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#### MINUTES

Florida Federation of Square Dancers meeting of 5-26-85 in Hall 'B' Convention Center, Lakeland Civic Center.

Meeting called to order 10:00 A.M. by President Fred Crawford who preset adjournment time as 11:50 A.M. in order to adhere to a tight schedule. He thanked the Central Association for refreshemtns.

Mary Richardson offered the Invocation.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Alan Michaels who collapsed at the dance Saturday night.

The roll call determined that aquorum of 63 voting delegates was present.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting was dispensed with on a motion by Joy Vaccari.

Visitors and guests were welcomed by the president.

Treasurers Report given by Leo Richardson indicated that the total worth of the Federation as of 5-22-85 is \$11,753.12. A detailed report is attachment 1 to these minutes.

Correspondence reported by Celeste Crawford was a letter from a caller in South Georgia seeking calling dates. Square Dancers of America is soliciting float funds. This has been determined to be an individual or club function.

Liason from Round Dance Council, Jennie Runnels and Florida Callers, Rita Deschambeau, made their presence known. Frank Habersberger introduced Tom & Sue Toor, Clogging Chairman.

#### AREA REPORTS

Southeast Association - reported by Jim and Rosemary Davis, Acting President

March 2, 1985 the Southeast Association co-sponsored with the Convention Committee a bus trip to Key West from North Miami. 5 busloads, over 200 dancers, made the trip. The Southernmost Squares hosted the dancers in Key West. The afternoon was spent sightseeing and at 5:00p.m. Don Wiley provided a chicken dinner for all. Dancing started at 7:30p.m. and continued until 11:00p.m. before the buses made the trip home.

George Mason had more heart problems and surgery in Houston so he and Angie resigned from the Presidency in March. Jim and Rosemary Davis, Vice-President are now Acting President.

#### Southeast Association- Cont'd

The Southeast now has a Travel Committee which will set up future bus trips, mystery trips etc.

The Southeast October Spectacular, our SOS dance, will be October 18 and 19th at the Colonnades Hotel on Singer Island in North Palm Beach. It will be a weekend festival this year. Jerry Helt from Cincinatti, Ohio will be the caller and Fred and Louise Hornung will cue the rounds. The Grand door prize will be a free weekend for some lucky couple.

Elections for officers will be held in July with the new officers taking their positions in August.

The renewal of memebership dance will be in September. In October Past Presidents of the Association will be honored at the clinic dance.

The new graduates dance will be June the 9th.

The Association will be cooperating with the Southeast Callers' Association in an effort to attract as many people as possible to new square dance classes in the fall.

Association Officers and Board Members have been very active in the last months preparing for the 1985 State Convention.

Northwest Association - reported by R. C. Knowlton & Wife, President

The Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association voted unanimously to pick up the additional three counties suggested by the Federation; Dixie, Hamilton and Lafayette. We will conduct a survey of these areas to see if there are any active clubs that desire to join our association.

Our last meeting was held at Pasarda Hall, 634 Lovejoy Road, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida on 27 April in conjunction with Pasarda's Annual Anniversary dance. At this meeting a new Northwest directory was distributed by the editor of the Panhandle Press. Frank McCallister presented a preview of the Florida State Convention "Kick-off" ceremony , at the dance. The Northwest accepted a guidelines for membership dance procedures letter. At this meeting we also set a proposed schedule of Northwest meetings for the remainder of 1985 and 1986.

The next Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association meeting will be on July 20, 1985, at 6:00 P.M. at the Western Steer Restaurant, Panama City, Florida in conjunction with the Wheeler Dealers special dance. Bob Poyner will be the caller.

We invite all our Florida Federation dancing friends who will be traveling next month to the National in Birmingham to stop off and "dance with the best in the Great Northwest." Central Florida Association - Reported by Leo & Mary Richardson, Presidents

Central Florida Association's first Weekend Workshop was held April 19-21st and was a smashing success. Plans have been made to hold a second weekend in April 1986. During the two day affair, between 40 & 50 persons attended our rap sessions, dinner and dance. Of this number fourteen couples camped overnight.

Our Officers and Board of Directors have been busy attending class graduations, distributing both the Central Florida pamphlet and the Federation Handbook for dancers.

On June 15, 1985, we will sponsor our first President's Ball at the Central Florida Square Dance Center in Longwood. All Past Presidents have been invited to attend and will receive special recognition for their contributions to the Association.

