



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

The Florida Federation of Square Dancers meeting was called to order on November 22, 1981 at 10:00 A.M. by President Frank Smith at the Jamaica Inn in Orlando.

The invocation was given by Virgil Greene

The roll call was taken by Secretary John Layne; a quorum was present.

Distinguished guest Joe Augenblick & all other visitors were recognized & welcomed.

Reading of the minutes were dispensed with by a motion from Chet Vetter; seconded & passed.

Treasurer's Report by Conrad Bishop which was approved showed:

Brought forward 9/5/81	\$	
Receipts	\$	
Disbursements	\$	
Bank Balance 11/22/81	\$	
Contingency Fund for State Conv.	\$	
Net Worth	\$	

AREA REPORTS:

Southeast by Phil Fenster - In Sept., Southeast had a successful Membership Renewal Dance at Trails End in Hollywood. Our Membership Chairman & Committee did a fine job signing up 306 members at the dance, and what a dance it was. The applause after each tip & round dance was well deserved by Frank Bedell on Squares & Clyde Kirk on Rounds for a great dance. Excellent refreshments were taken care of by the ladies of the Board & their friends. In Oct. we had our Past Presidents Dance at Oakland Park Recreation Center. It was well attended - 13 Past Presidents & their wives participated in the ceremonies. Included in this group were two Past Pres. of Florida Federation, George & Boots Oglsby & Jack & Nita Lascola. Another Past Pres. of the Federation, Len & Birdell Levitt were unable to be present due to Len's serious illness. Our Hosts for our Nov. Clinic were the Castoffs of Boynton Beach, Palm Beach County. This annual Clinic with the Castoffs hosting is always a Super affair. When you enter this beautiful Recreation Center you are greeted with a nice big Hello, a big Smile & a sincere Welcome by members dressed in their Club Outfits. The Castoff Committee, headed by Jo Jolley did a terrific job in preparing all kinds of goodies - all homemade. Thirty Squares attended. Dancing, was excellent & enjoyed by all. Frank Bedell even had a workshop tip on Styling which was greatly appreciated judging by the applause he received. The Dec. Clinic will be held at Howard Park in West Palm Beach. Bert Summers will be pinch hitting for Frank Bedell who will be out of town. We look forward to a large crowd at our Annual Picnic & Covered Dish in January at T Y Park in Hollywood. The Chairman of

this committee & his associates have planned a Gala time for all. Games for all ages have been planned & there will be dancing on the grass & also a chance to win Fun Badges. All Square Dancers in the area are invited to join Southeast. Every one is welcome. Southeast is proud of it's members, Callers & Cuers. We try to make it a Fun Assn.. We give our members eleven dances a year plus a picnic. All are free to members . Expenses for all of this entertainment for our members are covered by Membership fees which are \$4.00 per person & renewable membership at \$2.50 per person & a 50/50 drawing at the Clinics.

Northeast by Fred Groover - Northeast had election at their Sept. meeting, electing the following officers: Fred & Claudia Groover Pres., Norm & Joyce Farrell Vice Pres., Ernie & Ruby Holt Recording Secretary, Derwood & Eva Coyle Corresponding Secretary, Bud & Marge Stiles Treas.. Classes, our primary concern presently, are progressing nicely! In some instances where small classes were not financially feasible, classes have combined, thus, making it possible for the dancers to continue learning. Our Learners' Hoedown which will be held in Dec. will be a festive occasion for these dancers. This is a co-sponsorship between the Gateway Callers Asso. & one of the local clubs. We have experienced a situation where the Duval School Board requires that classes conducted in their facility, be administered as Community Education fee based classes. All registration fees are collected by the individual community school Assistant Principal for community education and deposited in the school's internal account. Class instructors shall be paid by School Board check. A salary schedule has been established which has been deemed fair & equitable by all parties. As a result of this action some classes have moved to other facilities. A few remained in the schools. Northeast took under consideration at our last meeting in Nov. the establishment of a "Building Fund". This met with wholehearted approval of the delegates & we are presently laying the ground work for the kick-Off. We welcome any help we can get in establishing this project. We can greatly benefit from other areas' experiences. We thank you for any do's & don'ts which you discovered while doing the same type project. Our "Fall Roundup" was a gigantic success. We dance a hundred squares. This tremendous turn out was in no small part due to the hard work of the Committee getting word to the dancers. We are very grateful to these hard working lovely people. On Nov. 28, 81 James Maxey is calling & K-Mart Plaza is furnishing facilities for a benefit dance for Donnie Vann. Donnie is a 15 year old boy who was paralyzed in a swimming accident on Aug. 16, 81. All donations go to the family to help with the mountain of expenses already incurred. There are also clubs & classes in the area helping with the drive. This is the kind of love we like to think all square dancing is made of. We had the Second Annual Clogging Jamboree in Jacksonville in Oct. & it was reported that there were 900 cloggers & 600 spectators in attendance.

