

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS

Convention Center, Lakeland, Florida

Sunday, May 30, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. The Call to Order was given by President Ray Huddleston
2. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Charlie Newsome
3. Invocation was given by Ken Brasfield
4. Roll Call was performed by Maria Spence. Val Newsome shared that we, as secretaries, send a letter to Nita Lascola to let her know that she has been placed on the inactive roster.
5. Introduction of Visitors & Guests were by Elsa Huddleston. They were Tom and Miriam James, USDA; Gary Murphy, caller; and Mary Kinzer, Central Region.
6. Minutes of February 27 & 28, 2010 Meetings were presented by Bob & Maria Spence. They were corrected that Bessie Stoval (not Bernice), and that the Associations President's meeting should have stated that the Presidential breakfast would include the Vice-presidents. Don Slocum moved to accept the minutes as corrected, many seconded, and they were approved.
- 7a. Treasurer's Report by Jack Hoffman – filed for audit. (See below.)

Florida Federation of Square Dancers

TREASURERS REPORT

February 27, 2010-May 27, 2010

Beginning Balance

Wachovia Checking Account	\$	
Insurance	\$	
24 Month Step Rate Commercial CD (Purchased 8-12-09)	\$	

Total All Accounts \$

Total all assets as of 2/27/2010 \$

Wachovia Checking Account

Receipts

Interest (Feb -Mar-Apr)	\$	
Internet Exp. Reim.(from 56th FSDC)	\$	
GSI (Winterfest 2010)	\$	

Total Receipts \$

Disbursements

Internet Transfer (Ch#1445)	\$
Sec. Expenses (Ch#1446)	\$
Pres. Expenses (Ch#1447)	\$
V. Pres. Expenses (Ch#1448)	\$
Treas. Expenses (Ch#1449)	\$
GSI (Winterfest 2010) Dist. - Central (Ch#1450)	\$
GSI (Winterfest 2010) Dist. - Northeast (Ch#1451)	\$
GSI (Winterfest 2010) Dist. - Northwest (Ch#1452)	\$
GSI (Winterfest 2010) Dist. - Southeast (Ch#1453)	\$
GSI (Winterfest 2010) Dist. - West Coast (Ch#1454)	\$
FL. Dept of State (Ch#1455)	\$
Red Rose Inn (Deposit)(Ch#1456)	\$

Total Disbursements \$

Wacovia Checking Account Balance		\$ _____
<u>24 Month Step Rate Commercial CD</u>		
Interest	\$ _____	
24 Month Step Rate Commercial CD (as of 5/6/2010)		\$ _____
<u>Other Assets</u>		
Red Rose Inn	\$ _____	
Total Other Assets		\$ _____
<u>Ending Balance - All Accounts (5/27/2010)</u>		
Wachovia Checking Account	\$ _____	
Insurance	\$ _____	
24 Month Step Rate Commercial CD	\$ _____	
<u>Current Total All Accounts (5/27/2010)</u>		\$ _____

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack & Barbara Hoffman, Federation Treasurers, 2010

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Florida Federation of Square Dancers Convention Fund
TREASURER'S REPORT
February 27, 2010—May 27, 2010

<u>Beginning Balance</u>		\$ _____
Convention fund Checking Account		
	Other assets as of 2/27/2010	
56 th State Convention Loan	\$ _____	
57 th State Convention Loan	_____	
Total other assets		\$ _____
	Total all assets as of 2/27/2010	\$ _____
	Liabilities	
Florida Callers Association	\$ _____	
Round Dance Council of Florida		
Florida Federation of Square Dancers	_____	
Total Liabilities		\$ _____
<u>Convention Fund Checking Account</u>		
Receipts		
	NONE	
Total Receipts		\$ _____
	<u>Disbursements</u>	
Loan to 58 th Convention	\$ _____	
Total Disbursements		\$ _____
Convention Fund Checking Account Balance		\$ _____
	Other assets as of 5/27/2010	
56 th State Convention Loan	\$ _____	

