

FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

CONVENTION REPORTS 10.

1. The Florida Federation of Square Dancers meeting was called to order on January 22, 1983, at 10:00 a.m. by President John Layne, at the Jamaica Inn, Orlando Florida. It should be noted that an orientation meeting for new delegates was conducted by President Layne prior to the beginning of the meeting.
2. The invocation was given by Hugh Fultz.
3. Roll was called. All officers present except Conrad Bishop who was recuperating from knee surgery. Northeast Association had 5 delegates present, West Coast Association had 5 delegates present, Central Association had 12 delegates present, Southeast Association had 4 delegates present and the Northwest Association had 3 delegates present. There were 17 permanent delegates present.
4. * *and alternates* The new delegates from the Southeast Association, George and Angie Mason, were introduced.
5. There were no representatives present from the Florida Caller's Association or Florida Round Dance Council.
6. Motion was made by Chet Vetter and seconded by Ken Ford to dispense with reading of minutes as all delegates have received copies. Motion carried.
7. Treasurers Report - See Attachment 1 for detailed report.
8. CORRESPONDENCE - Two items of correspondence were referred to committees.
9. PUBLICATIONS
 - a. Panhandle Press, no report.
 - b. Grapevine by Paul and Nita Walker.
 - c. 4-W's by Boots Ogelsby.
 - d. West Coast Dancer by Murl Herbert.
 - e. Keeping Posted, no report.



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- a. 1983 Convention Report by Howard and Vee Wilson:
 Our December 5, 1982 Holiday Benefit Dance held to provide expense funds for the Pensacola Special Steppers was a wonderful example of true Christmas Spirit exhibited by Square Dancers, Round Dancers, and Cloggers. We had a net profit of more than double what we anticipated and will surely cover the needs of this special group of handicapped youngsters who are doing a wonderful job of promoting square dancing wherever they go. We are sure it will be a big thrill for them, as well as for us, to participate in our '83 Convention.

I talked to Frank Cherry, their caller, last weekend and they are all excited about coming. They are bringing both Squares and the necessary chaperones.

Special thanks go to Esther Layne, the Bruces, Bohrens, Hamels, Richardsons, Hendricks, Campbells, Langricks, Connie Talbert and Jane Grove, and especially Bob & Ethel Bland for coordinating all the callers who donated their time, as well as Bill and Betty Beattie. Dancers and workers all had a wonderful time.

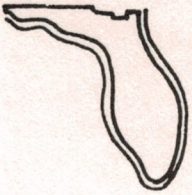
Registrations are coming in at a good rate, but a big promotional push is needed for the next couple of months to insure an outstanding convention.

Southeast has sold all of their souvenir buttons and remitted the money to us. Northwest has sold 50% of theirs. I hope the other associations will sell their buttons soon and encourage their dancers to wear them at all dances from now until convention time. This will be a big promotional asset.

The scheduling of the halls as well as the callers and cuers is nearly completed and the programs will be printed in the near future.

We are gearing up for a big promotional push for the down hill run from now until Convention weekend. I thank all of you for your help up to now. Keep it up for the next four months and we will have the kind of Convention we all want.

We had a letter this week from Corinth, Mississippi that they are bringing a square. Also received word from our friends in Macon, Georgia. They are bringing a large group as we asked them to do when we attended the Georgia State Convention. We hope this exchange will grow each year. God love you and be with you till Convention time.



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at 7:30 p.m. and dancing starting at 8:00 p.m. called by Ken Anderson. There will be an after party tonight in the Board Room.

14. Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.

b. 1984 Convention - Frank Smith not present. A committee meeting is planned for next month and the State Convention dress has been selected.

c. 1985 Convention - Frank Habersberger, no report at this time. We are in the process of collecting past convention reports to learn more about the job.

d. 1986 Convention - No chairman appointed yet, but plan to have one selected by May.

e. 1983 National Convention - Ken Ford. As of October 22, there were 9,527 registrations of which 338 are Floridians. We wrote and requested space for an After Party and we have a room assigned in the Convention Center, Friday, June 24th. The time will probably be 11:00 p.m.

f. No report from Coordinating Committee. As a matter of information, Chairman for State Convention are always on the Coordinating Committee.