Northwest by Frank McCallister - Northwest held annual elections in Sept. with the following selected: Frank & Betty McCallister Pres., Harry & Theora Frisbee 1st Vice Pres., Ed & Brenda Hedgecock 2nd Vice Pres., Joy Richardson Recording Secretary & Newsletter Editor, Mary Jane & Clyde Emery Corresponding Secretary, & Marvin & Elaine Ingram Treasurer. The annual Roundup was held in Oct.. The 1982 State Conv. Committee came in force to present "Star Thru in 82". We in Northwest

appreciated their beautiful outfits, skilled dancing, & friendly personalities. We welcome you back anytime. The membership dances have been very successful in attracting new members into our Assn. Over 150 new dancer members have joined so far. More dancers are in planning stage at this time. The next meeting will be at the Panama City Festival on Jan. 29, 30, 1982. Tony Oxedine & Elmer Sheffield calling with Daryl McMillan as M.C. Jerry & Barbara Pierce on Rounds. Everyone is invited do come join us.

West Coast by Cris Nissen - The new officers of the West Coast Assn. are Cris & Trudie Nissen Pres., Murl & Sally Herbert Vice Pres., Carl & Hazel Smith Secretary, Steve & Evon Dodd Treasurer. We reached our goal of 3,000 members in 81, & we are optimisticly hoping for 3,500 in 82. Our Blood Bank is still under the direction of Joe & Ruth Estes & as of Nov. 81 we have 465 donations, 81 withdrawals leaving a balance of 384 units. One of our members received 40 units. On Nov. 8th we had a successful dance at Ellenton, more than 30 squares. On Nov. 29th we will have a West Coast dance in Plant City at Strawberry Squares. These dances are free to Members. There are several more dances in the planning stage. Our Fall Fun Fest dance in Oct. was a success, now Murl & Sally Herbert are the chairpersons for the 1982 Fall Fun Fest. The Callers & Cuers are signed up for 1982. The Herberts are studying the recommendations & suggestions to make this festival more attractive to the dancers & to make the work of the various committees easier. The 1982 Convention Chairpersons, Hugh & Jean Foltz with Ken & Mae Ford are travelling around the state promoting the 82 Convention & there are more than 60 couples wearing the Star Thru in 82 outfits. West Coast Willie is also making some of the trips, this is also promoting the Assn.

Central by Bob Jernigan - The Central Assn. is pressing forward with our attendence increasing at each dance. Our news paper "Keeping Posted" has just had it's first birthday. It is doing a great job keeping our members posted. We had our Halloween Dance at Slovak Gardens in Orlando. It was a great dance & a full house. Everyone had the Halloween Spirit. Our next Assn. dance will be Jan. 30, 82. in Orlando. This will be a "Super Special" with Ed Foote, a national caller from Pennsylvania. Our Blood Bank Chairman, Roland Hamel, is doing a great job promoting the Blood Program. Howard Wilson, our 83 Convention Chairman is busy with plans for the convention.

PUBLICATIONS

Bow & Swing no report

West Coast Dancer by Hugh Fultz - We are already back to our seasonal press run of 4000 copies per issue & are watching very carefully to determine if this number will suffice. Our Nov. issue attained a new high of listings with 17 round workshops, 30 Round Clubs, 48 square workshops, 130 square dance clubs, 28 special events & 40 classes. A grand total of 293 listings. We consider the listing service as the heart of our publication since our purpose is to let dancers know where to dance.

Panhandle Press by Belle Bishop - We are printing 400 copies & will be printing six issues per year instead of seven. We are planning a cookbook for distribution at the 1982 Roundup. Our Christmas issue is

coming along well. Please support HJR 151, the Resolution to designate the Square Dance as the National Folk Dance of the U.S.A. We have had post cards printed as some other areas have done, and take them with us to area dances to get them signed. Mail them on the way home from the dance.

4 W'S by Celest Crawford - We are still kicking along in our area. our latest issue is out now and contains the insert for the 82 State Convention. We have copies of the 4 W'S available if anyone wishes to have one.

Grapevine by Paul Walker - The number of subscribers has increased from 456 in Sept. 81 to 506 in Nov. 81. The Grapevine will publish a special student issue under the direction of Ernie & Ruby Holt. This special issue will contain information specifically for the new dancer. It is hoped that introducing the students to this publication will result in at least 100 new subscribers. Effective Jan. 1, 82 subscription rates to the Grapevine will be increased from \$3.00 per year to \$5.00 per year. This increase is necessary due to several factors. The Grapevine is now printed by commercial printers. In every issue we now include photographs taken at dances & we spotlight one club. This requires that the photographs be converted into half-tones. An additional factor is the recent increase in postal rates. In the 1st week of Oct. 81 the Northeast Florida Directory of Clubs was mailed free to all Grapevine subscribers. The Directory is arranged under 3 major headings - when they dance, names of clubs, names of callers or instructors. This accomodates the dancer by allowing them to look up dances by day of the or by the club listing or to check the caller listing, The club listing, not only tells where & when the club is dancing, it also lists the caller, the level, the president, the N.E.F.S.D.A. delegate & the contact for further information. Additional copies of the directory are available from the Grapevine for \$1.00, or \$1.25 by mail. Clubs can purchase 10 or more directories at a 25% discount while the supply lasts.