57 th State Convention Loan		
58 th State Convention Loan		
Total other assets	_____	\$ _____
<u>Current total All Assets (5/27/2010)</u>		<u>\$ _____</u>
	Liabilities	
Florida Callers Association	\$	
Round Dance Council of Florida		
Florida Federation of Square Dancers	_____	
Total Liabilities		\$ _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack & Barbara Hoffman, Federation Treasurers, 2010

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7b. Parliamentarian Report

May 30, 2010

Special thank you to our Showcase volunteers for providing the information for our combined display. We will make any necessary changes prior to leaving for Louisville. We hope this year's display lessened the stress of preparation for the yearly showcase. We are excited to be including information on dances for our Singles and Campers. Our Showcase Display along with the five area tourist brochures, Association tri-folds and publications (that I have collected over the past years) will be available on our National Showcase of Ideas table. The Florida 1" buttons have been ordered and will be handed out during the National Convention. Anyone attending Nationals that would like to volunteer to greet visitors and hand out buttons in the Showcase area, please see Cheryl. We will work the table as much as possible. We are not setting a specific schedule to work the Showcase area. However, we are asking for volunteers to schedule times they can assist with our display during the Convention.

We have not received any information on the Parade of States. However, plan to participate in our new or old Florida Federation outfit.

The 59th National Convention will have "Open Competition" to all dancers in the Freedom Hall on Thursday at 4:00 pm. In order to participate, you must sign up as part of a complete square and turn in your sign-up form at the Competition Registration Table no later than 12:30 pm on Thursday, June 24th. We know those that participated last year in Long Beach had a great time.

See you in Louisville, Kentucky!

Paul & Cheryl Miller

Kathy McKinney complimented the Millers on their show case boards and on the web site.

8. Sunshine Report was given by Elsa Huddleston. Shirley Knapp is improving, Zurhn Walker is weak but in good spirits, George Galik is not doing well, and Richard Lysobey and Bob Sorenson had passed away.
9. Correspondence was also covered by Elsa Huddleston. The GSI reports are due to the secretaries on the first of November. We do not put Ads on our web site, and the proclamation of September as Square Dance month was denied by Governor Crist's office. It was suggested that we draft a letter to

be down-loaded and signed and sent which will include the number of states that have a Square Dance Month. (*Note*** Resolved: Proclamation was later received..*)

- 10 Florida Caller Liaison was to be presented by Charlie Pergrossi but Caller President Gary Murphy was present and spoke first. There has been a positive increase of callers in Florida. Their association is aggressively recruiting new callers. They welcome input from the dancers. Next Charlie was called on and he agreed that Gary had covered the important information very well.
11. Florida Cuer Liaison - Lisa Wall: Lisa mentioned that the cuers are all here and doing well. The level of dancing is lower and the crowd smaller. Next year we'll give the rhythm and the phase of dance teach in advance. She mentioned that she would talk with the cuers about not correcting their partners during a teach, and powder is not allowed on the floor at the Lakeland Center.

12. Association Reports

Southeast

Sally & George Galik (Illness/absent – given by the Huddlestons)

SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION

We had almost seven squares at both the March and May Southeast dances. Our Mother's Day Dance which, for the month of May in our area, was exceptional. We were thrilled to have a large number of our new dancers attending. Scotty Sharrer has done an excellent job of teaching these dancers! Not only are they good dancers, but their exuberance and enthusiasm is phenomenal! Chris Philips did a great job calling both plus and mainstream, and Bud Miller also did some great calling. We are grateful to Phyllis Kent and Conrad Protzman for canceling their round dance classes on the Sundays when there is a Southeast dance so that the hall is available for the association dances at a reduced rate.

George Galik, the Southeast Association president, is recuperating slowly from two strokes he had the first week in March. Sally has her hands full taking care of him, but is still trying to keep up with most of her Southeast responsibilities.

We would be truly remiss if we did not tell you how truly supportive Jack Lewis and Scotty Sharrer have been. They always give us and other Southeast Board members as much time as we need for announcements, and strongly urge their dancers to participate in the fundraisers and attend the dances. They both always attend the Southeast dances, and as a result, many Advance and Challenge level dancers attend.

We have been trying to find a couple willing to take the Parliamentarian position in November, but to no avail. Therefore, we recently announced to the Southeast board that in November there would be no representative from our area on the Federation board. We did not make this announcement to the dancers yet because we still have some kinks to work out at both the Federation level and the Southeast level. We are pleased that the current board has agreed to continue on for the next year.

