



FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

1. The Florida Federation of Square Dancers meeting was called to order on February 6, 1982, at 10:00 a.m. by President Ken Ford, at the Holiday Inn in Plant City.
2. The invocation was given by Bob Jernigan.
3. A few moments of silent prayer were observed for Len Levitt. Members were requested to send contributions to the American Cancer Society.
4. The roll call was taken by Secretary Conrad Bishop. All Federation officers were present. Associations were represented as follows: Northeast none, West Coast 5, Central 3, Northwest 2, and Southeast 3. Seven permanent (past presidents) delegates were present. This constituted a quorum.
5. No guests or visitors were present.
6. No callers or round dance representatives were present.
7. Reading of the minutes was dispensed with by a motion by Chet Vetter; seconded and passed.
8. Treasurers Report by Fred Crawford: Report was approved as presented. See Attachment 1 for detailed report.
9. CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Ken Ford read a letter from Joe Vaccari regarding the impact of past presidents on the Federation and a letter from Fred and Celeste Crawford requesting that someone be appointed to push HJR 151 on a state wide basis. Discussion and action on this correspondence was deferred and will be carried as new business.
 - b. Ken Ford stated that he had written to the presidents of the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council inviting them to attend our working week-end and pledging our support for the advancement of dancing in the state. Norma Smoyer, in her reply, stated that she could not attend this meeting but that she would appoint someone to attend for the round dancers.
10. AREA REPORTS
 - a. Northwest by Frank McCallister: The Tallahassee Twirlers held an appreciation dance for Elmer Sheffield on 19 December.

Marshall Flipppo was the surprise caller for the dinner-dance. Elmer now has his own record company; ESP for Elmer Sheffield Production. The Seaside Squares held a benefit dance for the Pensacola Special Steppers to raise money for a trip to Washington to dance for the President's Commission on Mental Retardation. It was quite a stirring exhibition with Frank Cherry putting his people through Teacup Chain and Load the Boat. They performed these moves as well as many normal dancers. The trip to Washington will be on April 28th and the President has been invited to attend their performance. Northwest held their winter meeting in Panama City on 30 January. We passed a resolution of support to the Special Steppers and donated \$100 for their trip. Northwest also passed unanimously a resolution to join the United Dancers of America. Northwest hosted the Executive Board meeting of the U.S.D.A. in Fort Walton Beach on 30 January at PASARDA Hall. Northwest was saddened by the loss of Les Reider on 1 February. Les had cued rounds for 17 years for the Seaside Squares and was a prime mover for rounds and squares in the Pensacola area. He will be sorely missed. The next Northwest meeting will be on 20 March at Chipley at their Spring Fling with Ron Schneider calling.

b. Central by President Bob Jernigan: Our Association continues to grow. We have just had our regular 5th Sunday dance in Orlando. This was our "Super Special" for '82. Ed Foote, who is a national caller, called a real fun dance with 35 squares dancing. The 1982 State Convention Committee came in style with their convention outfits, to present "Star Thru In '82". We enjoyed your dancing and welcome you back anytime. Our next dance will be May 22nd at Eustis RV Park. This will be election night. Our May dance has been changed to the 4th Saturday night because the State Convention will be on the 5th week-end of May. Roland Hamel, our Blood Bank Chairman, is doing a good job promoting our Blood Bank. We are supporting Howard Wilson, our 83 Convention Chairman. All of his committees are working hard to make sure when our date gets here, Central will put on a very good convention.

c. West Coast by Chris Nissen: We are proud to report that the West Coast is still growing. Our goal of 3500 members, we believe, will be surpassed. Our Blood Bank has over 500 units compared to 200 units two years ago. We have eight membership dances this year and hope to have more next year in areas that have not been covered. These dances are free to members. At our dance at Strawberry Square, Plant City, we had 47 squares. This was in November. We have had considerable help from the callers and cuers in making these dances a success. Our F.F.F. in October, Murl and Sally Herbert are having a meeting and are trying original ideas to continue making this festival a success.

Hugh and Jean Fultz along with their committees are traveling around the state to promote the State Convention. West Coast Willie has made a few of these trips. The West Coast Dancer has a printing of over 4500 and the callers are asking for more. More on the State Convention and the West Coast Dancer will be given later.

d. Northeast by Fred Groover - read by Norm Farrell:
Northeast Florida Square Dance Association is extremely proud of its member clubs and local callers for their participation in the local humanitarian projects. Our members have contributed freely of their blood and finances to the Jacksonville Blood Bank. Also, at the top of our priorities has been the financial aid to the Donnie Van Fund to aid the Family who has incurred insurmountable expense when Donnie was paralyzed in a swimming accident.