11. LEGACY - Only report is that we are meeting in May in St. Louis.
12. HALL OF FAME - discussion was referred to committee. During the brief Hall of Fame discussion mention was made of need for more money and continuing need for money for maintenance. Howard Wilson felt that \$1,000.00 from convention proceeds be earmarked for the Hall of Fame. The President suggested that Howard discuss this further with the Convention Committee and bring back suggestions.

Committee Chairman and members were appointed for meetings later in the day.

13. U.S.D.A report by Joy Richardson. Nominations for officers must be submitted to the Secretary by February 24, 1983. Interest is increasing in the Economic Liability Insurance Program which provides dancers with accident coverage and clubs, associations, and state organizations with liability protection for \$3.10^{41.30}. Nearly 30,000 dancers are now covered. All dancers invited to attend this year's annual meeting of the U.S.D.A. which is on Friday, June 24, 1983 at the Executive Rusty Inn in Louisville. We will need 2 delegates from Florida Federation to U.S.D.A. Please contact a present delegate if you are interested. Joy will no longer be able to serve as a delegate as she and Joe are being married in April, and Joe is an officer.

There will be a dance tonight at the Ben White Raceway. Rounds

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 22, 1983

Bank Balance as of Nov. 21, 1982

\$ _____

Receipts:

Refund from 1982 National Convention	\$	_____
Final payment from 1982 State Convention		
Interest on checking account		
	\$	_____

Disbursements:

American Cancer Society Donation (In memory of Frances Jernigan)	\$	_____
Hall of Fame Donation		
"Where to Dance", leaflets printing		
President Ken Ford expenses		
Secretary Fred Crawford expenses		
	\$	_____

Bank balance as of Jan. 22, 1983

BALANCE STATEMENT

ASSETS:

Checking Account - - - - -	\$	_____
Contingency Fund - - - - -		_____

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities - - - - -		_____
Equity - - - - -	\$	_____

Submitted

Norm & Joyce Farrell, Treas.

Norm & Joyce Farrell



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1. The Florida Federation of Square Dancers Meeting, January 1983, Orlando, Florida.

2. AREA REPORTS

a. Northeast Report by Norm and Joyce Farrell: Things in the Northeast were slow during the holiday season. The big event since our last report was the "Beginners Hoedown" in December with approximately 60 squares of class members and graduate dancers in attendance. We are proud of the number of new dancers in class and are making plans to keep our recruiting high. These plans include an area wide effort to promote square dancing during a proclaimed city square dance week. This will occur in August. The timing of square dance week will of course coincide with the beginning of square dance classes in the area (about the last week in August). Some of the things that we are planning include, a proclamation signed by the mayor of Jacksonville, demonstrations being performed in area malls simultaneously on the Saturday of our square dance week, and hopefully, adequate media coverage. The Northeast is sponsoring this effort. Also, the Northeast is working to select a person to be honored at the State Convention.

b. West Coast Report by Murl D. Herbert: West Coast Association membership at year end was 3535, an increase of 93 over 1981. The membership dances continue to be successful with 25 squares in Brooksville, 45 squares at Strawberry Squares in Plant City, 23 squares in Ellenton and 24 squares in Venice. These dances continue to be one of the major reasons for membership renewals which provides the funds for the publication of 5,000 West Coast Dancer Magazines each month. The Blood Bank, another major reason for membership renewal continues to grow and provide blood to the needy members at no cost. Total units to date 686, withdrawals 210, balance 476. Two new committees were established for 1983. A budget committee was established to assist the West Coast Association officers to better assess the financial need of the Association. Also, a committee to select a person or couple from the West Coast Area who will be recognized during the State Convention for his/her or their contribution to square dancing in 1982.