This is the last *official* Southeast Association report. It is with a great deal of grief and sadness that we reluctantly face an unprecedented square dancing future in the Southeast. Forty-three years of great dancing and comradarie is coming to an end. Perhaps a miracle will happen. Perhaps someone will step forward to bring the Southeast Association back.....maybe not this year, but maybe someday soon.....After all, we have a group of enthusiastic new dancers on the horizon.

Ray & Elsa Huddleston
Past Presidents

Northeast

Sam & Mary Starling

NORTHEAST FEDERATION REPORT

MAY 30, 2010

Our graduations are going pretty good. We still have three more to go. Each club that has at least one new dance gets a check from NEFSARDA, We try to get as many of the board members that can attend to go to make the presentation and to welcome the new students. This check is to be used to help promote square dancing. Our own Grapevine editor Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi also try to attend & present each new student with a grapevine, bow & swing & a camping edition. We had our Graduation Ball for the new dancers put on by The Gateway Callers Assoc.

So far this year we have had several anniversary dances. Mandarin Marauders had there 25th anniversary dance on April 25. There caller Lawton Smith also celebrated being there caller for 25 years. There was a great turn out, with lots of the older square dancers attending, some from as far back as the first dance in 1985.

Seabreeze singles had their annual City Rescue Benefit dance. It was well attended and a good fundraiser.

We have several big dancers coming up in the next couple of months. The annual Watermelon Festival in Chiefland on June 4-5. Christmas in July Benefit's the Shriners on July 10, annual Pink Cadillac at the Moose Promenades, and the 5th Saturday dance – put on by NEFSARDA, to mention a few.

A lot of our dancers in the northeast will be heading for Louisville, KY for the 59th National Square Dancing Convention on June 23-26.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam & Mary Starling

West Coast

Lance & Rita Baxter

West Coast Association Report

We of the West Coast Association have not been idle these past few months. We have held dances in several locations: Bartow, Sebring, Plant City, Port Charlotte, Tampa, and Sarasota. Each dance was well

attended and the hosting clubs provided a banquet for the dancers. The West Coast Callers and Cuers provided excellent, enjoyable, and varied entertainment. We of the West Coast are blest with a very good working relationship with our Callers and Cuers.

The West Coast is pursuing different media advertising: newspapers, radio & television stations, pamphlets for the public, and Internet links to clubs in the West Coast area. We have a working committee on utilizing the Florida State Fair in Tampa for promoting square dancing. Members have attended seminars dealing with advertising. We must be visible to attract new dancers of any age. We are working for the success of the Florida State Convention as well as the National Convention via: word of mouth, flyers, and fund raising activities. Kudos to Bud & Anita Taylor, their leadership is exemplary.

There is a five (5) caller EXTRAVAGANZA being planned for February of '11 at Lake Ashton Clubhouse in Lake Wales. Although not sponsored by the West Coast Association, it will be an opportunity for dancers to enjoy dancing to callers Sam Dunn, Keith Stevens, Ron Reardon, Dan Wilkerson and cuer Carl Rod. Advance sale of tickets and a pizza party is in the planning stages.

The West Coast Association finds that this time of year many clubs have stopped dancing. As many of the dancers are traveling, we wish them a safe and fun filled journey. This slow-down allows the association time for some "housecleaning" in operational procedures and to set the officer slate for next year.

Respectfully submitted, Rita and Lance Baxter
Presidents of the West Coast Association

Central

Bob & Jennie Courter

Central Florida Association ReportMay, 2010

We all know that saying: "We have good news and bad news!!!"

Therefore, we start off with the good news!!!

The 10th Annual CFA Shamrock Swing that was held in March had another successful two day program. Our Callers Tim Marriner and Bob Stern along with cuers Jimmy & Carol Griffin did a great job utilizing the three halls at LaHacienda Center for both dancing and workshops. We averaged between 40 to 45 squares of dancers and managed to make a nice profit for the CFA. We honored a very young 92 year old couple from the Orange Blossom Squares at the event for their time and service to square dancing.