A summer picnic will be held on August 11, at 2:00 P.M. at the Big Tree Park between Sanford and Longwood. Everyone is invited to join us for a covered dish dinner and an afternoon of games and fellowship.

Northeast -Reported by Dave Nihart for Don Jordon

The Northeast Committee for promoting Square Dance lessons has been very active. The club and caller participation has been very good.

The Fall Round Up this year will be November 15th and 16th with Tony Djendine and Jerry Story calling the Squares and Betty and Clancy Mueller on the Rounds. It will be held at the Flag Pavillion in Jacksonville Beach.

We are very proud of our Patter Call book published again this year. Ernie and Ruby Holt did a great job.

West Coast Square & Round Dancer's Association - Reported by Joyce and Emory Johnson, Presidents

It has been our pleasure to attend several graduating classes recently for square dancers and share the enthusiasm of these new dancers. The Freshman Frolics sponsored by the callers in our area for new dancers has been well attended.

Our membership dances have been well attended and contribute greatly to our enrollment as well as fun and fellowship. We were in Ft. Myers on March 10, Tampa on March 30, Lakeland on April 14 and Dunedin on May 4, 1985. The Florida West Coast Membership roster has now reached 3,395.

We are still printing 5,000 or more copies of our Florida West Coast Magazine each month and are working on including a "New Dancer's Corner" page in our magazine so even our newest dancers will know at a glance where there is a dance on their level to enjoy.

# West Coast Square & Round Dancer's Association - Cont'd

Our 10th Annual Fall Fun Fest will be held in Lakeland, Fla. on November 8 and 9th, 1985 with Dick Bayer and Ron Schneider calling and Al Brauer and Karl Curewitz cueing. We hope you will plan to attend as this is our main fund raiser for the printing of our Florida West Coast Dancer.

Our Blood Bank continues to be very successful under the leadership of Joe and Ruth Estes.

We thank the Florida Federation for your support.

Hope to see you in Birmingham at the National.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Bow & Swing - Reported by Rita Deschambeau

We would like all area Associations to send monthly reports for publication.

Arrangements have been made to transport some cases of the June issue to the National for the Florida Showcase with the help of the Richardsons.

Thanks to Clubs who sponsored Subscription dances.

We will be represented on Education Panel at the National.

Grapevine - Reported by Brad and Jeanne Julian

We are sorry we cannot be with you this morning, but family obligations (and the fact that this is the week-end to put the Grapevine to bed) have kept us home this year.

After a little over a year of publishing, we are still surprised at all the new things we have to learn-but we are learning.

Subscriptions have held pretty steady, hovering between 362 (low) and a little over 400.

The computer has been a great help, particularly holding items that are repeated in each issue, and in keeping the mailing list in order.

Hopefully, we will be able to make some of the meetings this coming year.

Panhandle Press Report - Reported by Joy Vaccari-Editor

Subscriptions up from 350 to 450 copies each issue.

This issue contains our new directory. Copies available on the table. We had a good (terrfic!) membership drive.

Using Bulk rate mailing now.

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# PUBLICATIONS -cont'd

Keepin' Posted - Reported by Leo & Mary Richardson

Central Florida Square & Round Dancers Association is proud to present the latest edition of Keepin' Posted. June issue printed 2,000 copies.

With the June issue we have gone to a new format, that of a magazine type complete with advertisements. There is space for many more articles and we plan to have club listings in the future.

In addition to our normal mailing to Association members, Keepin' Posted will now be made available to all clubs in the Central Florida Area.

The Board of Directors are contemplating the purchase of a copier so that we can do our own printing. This decision will be made after careful study of the cost of printing versus a copier machine.

Also, beginning with the current issue, Leo & Mary Richardson will be the new editors of Keepin' Posted.

# West Coast "Dancer" - Reported by Cris Nissen Co-Editor

It has been a year since we have used the computer for our Dancing Calendar which has made it easier to make corrections and changes. We publish ten issues a year with a combined issue for June, July and August. This issue we have printed over 5,000 copies so we will have plenty for the State Convention and the National Convention. As the NSDCA are hosting the 1986 International Convention in Sarasota in 1986 we have provided 500 "Dancers" for their "Kick Off" in Colorado. This is to publicize Square Dancing in Florida.

