#### **a. Fundraising Activities:**

- Fashion Show led by Linda Brown:
  - Two proposed locations:
    1. TSU Barn (no cost)
    2. Elks Lodge (cost increased from \$250 to \$500, including security)
  - Conference Room at TSU available at no cost for model change.
  - Backup location suggested by Linda Porter: Hadley Park Community Center.
  - Linda Brown or Sharon Jarrett to confirm availability and cost with Ms.

Robertson.

- Tentative date for the Fashion Show: August 23, 2026.

- Ms. Brown is seeking committee members and models. Chair and Co-Chair have been named.

#### **b. 2026 Events:**

- No discussions held.

**c. Scholarships:**

- Linda Porter reported the website is complete and the scholarship application is live.
  - Board members asked to review the site for accuracy and grammar before publicizing.
  - Outreach to TSU TRIO program initiated.
  - Members encouraged to promote scholarships through churches, jobs, and community centers.
  - QR codes suggested for distribution to increase awareness.
- <https://hadleyparklinedancers.com/scholarship-app>

**d. HPLD Picnic:**

- Report by Sharon Jarrett: 75% of tickets sold; some tickets are still distributed.
- Picnic scheduled for July 12th.
- Financial report on CashApp payments and donations provided.
- Full financial report to be presented in two weeks.

**e. Nashville Sounds Update:**

- Successful event attended by HPLDs on "Winning Wednesday".
- \$300 donation received.
- Ms. Brown proposed another performance before the season ends in September.

**f. Event Cancelled:**

- Rock Concert at Nissan Stadium cancelled due to rain. No financial impact.

**g. Dance in the Park:**

- Ms. Brown communicated with Metro and received available dates.
- Awaiting confirmation from President.
- Planned features: line dancers from various organizations, food trucks, health vendors.

**3. New Business:**

**a. Secretary Election:**

- Candidate: Marilyn Alford (nominated by Sharon Jarrett)
- Background: Former line dancer with secretarial experience.
- To be interviewed at July Board Meeting.

**b. Dance and Behavior Protocol:**

- Ms. Porter emphasized appropriate dance conduct, especially around youth.
- Sexual innuendo dancing to be banned.
- Policy referenced in the Code of Conduct; to be addressed by Ms. Jarrett upon return.

**c. Dance Instructors:**

- Emphasis on public performance etiquette.
- Instructors should speak clearly and welcome visitors.

**d. Financial Report:**

- First half-year report to be completed for July Board Meeting.
- July meeting scheduled for the second Wednesday due to holiday.

**e. Event Updates:**

- Hermitage Police Department 20th Annual Precinct Appreciation Lunch:
  - HPLDs to perform at 11:30 AM.
  - Attire: Any color t-shirt, white pants and shoes.
  - Lunch to be served.
- Purpose Prep School Teachers Retreat on July 23rd (awaiting details).

**4. Prayer Requests:**

- Sharon Jarrett (President)
- Ella Ford (Board Member)
- Former Secretary

Meeting adjourned.



# Hadley Park Line Dancers Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, March 5, 2025

**Time:** 5:00 PM

## Attendance

### Present:

- Sharon Jarrett – President
- Linda Porter – Treasurer/Acting Secretary
- Linda Brown – Member
- Denise Evans – Vice President

### On Phone:

- Ella Ford – Sgt-at-Arms

### Absent:

- Debra Alexander

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## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Jarrett at 5:00 PM.

## Opening Prayer

Linda Brown led the opening prayer.

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## Old Business

### Fashion Show Closeout, Scholarship Closeout, Senior Christmas Angel, and Fundraising Ideas

- **Fashion Show Closeout:**
  - Board members discussed that the resolution of the 2024 fashion show has been prolonged.

- Committee Member Lead, Debra Alexander, was responsible for presenting solutions regarding new scholarship rules and the distribution of remaining funds.
- Despite having two deadlines, the final deadline being **March 1, 2025**, no solution has been presented.
- The board expressed concern over the delay and emphasized the need for resolution.
- **Senior Angel Tree:**
  - Four senior citizen homes were initially considered for the Angel Tree program.
  - Linda Brown proposed **Trevecca** but withdrew the proposal due to the facility's large size (225 residents).
  - Instead, she suggested that Hadley Park Line Dancers (HPLDs) perform at a senior home on **March 12 at 2:00 PM**.
  - **Dress Code for Performance:** Gold Tees, white pants, and tennis shoes.
  - Two additional senior homes were introduced:
    - **Discipline Village (Trinity Lane)**
    - **An unnamed senior home on Ed Temple Blvd.**
  - The board decided to select a **combined total of 35 residents** for the **2025 Christmas Angel Tree** and consider the additional two homes for **2026**.

## Fundraising Ideas

Several fundraising ideas were proposed:

- **Sneaker Ball** – Proposed by Linda Porter
- **Raffle Ticket Sales** – Proposed by Sharon Jarrett
- **Concert Fundraising (e.g., bidding on Mary J. Blige concerts)** – Proposed by Linda Porter
- **Teaching Line Dancing for \$5.00 per person in the Park** – Proposed by Linda Brown
- **Park Event with Vendors** – Proposed by Linda Brown
  - This event would be hosted at **Hadley Park** and include other line dancing groups/teams.
  - The proposed dates are **September or October 2025**.
  - Linda Brown will coordinate with Metro Parks for availability.

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## New Business

### Secretary Vacancy

- The resignation of **Edna Groves (Secretary)** was noted.
- President Sharon Jarrett proposed **Angela Anderson** as a replacement.
- The board unanimously agreed to consider Ms. Anderson.
- She will be invited to the **next Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 2, 2025**, where members will have the opportunity to ask questions before a final vote.

### Storage/Supplies

- Sharon Jarrett reported that she had spoken with the **Director of Hadley Park Community Center**, who confirmed **no storage space** is available.
- Ms. Jarrett offered to store items in her **personal shed**.
- Linda Brown emphasized that it should be the responsibility of the **Chair and Co-Chair** of each committee to turn in any overage in supplies to the **President for safekeeping**.

## Planned Activities for 2025

- Picnic – July 12, 2025
- Fashion Show – (To Be Determined)
- Holiday Party (formerly "Christmas Party") – December 2025
- Angel Tree – December 2025

## New Event Proposal

- Collaboration with the Nashville Sounds Baseball Team
  - Linda Brown proposed working with the Nashville Sounds for fundraising and community engagement.
  - She suggested creating a raffle basket featuring Nashville Sounds baseball gear to raise funds.
  - She also proposed that the HPLDs perform at Senior Night on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.
  - Linda Brown encouraged Sharon Jarrett to visit [nashvillesounds.com](http://nashvillesounds.com) to apply for community assistance and explore opportunities for the line dancer organization.

## Financials

- 990 Filed
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## Meeting Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 5:35 PM.

## Next Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, April 2, 2025

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Minutes respectfully submitted by:**

**Linda Porter** – Treasurer/Acting Secretary