Our 11th Annual Shamrock Swing will be held on March 18 & 19, 2011 at the LaHacienda Center in the Villages. Our Callers are Dee Dee Dougherty and Bob Stern and our cuers will be Joanne & Ken Hilton. Hopefully most of you stopped by the Shamrock Swing table and bought your ribbons, took boosters and flyers. Sharon & Ron Paul are the chairpersons for this event and are forming their committees for another great "Swing."

Many of our local clubs continue to dance through the summer, and we hope when you are in the CFA area that you will stop by and visit with these clubs. They would certainly be happy to welcome you to their dance. We also have the Flagler Ocean Waves that are moving from the NE back to Central. The club contacted us, and we suggested they speak with NE and it was agreed that they would be able to make the move. We look forward to having them with us.

CFA is also in the process of getting people to take positions on the board. We are working with several of our members to see if we can entice some dancers to step up and take positions. We have been politicking all weekend. Keep your fingers crossed for us. We know the rest of the Associations are having the same problems.

We wish to thank Randy & Carol Poole and their committee for another successful party weekend. Good food, good callers and cuers, and good dancing. What more can you ask for!!!

Lots of hugs to Bud & Anita Taylor and their committee for a wonderful State Convention. It is our 21st State Convention. Moving forward we look forward to seeing all of you at the 57th State Convention in 2011.

Now to our bad news!!! We are sure many of you already know that Dick Lysobey our "Keepin Posted" Editor lost his battle with cancer. Our square dance family certainly has lost a great square dancing advocate.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob & Jennie Courter, CFA Presidents

Jennie also noted the passing of Dick Lysobey and two date changes: July 31 is the "Villages Dance" and March 18-19, 2011 is the "Shamrock Swing".

Northwest

Paul & Cheryl Miller

Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association

May 30, 2010

Agape Squares graduated 8 dancers on April 12th. Grand Square Rounds graduated 17 couples from their Waltz class. Cuer Sandy Sturgies advertised her class as "Choreographed Ballroom Dancing" lessons. Her class will continue in 2-Step in September, many of the couples hung around and watched Squares after their classes, so we hope this will initiate a Square Dance class in September in Panama City. TNT Rounds in Pensacola continues to offer round dance classes to interested dancers. ABC square dances are being held in Navarre by Caller, Berlon Graham at the Senior Center. He will do this throughout the summer and in the fall he will begin Square Dance Classes, currently he has the interest of 1 square of new dancers. Pensacola Twirlers are planning a "Re-tread Class" for dancers who have been away from dancing and are excited to join the fun again.

On May 7th & 8th, Ragon Hall held a "Building Benefit Dance" and raise over \$1000.00 to make repairs to the hall, to keep it in top shape for dancing.

This summer our clubs will continue to dance, so if you are vacationing in our area please join us.

Northwest will host a 2011 State Convention Benefit "Ice Cream Social" on June 5. Pensacola Twirlers will have King Don Tristan DeLuna with his Queen & Court on June 12 at the Annual Fiesta Dance at the Bayview Center, Pensacola. June 17th Swinging Squares will host a Special Club Dance at Grand Square Hall.

We continue the fun in July with the July Jamboree to be held at Ragon Hall on the 16th & 17th. August 20th & 21st Seaside Squares will celebrate their 47th Anniversary at Ragon Hall, Pensacola. October 9th & 10th will find our Round Dancers in Panama City for the "Autumn Rounds" at Grand Square Hall. We will end the month of October in DeFuniak Springs for the "36th Annual Northwest Association Round Up" on October 22 & 23. We have ribbons if you plan to attend!

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul & Cheryl Miller, President

Florida Singles

Judy Frye

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF
SINGLE SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS

Federation Report - May 30, 2010

Our FASSRD group is working hard to promote our annual *Flamingo Frolics Dance* being held in Sebring, Florida on the week-end of October 8th & 9th of this year. We are trying a name change this year (from Single-Rama) in hopes we will have a greater attendance. We hold our dances at the historic Kenilworth Lodge where you can park your car of Friday and you never need it again until you leave on Sunday. The Lodge furnishes a really nice Continental breakfast and it has a great wood floor for dancing. The weather will still be warm in October so pack your swimsuit. And, as usual, this dance is not strictly for "singles" as many married or coupled people attend this weekend dance because they like the relaxed atmosphere and ambiance of this lovely old hotel. This year we have Ernie "Elvis" Rollen calling with Dick & Darlene Chase cueing. So come join us, you will not be disappointed!