Keepin Posted by Betty Bruce - This month is the First Anniversary of "Keepin Posted" & everything is going along fine with the paper. Our Nov. issue just came from the printer thursday so I have copies with me for those here who normally received them through the mail. If I missed anyone, please see me before you leave today.

CONVENTION REPORTS

1982 State Convention by Hugh Fultz - Our last general committee meeting was held at the FALL FUN FEST in Oct. The next meeting will be held at Strawberry Square on Jan. 17 at 2:00 P.M. The frequency of general meetings will increase after the holidays. Sub committees have been busy with hall & usage allotments, caller assignments, demonstration coordination, & R/D program. The clogging representatives have also been busy. The '82 promotional team has made 40 different appearances at clubs &/or festivals from Pensacola to Jacksonville, Lakeland & Ellenton with as many more contemplated as endurance will allow. The number participating range from 2 to 36 couples dressed in the blue & white convention dress. The committee notes with interest that the N.E. Association has scheduled a fifth Saturday dance for May

29 in direct conflict with the convention.

1983 State Convention by Howard Wilson - (summary) A contract for location is pending in the next 30 days.

1984 State Convention by Frank Smith - (summary) Norm & Joyce Farrell are Co Chairman. An increase of \$1.00 is probable for admission to compensate for increasing costs. Price is a vital concern.

Coordinating Committee by Howard Wilson - (summary) He read a letter from Norma Smoyer (FCA) outlining a guideline for use of sound and requesting a reply by Sept. 30th. Regarding the four way split from convention proceeds, the host assn. was already getting 10% which is some improvement although not the 25% currently requested. Regarding sound equipment, the Vice Chairman would be responsible for sounding, maintaining, & monitoring equipment. Fees would be payable before the end of the convention. Each convention would be responsible for repairs & insurance of sound equipment. Frank Smith added that another letter stated that the convention split should remain the same. It would help if the associations would outline the use of funds to justify an increase. Frank also disagreed with this kind of requirement. Hugh Fultz stated that payment for sound would be made on 30 days terms because the Treasurer was very occupied during the convention & would be paying other bills after the convention also.

Showcase of Ideas Frank Smith received the application for the 1982 National Convention display tables to be sent with \$25.00. Chet Vetter recommended application for four (4) tables.

Legacy Report (summary) Chet Vetter reported they signed an agreement for the next three National Conventions to present leadership sessions. In Detroit, there will be four hours, and the following 2 years will have 6 scheduled hours each year.

National Square Dancer Association (summary) Joe Vacarri noted that the Southeast & Northwest Assn. have indicated that they will join the National Assn. The Central Assn. is also seriously considering joining the National Assn. Since this could be most of the Florida Assns., the Florida Federation should take note.

Old Business: Frank Smith called for a report on compliance with annual filing reports to the IRS. John Layne representing the committee with Joe Vaccarri & Conrad Bishop made the following recommendations:

A. The Federation should establish a mailing address with a Post Office Box in Orlando. B. Notify the callers & cuers organization & member associations of our intentions to file with the IRS by a written notice by Dec. 31, 1981. Assistance would be offered to any member assn. upon their request after the Federation successfully completes its own filing. C. Forms & the first tax report would be filed between April 30th & July 15th 1982. The recommendations were put in the form of a motion by Mori Sogolow; seconded by Chet Vetter; motion carried.

Frank Smith reaffirmed that the existing committee would continue and implement the recommendations. Virgil Greene made a motion to reimburse the committee of this meet- for refreshments. Motion seconded; carried.

Nominating Committee - Virgil Greene reporting for the committee with Mori Sogolow and Jack Lascola:

- Ken & Mae Ford for President
- John & Esther Layne for Vice President
- Conrad & Belle Bishop for Secretary
- Fred & Celeste Crawford for Treasurer
- Norm & Joyce Farrell for Parliamentarian

Hugh Fultz moved to close nominations & accept those made; motion seconded; new officers elected.

Frank Smith said Thank You & Farewell & turned the meeting over to Ken Ford as the new president. Ken requested that the wives join with their husbands for a picture of the new board. Ken & Mae presented awards & gifts to Frank & Frances for their service, help, & support.

Joe Augenblick announced a round dance seminar Dec. 12th with a grand ball at 8 P.M. to held at Strawberry Squares - Admission \$5.00.

President Ken Ford appointed John & Esther Layne to chair the Educa- tion & Services Committee. Conrad & Belle Bishop were appointed to chair the finance committee the Treasurer & Parliamentarian as members. Ken also proposed a listing of contacts throughout the state for providing dance information for visitors, Hugh & Jean Fultz were named to chair the committee in cooperation with the Assn. Pres. A budget would be presented at the next meeting. Ken's next project was to create a clearing agency for Public Aware- ness. Chet & Julie Vetter were asked to be Chairman. More information will be forthcoming.

The next meeting will be the working weekend in Plant City at the Holiday Inn on February 6th & 7th beginning at 10 A.M. on Saturday morning. Dances available within 15 miles on Friday & Saturday Nights. Room rate is \$32.00 DBL occupancy. Accomodations for campers with self contained units are available.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John & Esther
John & Esther Layne
Outgoing Secretary