Delaware Valley Branch Babysitting Policy

By offering babysitting, the Delaware Valley Branch ("the Branch") hopes to make it more convenient for parents with younger children to attend our dance events. To facilitate the Branch's goal to keep children safe and fully accounted for, the following babysitting policy has been adopted. The policy also covers several unlikely scenarios in order to facilitate our other main goal, which is to ensure all dancers enjoy the event.

1. The branch will arrange for babysitters at some events at which babysitting or parent/guardian supervision is required for all children 12 years and under, with the exception of infants who will be in the care of a parent/guardian.
2. Children may be collected or left with the babysitters only by their parent/guardian, who must sign the child in/out, and leave contact information. Parents/guardians are expected to be available while their child is in care if needed by the babysitters.
3. If it's necessary for the babysitter(s) to contact a parent/guardian during dancing and the parent/guardian cannot be found, the babysitter will contact an event chair/site host.
4. If a babysitter determines that a child is too much to handle, the parent/guardian will be contacted to retrieve the child. The child will then be under the parent/guardian's supervision for the remainder of the event. This decision is completely the prerogative of the babysitter.
5. Children are welcome to join everyone for Tea.
6. Children with some Scottish Country Dancing experience are welcome to join in the dancing. This should take place under the supervision of a parent/guardian.
7. Individuals with concerns about a child's behavior should bring them to the attention of the parent/guardian of the child, or to an event chair/site host.
8. A first aid kit will be available in case of emergencies.
9. This policy will be made available to all attendees via email to the Branch membership and posts on the Branch website and Facebook page. Handouts will be available at the event.