Us "Singles" also have a National Convention and, again, we always hold our dances at a hotel where you park your car for the weekend and dance all in the same facility. This years *National Dance-A-Rama* is being held in Alexandria, Virginia over the Labor Day Week-end. Many great callers are lined up to entertain us like Mike Callahan, Ken Ritucci, Tom Miller and Florida's own Skip Cleland and many more too. And like the regular National Conventions many interesting tours are being offered. Check our Singles table for flyers for this fantastic dance, too. Again this dancing weekend is open to all dancers.

The FASSRD members are trying hard to keep our organization alive and running, hopefully for a long, long time, but we need everyone's help to promote our *Flamingo Frolics Dance*. To us Singles this dance is as important to us as is your annual Fall Fun Fest in Bartow or the Festival held in Jacksonville each year or the annual Shamrock Swing but we get little or no verbal advertising at clubs for our event. This dance is OUR "money maker" just as your Festivals are YOUR "money makers". I have attended many clubs outside my own region where club presidents will tell at length, for example, about Bartow's Fall Fun Fest, and encourages their club members to attend. Telling of the great callers and cuers that will be there and the fun time that will be had. They tell about which hotel is the host hotel and just everything concerning the dance. Some clubs even have ribbons to sell. But seldom, if ever, have I heard our Singles dances promoted verbally in such a way. True, there just might be flyers on the clubs flyer table but flyers don't really promote dances adequately ----verbal promotion does. At the last Federation Meeting I handed each Federation Board Member a packet with flyers to have distributed to clubs in their respective areas and since then have sent each one a square of ribbons to sell. I'm anxious to learn of the results of their endeavors.

It is a sad truth that all but one of our Singles clubs in Florida has folded. At one time there were seven singles clubs here in the State. Also be aware that many local clubs would not be in existence today if it were not for their "single" contingent. So please help us as we singles help you.

This is the end of my verbal report, however, I would like to tell you about the wonderful turn out the Singles Hall had last night at the Convention Center. The hall was decorated in the Valentine Theme, very appropriate I thought. Some of the best callers entertained us (or did we entertain them): Gary Murphy, Charlie Pergrossi, Bob Poyner, Skip Cleland, and filling in for Ernie Rollin was Mike Doughty and great cuers too with the Shankles. A lively time was had; we danced 2 to 3 squares ALL evening. I would like to think that by placing our big FASSRD Banner just outside the Singles Hall and using FASSRD balloons for eye catchers, made everyone curious. Also, a big "Thank You" must go to Shirley White and "Smitty" Smith who stood outside our hall and greeted everyone and invited them into the hall to dance with us. That created a very personal feeling of welcome. And once inside the doorway you were again greeted by our big ole mascot, our Mr. Irving Bird, who has come out of retirement to help promote our *Flamingo Frolics*. The Singles Hall was a terrific success! Another "THANKS" to the 56th FSDC for giving us this "Greeting Hall for Singles".

Judy Frye, FASSRD President

13. Publications

- Keepin' Posted - Jeanne Lysobey – No report
- Panhandle Press - Tim & Terri Wilaby – No report
- Grapevine - Charlie & Sarah Pergrossi

Grapevine Federation Report – May 30, 2010

The Grapevine is published quarterly and sold by subscription. We currently print approximately 260 copies each quarter. Our subscriber list continues to drop, primarily due to several deaths and other dancing couples who are no longer active because of health reasons.

We have been busy these past three months as we attended graduations and club anniversaries. We

always take pictures at these events. In the July issue we run the names and pictures of the graduates. In addition to welcoming these new dancers to the community with the appropriate "Yellowrock", we present them with complimentary copies to *The Grapevine*, *Bow & Swing*, and *NSDCA Times*. *The Times* is the official publication of the National Square Dance Campers Association. We'd like to thank Bill & Randy Boyd for the free copies of their publications so that we can make this presentation to the graduates.