Northeast Florida Square Dance Association gave again freely from their hearts when Cheryl Nielsen required a heart transplant. Words cannot express the compassion exhibited by the Area Dancers and especially to James Massey, caller, who has contributed so freely of his time and talents. We believe these deeds more than exemplify that "Square Dancing is Friendship Set to Music"!

Our 'Learners Hoedown', a dance for new dancers who have completed the first 38 basics, was an outstanding success. Should the participation and exuberance exhibited at this dance continue, we are in for something good!

Our Sophomore Dance is scheduled for February. It promises to be special.

At our regularly scheduled meeting of Northeast Florida Square Dance Association in January, the Executive Board cancelled the fifth Saturday dance scheduled for May 30, 1982, which was in conflict with the State Convention.

Northeast Florida Square Dance Association is presently considering the United Square Dance Association. This will be decided at a later meeting whether we desire membership or not.

e. Southeast by Frank Habersberger: On January 10, 1982 at T.Y. Park in Hollywood, Florida, on a beautiful sunny day, with the temperature reaching into the 60's, 150 people attended the S.E. area annual picnic. The early arrivals who braved the chilly weather in the morning were treated to a delicious variety of Dunkin Doughnuts, and a choice of either hot coffee or tea.

In the afternoon the young and not so young all played a variety of games, danced, and ate heartily of all the good home-cooked food.

Eight squares were squared up on the grass to dance to the calling of our own Harry Taylor. Harry is a past president of the S.E. Assn. and is presently the president of the Callers Assn. in our area. He also provided all the sound equipment and was M.C. for the picnic. He was assisted at the mike by the following caller members of the Southeast:

Allen Ashcroft
Dale Edgar
Marcia Stewart
Bill Roundtree

Our thanks to the chairman of the Picnic Committee, Wally and Marylin Walthers, past President Lynn and Harriet Ward, all the callers from the S.E. Callers Assn. and all those wonderful people who brought games and stuff and helped make it a wonderful day for a lot of people.

Nan and Frank Habersberger who have been doing an excellent job as our membership chairman, have been appointed chairman of the committee in our area to help designate the square dance as the national dance of the U.S.A. One thousand cards have been distributed by our committee members to clubs of Square and Round dancers, Clogging and Line dancers, asking them to sign the cards with name, address and zip, and return to Frank and Nan with a donation of \$.20 to cover cost of printing and postage and that they would forward the cards to the congressmen, asking their support for bill #HJR 151. The response was very good. The majority of the cards have been sent out to all five congressmen. Frank has visited all five offices of the congressmen and obtained excellent results. Danny Fascell and Claude Pepper have written letters to the Association lending their signature to the approval of bill #HJR 151. E. Clay Shaw and William Lehman agreed verbally to support the bill. Dan Mica has not committed himself.

Four out of five is a pretty good average. Our chairman has done a good job in helping the S.E. Assn. do their part to get our congressmen to approve bill #HJR 151.

Southeast Assn. has been reminding dancers at our monthly clinics and at our weekly visitations to please send in their registration forms for the '82 convention at Lakeland, Florida and not to forget to check off the level of dancing they would like best.

11. American Cancer Society:

Ken Ford announced that he had requested the Treasurer to send a check for \$25.00 as a contribution of the Federation to the American Cancer Society in memory of Len Levitt a past president of the Federation.

12. PUBLICATIONS

- a. Bow & Swing No report.
- b. Panhandle Press by Joy Richardson: We are now printing 400 copies of the Panhandle Press. Our new art editor is Jack Larusso. We are having good results from our post card campaign regarding HJR 151. We have received a letter of support from Representative Hutto and a favorable reply from Representative Fuqua. State flyers were placed in our latest issue.
- c. Keepin Posted by Bob Jernigan: Our issue was late getting out.
- d. West Coast Dancer by Hugh Fultz: We are currently producing a press run of 4500 magazines to satisfy our seasonal demands.

The present editorial staff has tendered their resignation effective June 1, 1982. A new staff, headed by Jack Pierson as editor, will take over at that date. The current editors felt that after almost five years a new approach was indicated in order to better serve the dancers of the West Coast.

- e. Grapevine by Norm Farrell: Our Grapevine staff has put together a special issue for new dancers. This special issue will give new dancers an insight into our square dance activities. We, in Northeast Florida Square Dance Association are proud of our "Grapevine" staff. Grapevine went over 500 subscribers recently and we are changing format to booklet.