4-Ws - Reported by Boots Oglesby

Boots reported that they have published a club directory with maps and that it is now available for purchase.

# CONVENTION REPORTS

1985 - Presented by Frank & Nan Habersberger-General Chairman

The attendance as of Saturday night was 2500. We do not have the attendance of the Cloggers and Spectators at Lake Mirror at this time. Those associations that have not turned in their Booster Button money, please do so at the meeting. Will the Association Publications please give their bills to Boots Oglesby. We are pleased to report another successful State Convention. We will return the balance of the loan from the Coordinating Committee around the first week of August. All Convention properties will be turned over to the 1986 State Convention Committee at 10:30 P.M. Sunday evening.

# CONVENTION REPORTS (cont'd)

1985 - Cont'd

We feel that General Guidelines are not really helpful when we needed specific information, and the information on file on what an Association did 5 years ago is no longer current. Previous Chairmen have always been ready to give the information requested, however, the many long distance phone calls proved expensive and very time consuming. To save time and reduce costs we have prepared specific information for the 1986 and 1987 Convention Chairmen. We recommend that they update it and pass it along to future chairmen.

1986 - Reported by Frank & Betty McCallister

Ready or not the last of the Franks is here to kick off the 1986 Convention.

The flyers have been printed and are in the rear of the room to be picked up by the publication editors and the association presidents. There are sufficient copies to put in two issues of the publications so please insert one in your next issue and one around January.

The booster badges say "Come out of your shell meet in Lakeland to SWING and MIX IN '86." The badges sell for the standard fee of \$1.00 each and there are four bags of 50 each for each association to pick up and sell. These badges are not designed to produce income but are to promote and create interest in coming to the convention. Please wear them as often as you can.

For those people who would like to make the 86 dress there are a stack of instructions for the dress at the rear of the room. We plan on wearing the promotion dress on Friday night at Birmingham and encourage all who can to do likewise.

Our kickoff is at 7:40 P.M. tonight and I hope everyone here will come out and help us get ready to SWING AND MIX IN '86.

1987 - Reported by Cris Nissen-Vice Chairman for Merl Herbert

I attended the Coordinating Committee meeting in the absence of Merl Herbert - It was an experience. Everything is going as planned - I introduced our vice caller chairman-Earl Steele and our Round Dance Cuer, Frank Dubois. Our theme is "Dancing in Heaven in '87.

1988 - No Report

# CONVENTION REPORTS - Cont'd

National Convention - Loren Long reported that Florida is second in registrations at Birmingham with 1500 registered vs 1900 from Alabama. Florida Showcase is one of the finer displays at past conventions. Hotel rooms are at a premium with no vacancies as far south as Montgomery. Transportation problems have escalated with public transportation non-existent and parking very meager near the convention site. It now looks like a park-and-ride operation utilizing some sort of shuttle bus. City busses will serve the Fair Grounds. Registration forms for Indianapolis are available for clubs and individuals. National Squares magazine, a quarterly magazine of the National Committee, which highlights national conventions, is available for \$4.00 per year.

President Crawford named a nominating committee for 85-86 composed of: Conrad & Belle Bishop, chairman; Joe & Joy Vaccari, Howard Wilson and Walter Stoltz.

<u>U.S.D.A.</u> - Joe Vaccari reported that the annual meeting and election of officers would be on Friday June 28 at 1:00 P.M. Frank & Nan Habersburger are nominees for treasurer. If elected this would leave a slot open for another Florida delegate. Several USDA members are panel moderators at Birmingham. U.S.D.A. after party is Thursday night in exhibition hall 'B'----Y'all come.

# Legacy - Reported by Chet Vetter

About 170 Trustees attended LEGACY VII at Philadelphia from May 9 through noon of May 12. The theme of the convention was "The Square Dance Family". Although there were 24 topics discussed, many during the same time period, much of the time was spent on Mini-Legacies. How to promote them, getting away from the term leadership and substituting education, dancer dialogue or learning instead. Using the results and comments of the LEGACY survey in these seminars should be given high priority. We hope to discuss this more thoroughly in an editorial at a later date. Other topics discussed were transition of new dancers into clubs, how can we insure better dancing tomorrow, how to recognize, encourage and develop new leaders, club officer responsibility, communication and many more.