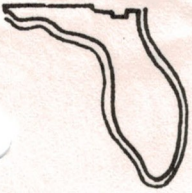
c. Central Report by Bob & Carol Woodard: Central Florida Square and Round Dance Association and Central Florida Callers Association are planning a joint "Spring Fling" in the Spring of 1984. The 1983 Convention Committee and Central Association put on a Benefit Dance to bring the "Special Steppers" of Pensacola to the '83

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Convention. We raised over \$1,200.00 to bring them to the '83 Convention.

c. Southeast Report by Frank and Nan Habersberger: We have started to distribute a "Presidential Newsletter" to all Square and Round Dance Clubs in our area. Club Delegates are asked to post them on Club Bulletin Boards for all to read. The object is to strengthen the two-way communications between the Dancers and their Association. We will inform our Dancers occassionally of the aims, programs, and progress of their Association and ask that they, in turn, tell us what they want and where they think we may do a better job. Our Christmas Dinner and Dance brought the highest attendance in years. This was attributed to having it follow immediately after our afternoon Holiday Cookie Dance. Of the 26 squares attending the afternoon Association Dance, 15 squares moved on to the Dinner & Dance. A great time was had by all and this plan will be followed next year at another location. Excellent weather helped give us a good turnout of Dancers & Callers at our Annual Picnic on January 9th. We had all kinds of lawn games and had TV hookups for the Football Fans. We had about 96 in attendance and averaged 7 Squares with dancing on the sidewalk and pavillion platform, and sometimes on the grass. Many guest Callers, plenty of food and a great time was had by all. The Southeast Callers Association is having their Marathon Dance on February 6th at Trail's End. This is their fund raiser for their educational programs and our Dancer's Association is helping publicize their Dance and is asking all of our Dancers to support their Callers by attending. The Program for our Annual Dance, Southeast October Spectacular, has been finalized and the Flyer-Reservation Form will soon be distributed via our Association Publication, 4W. The Caller will be John Kaltenthaler, Executive Secretary of Callerlab, and the Cuer will be Bill Beattie. We are sure that these two will make this a fun dance. We have applied for tax exempt status with the IRS. They did not reply to our first application in 1981. When we re-applied in December 1982, they requested more detailed information which we are now in the process of providing. Although we are guided by a skilled Certified Public Accountant, we are nevertheless having a difficult time of it.

d. Northwest Report by Harry A. Frisbee: January 1st was the renewal date for individual membership in the Northwest Florida area, and as of this date, the count looks good. The club membership is the same except we have lost 2 clubs; The Sneads Promenaders, Fla., who dissolved their club on January 7, 1983 and the Quincy Curly Cues, Quincy, Fla., who are presently inactive, but not dissolved. The members of both clubs have joined other clubs in their areas. Plans for the Northwest Florida 9th Annual Roundup are completed and the Flyers out. October 28th and 29th at the Chiply Florida National Guard Armory. The next scheduled meeting will be January 29th, 1983 at the Ranch House, Panama City, Florida at 4:30 p.m.



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2. PUBLICATIONS

a. Panhandle Press, No report.

b. Grapevine by Paul and Nita Walker: Subscription Activity: We continue to remain above the 500 mark in subscriptions. Over 20 complimentary copies are being sent to other publications and leaders of our hobby. Future Issues: Over the next four issues, we plan on featuring an article on the National Publications. Letters were sent to American Square Dance, Square Dancing, National Squares and the National Square Dance Directory. We have asked for an article about their publication as well as a subscription form. We will provide this as a service to our readers and to promote our hobby. Publication Exchange: Recently we received from the American Square Dance magazine a request to exchange publications. We agree with this program and thus far are exchanging publications with nine editors.

c. 4-W's by Boots Ogelsby: We are still in the Southeast and getting ready to start our 18th year of the 4-W's. Our helping hand is really helping to get our people out for the Put-Together Party.

d. West Coast Dancer by Murl Herbert: A circulation of 5,000 is being printed each month. Frank DuBois has been appointed Round Dance Coordinator for the magazine and Chris Nissen has accepted the responsibility of maintaining and preparing the schedule of all dances. Several other volunteers have been added to the staff to assist in typing the many articles. The State Convention continues to be publicized in each issue.

e. Keepin Posted, No report.