- f. 4-W's by Boots Oglesby: We are still there in our 17th year. As a novel idea to thank our dancers for helping out in putting the paper together we are extending a helping hand. Each time the paper is put together we are going to dangle the color of the issue with a design on the dangle -- the object is to get four dangles.

We received a letter from Becky Osgood asking for a list of trailer parks in each area that holds square dancing. We have Dade County and Plant City. If there are any in your area please give me the address before we leave.

13. Len Levitt: Birdell Levitt and family wish to extend their thanks for all the expressions of sympathy to them during Len's illness and death.
14. Exchanging Publications: Ken Ford stated that it is desirable that all editors exchange copies of their magazines with other editors and that complimentary copies be sent to all line officers of the Federation.

15. CONVENTION REPORTS

a. National by Mori Sogolow: Mori stated that there would be two separate hardwood floors for round dancing and that ample parking space would be provided. Norm Farrell stated that he and Joyce were not going to National and requested volunteers to transport materials for the Showcase of Ideas. Chet Vetter said that he would take some. It was further requested that anyone having items for display should bring them to the State Convention for use there and for display at National. Conrad Bishop asked if a request had been made for tables at National. There was a mix-up and no one had. Mori stated that he would write the letter. The Secretary gave him a check for \$25.00 to be used as deposit for the tables.

b. 1982 State Convention by Hugh Fultz: The "Star Thru in '82" promotional team has been busy visiting as many clubs as possible and to date have made 57 appearances. The present indications are that we will have a convention of which Florida can be proud.

The Exhibition Committee reports that the three phase exhibition including squares, rounds and clogging, is now rounding into shape. The Callers Association, through Art Springer, is at work on the time and space allotments. Our next big problem is finalizing the progress and making sure that no one is forgotten.

We ask everyone who has the star outfit to wear it often and to remind everyone that WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU IN '82.

c. 1983 State Convention read by Ray Holt: We wish to announce our Co-chairman for 1983 -- Barbara and Ray Holt. With the intervention of Walter Stoltz, we were able to finalize a contract with the Lakeland Civic Center at a much lower rental figure than they had originally proposed. We have additionally tied up the Mirror Lake Auditorium for the use of the cloggers.

We are finalizing a plan to offer a dancing package to all of our friends in the state at a special reduced rate to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. We think it will be exciting, colorful and hopefully successful.

Our logo and slogan have been selected. Letterheads and brochures are being developed and enthusiasm is starting to build.

While we in the Central Florida Association are very busy with our plans, let us all remember that our primary job is to support Hugh Fultz and that approaching convention. See you there!
Signed: Howard and Vee Wilson.

d. 1984 Convention by Frank Smith: Orlando is too expensive. Frank stated that he has contacted Lakeland but has not received anything definite. Will continue efforts and report results at next meeting.

e. 1985 Convention: No report yet. No chairman appointed at this time.

16. Past President's Badge: Ken Ford presented Frank and Frances Smith with Past Presidents badges.

Break -- Meeting was resumed at 11:00 a.m.

17. President's Announcement: Ken Ford thanked Jean Fultz for Refreshments.

18. Committee Assignments: John Layne made assignments to the various committees. Each committee was scheduled to meet at 1:00 p.m. and prepare a written report for presentation at the 9:00 a.m. meeting on Sunday. In addition, the committee consisting of past presidents and the Federation's board were to meet at 3:00 p.m. and prepare a report on the results of their discussion based on the letter from Joe Vaccari. Committee assignments were as follows:

Public Awareness	--	Chet Vetter, Chairman. Boots Oglesby Chris Nissen Carl & Hazel Smith
Convention Committee	--	Frank & Frances Smith, Chairmen Ray Holt Jean Fultz Trudi Nissen Esther Layne
Job Description	--	Joe Vaccari, Chairman George Oglesby Ron & MaryLee Van Valkenburg
Finance Committee	--	Conrad Bishop, Chairman Fred & Celeste Crawford Norm & Joyce Farrell Leo & Mary Richardson

State Convention Committee -- Hugh Fultz, Chairman
Bob & Frances Jernigan
Frank & Betty McCallister
Bob & Carol Woodard

Education & Services -- John Layne, Chairman
Joy Richardson
Walter Stoltz
Frank & Nan Habersberger

19. Announcement: It was announced that there would be a dance at Strawberry Square tonight with Art Springer and Marty Martin.

Federation broke for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and reassembled at 1:00 p.m. in their individual committees. Each committee will report to the Federation on Sunday morning when the Federation reconvenes.

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