We were given an advance look at the results and comments of the more than 7,500 survey sheets returned. The results bear out many of the situations and comments we see and hear almost every day. Much discussion not only at LEGACY but CALLERLAB also dealt with how to use this material.

Bob and Dottie Elgin of Pennsylvania were elected Chairman and Dan and Mary Martin of Georgia were elected Vice Chairman. Both couples are square dancers although Dan does prompt for contras.

#### Hall of Fame - Reported by Mori Sologow

Mori Sologow reported that the hall of fame is doing well and that there will be a Hall of Fame dance at Strawberry Square in Plant City, on Sunday November 24.

Mori Sogolow's brainstorm- A means of recognizing everyone who is a wheel, instrumental in making the wheels of square dancing go round. If anyone thinks that someone else is a "mover" he can "pin" him or her with a small wheel badge in reocognition of that fact. The pin is being designed. No caller or Round Dance leader will be eligible. The requirement should be 3 years as a leader. Discussion followed and on a motion by Jim Davis seconded by Millie Griffin it was decided that the Federation would provide the first 100 badges for their delegates. The treasurer will arrange to procure the badges.

Rita Dechambeau reported that the callers were in the process of changing their by-laws in order to qualify for a "not-for-profit" status and they thank the Federation for leading the way. There was no report from Jennie Runnels on the Round Dance council. A caller training program is being started for new members of FCA.

Coordinating Committee report was passed from Frank Habersberger to Frank McCallister who announced first that '86' convention badges will be available to delegates at the next working weekend.

#### Coordinating Committee Report - Reported by Frank & Betty McCallister

The meeting of the Coordinating Committee was called to order on May 25, 1985 by acting Chairman, Frank Bedell in the absence of Ted Kaiser.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Frank McCallister. The monies loaned out at this time are as follows:

Southeast Association	\$3500.00
Northwest Association	2500.00
West Coast Association	1000.00
Total	\$7000.00

As these loans now leave less than \$500.00 in the treasury, a request was made by Frnak McCallister that an early repayment of \$1000.00 be made by Southeast Association at this time. This was readily agreed to by Southeast, with the remainder to be paid in early August. The need for additional funds in the treasury were discussed at length. \$3500.00 cap for convention chairman to borrow.

# Coordinating Committee Report - Cont'd

1985 Convention - Reported by Frank Habersberger

Recommended that <u>specific</u> guidelines be passed on to the next convention General Chairman, and provided the 1986 and 1987 chairmen with his recommended guidelines.

1986 Convention - Reported by Frank McCallister

Reports everything on schedule and they are now concentrating on giving a lively, enjoyable Kickoff to introduce their Convention.

1987 Convention - Reported by Chris Nissen for Murl and Sally Herbert

They now have their logo and everthing is going well with their plans.

1988 Convention - Reported by Howard Wilson

Reports he will watch the progress and direction of the two previous Convention and develop their plan.

Florida Callers Association - Reported by Earl Steele

Recommends that a sign be made and placed in the lobby informing all Callers, that after registering with the Convention, they must immediately sign in at Caller Programming Room.

Round Dance Council - Reported by Frank Dubois

Reports that sound penetrates through the thin wall between Halls (West & East) and Square Dance Calls present a hearing obstacle in the Round Dance Hall.

Request for additional funds of \$500.00 per body to alleviate problems of early payoff at convention.

On a motion by Frank McCallister seconded by Mori Sogolow it was decided that the Federation share of the contingency fund be increased by \$500.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Showcase of Ideas - Reported by Ron Knowlton given by Conrad Bishop

Cupie and I regret that we were unable to attend this year's state convention and federation meeting there in Lakeland due to Cupie's medical treatment.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the national in Birmingham, Alabama.

The dancer contract brochure has been updated and Jack Pierson will be distributing 1,500 initial copies to each of the 5 associations there at the Federation meeting. Additionally the Welcome Center Section, Florida Department of Commerce, has requested 8,752 copies.

# Showcase of Ideas - cont'd

I have asked Jack Pierson to print a total of 18,000 copies which should give us enough extra to pass out at the "Showcase".

I have not received any input to the "showcase" except Marvin Taylor (Northwest) assured me that he would have the popular Florida souveniour "sex" sand there again this year. Rosemary Davis (Southeast) suggested that leftover pin on buttons i.e. 1985 Florida State Convention button, or other buttons might be a good give-away item.

Associations are again reminded that we are not allowed to use any commercial items.

We still need a volunteer to take pictures for the scrapbook and more volunteers to work an hour each at the "showcase".

The souveniour fans were not considered feasible for the "showcase" at National this year.

The fans are suggested in the future we should find as many sources as possible for cost comparisons and perhaps a fold-up style that would fit easily in pocket or purse.

Cupie will be making the aprons that we discussed at the working weekend meeting. She plans on the aprons being green with yellow lettering. We will have them available for the workers in the "showcase" at Birmingham.

Each association is requested to carry their showcase items to Birmingham.

If you have excess material with you members of Northwest will take them. If you transfer them to us this weekend.

Florida Afterparty - Conrad Bishop reported that on Friday night June 28, in exhibition hall 'B' Elmer Sheffield and Darryl McMillan would MC the Florida Afterparty, from 11 until 1:00. The invitations are ready with 30 for each delegate.

Vendors Report- was presented by Fred Longeal for Barbara Holt.

Florida Square Dance, Round Dance and Clogging Retailers Association. Our first thought today is to give a hearty "Thank you" for a job very well done by George and Boots Oglesby and their committee.

In a survey taken of all vendors present last night, every one of them commented on their appreciation of a well organized program and the help of great security. Comments were:

> - The attentativeness of the committee 1

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- Good security and adherance to time schedules
  The fact that dancers were <u>not</u> allowed to browse 3 during set-up times. This browsing can be dangerous and precious time consumed while the vendors are working.
- 4 Your Florida Vendors have been able to serve your dancing public very well without looking outside the state for vendors. After all, Our 1st concern is for

# Vendors Report - Cont'd

Our dancing customer's satisfaction and comfort as should also be the concern of this body present.

This has resulted from the last working weekend and a well organized Chairman and Committee. The Vendor Association recommends the guidelines George and Boots have been following, would be premantly set to be followed by each and every Vendor Chairman. Also, we would ask that a representative, sent by the Vendors Association be a part of your <u>Advisory Staff</u> working with your Vendor Chirman and your Convention Committee.

Our Association is growing in numbers as shops around the State become interested and new businesses are opening.

Many states are watching Florida to see if our Association will have impact, cooperation and be able to work well for the dancers as well as themselves.

They are adopting our By-Laws, Code of Ethics and will be looking at the guidelines to adopt for their own State Conventions, starting with Texas which has their State Convention this next weekend.

The Florida Vending Association are proud to be pioneers. We can and will set a standard for vending associations around the country.

Thanks to Frank and Nan Habersberger and all their chairman, and workers for doing a great job. A special thank you to George and Boots Oglesby for a job well done.

We are all looking forward to the next working weekend and on to a great State Convention in '86'.

IRS Report - Reported by Leo Richardson

The Internal Revenue Service 990 forms were completed and mailed in April, 1985 for the Federation year of 1984. A copy of these 990 forms have been kept for our records.

In keeping with a suggestion made by the Finance Committee at the Working Weekend, the Treasurer's records are being set up with numbered accounts. This will make the filing of IRS 990 forms an easy task in the future.

# Boundarys Assistance - Reported by Boots Oglesby

We held a luncheon meeting at Quality Inn at 11:30 A.M. Saturday Mary 25, 1985. In attendance were Presidents from 4 associations. Northeast came in later - all areas have voted to accept the boundarys that was discussed at the working weekend. From this meeting the association president felt that it would be nice if this could be an annual affair.

A motion offered by Boots Oglesby to accept the original boundary committee report as presented during the working weekend

#### Boundarys Assistance - cont'd

was passed. See attachment 2 for new boundary map.

Walter Stoltz reported that the Round Dance Council voted to add \$500.00 to the contingency fund.

State Outfit - Reported by Belle Bishop

Presidents of all Associations please urge your dancers to wear their State Outfits on Saturday night and take part in the Parade of States at National in Birmingham. However, if you do not have an outfit, do not skip the Parade because of that. We want all Florida dancers to take part.

Joyce Johnson has a complementary bag to go with the outfit. Alma Scott is selling these for \$7.00 individually or \$5.00 with an order for 12. Alma's address is 1399 S. Belcher Road, Largo, Florida 33541.

Mori Sogolow pointed out the availability of Tiger Town as a campground when commercial campgrounds fill up. \$5.00 per night with power and water.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Celeste Crawford asks all association Presidents <u>PLEASE</u> to furnish names of new delegates by October 15 for the year beginning with annual meeting.

The afterparty for the Federation will be tonight at Huntly in rooms 111-115. Y'all Come.

New meeting of FFSD will be at Plant City on Sunday November 24, 1985 at 10:00 A.M. There will be a dance on Saturday night and the Hall of Fame dance will be Sunday afternoon. All functions at Strawberry Square.

Hugh Fultz offered a resolution to appoint Chester W. Vetter as Registered Agent to succeed Esther Layne. Resolution passed.

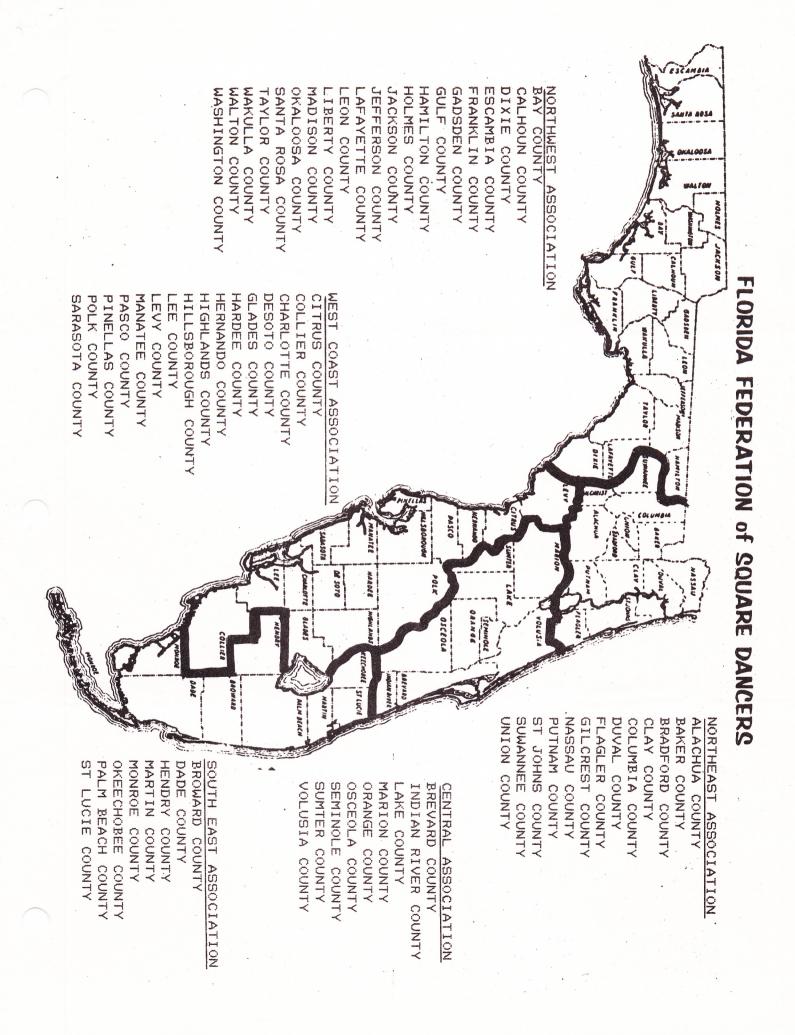
Pee Wee Stewart suggested that minutes be curtailed in future due to expense. President Crawford deferred action until the next working weekend.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Submitted,

Hug & Jean Fultz Secretary



# Attachment #1

# FLORIDA FEDERATION of SQUARE DANCERS

May 23, 1985

TRESURERS REPORT

Bank Balance as of February 15, 1985

#### **RECEIPTS:**

February Interest March Interest April Interest

### DISBURSEMENTS:

<i><b>#536</b></i>	Fred Crawford	(Tel., Printing, Postage, Refreshments) (Photos for Hall of Fame)
#537	Chet Vetter	
<i></i> #538	Hugh Fultz	(Printing & Postage)
<b>#</b> 53 <b>9</b>	Hugh Fultz	(Printing, Postage, Typing Service,)
#540	Leo Richardson	(Postage, Telephone, Accounts Book)

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### ASSETS:

Checking Account Contingency Fund

# LIABILITIES:

Total Worth