We look forward to the continuation of ad exchanges with other Association publications for Association sponsored activities. In accordance with the accepted agreements made between the FL Editors and Federation Representatives, each Association President should be receiving complimentary copies of each publication. As the officers change within each association, please be sure to notify all the editors. A phone call or email would be greatly appreciated so that we may keep our mailing lists updated and accurate. We agree with the past editors, that this is a good way to continue a cooperative line of communication between associations.

Remember, *The Grapevine* will publish your ad free of charge if it is a benefit dance with all proceeds going to a charity. We'd like the ad camera ready, if possible. Our deadlines are printed on the inside cover of each issue as well as posted on our web site. They remain to be the first of the month preceding the issue.

Only by supporting and cooperating with each other, association wide, can we continue to have successful events. Let's remember to cooperate not compete with each other, and then we'll watch our activity grow. All the material in our publication may be used by any other publication; however we ask that you be gracious enough to give us the reprint credit.

Our Joys & Concerns and Grapevine Notice email messages have been very well received. We protect the privacy of our readers by not sharing their email addresses without permission. If you would like to be added to or removed from our listing, please contact me at any time.

We invite your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,
Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi
Editors of *The Grapevine*

West Coast Dancer (*Read by Bob Spence in the Henning's absence*) Ed & Ginny Henning

West Coast Dancer Report
May 30, 2010

To: Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers

I received a note that says, "Keep it brief".

I don't think that will be a problem because we have made some changes that are in tune with brevity. As most of you know, we are not printing a Dancer for August / September. And many of the West Coast Clubs are closed until fall. Therefore we have removed those clubs from the dance listings. This resulted in a reduction of 4 pages for the June / July issue saving a nice piece of change. That still leaves 4 pages of dance listings. So you can see there are plenty of dances to attend over the summer months. All listings for Clubs starting up in October and November will be reinserted.

Any articles and Ads that we receive during the next 4 months will appear in the October issue if they are still valid for that time.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Henning, Editor

Bow & Swing -- Bill Boyd

Bill was welcomed and applauded for being one of our Corporate Sponsors. He shared that Bow & Swing has 1,200 subscriptions, with 300 plus out-of-state. Bill had to leave early to go to another meeting. He wrote:

This is an abbreviated report as the real one is in Apopka, on my desk. Most of you know that we strive to put your club listings in the "Where to Dance" section. Yes, we still charge a whopping \$15.00 per year. But, we honestly feel it is worth a lot more -- if you know a club not listed—we have forms at our table.

Please not only for us, but for any of the publications, try for timely reports and advertising. We all need this information about 30 days prior to publication. We are still holding at about 1,200 subscriptions, a lot of which are people who no longer live in the area, or keep their 'snowbird' address year around. I know I am preaching to the choir, but please continue to encourage your fellow dancers to attend our conventions. Send photos – captions optional. Benefit Dances advertised at no charge.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Boyd.

14. State Convention Reports

2010

Bud & Anita Taylor

STATE CONVENTION REPORT
SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2010

This is the last day for the 56th State Convention. I hope everyone has had an extremely good time. I know I speak for Bud and myself when we say that it has been a pleasure serving as the Chairman of the very first "ALL STATE" Convention.

I want to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make this Convention a reality. I know that you have worked and given a lot of your time. I don't know what I would have done, if I didn't have all the advice I received. Each of you knew what your jobs were and you did them. As far as cooperation among all the Associations, I can call the Convention a success.

The Convention has had some problems. One thing I have learned is that I have to accept things happen, and move on. We lost one of the persons for our ceremonies and one of our chairmen due to illness just recently. We lost money in one of our fundraisers, but with most people's generosity, our loss was not too bad.

This Convention has been a learning experience for all of us. We have eliminated some of the familiar things, and tried some new things this time, such as the "challenge dancing." I hope everyone had a good time and maybe it can be continued. Also having an all "Singing Hall" was an idea that the Callers actually wanted to try. I was told that the Callers just love to perform. We featured several of our "newer" Callers in that hall to give them exposure. We thought having some of the tips as surprise dangle tips would draw people into the room and give the newer dancers a chance to earn dangles. Hopefully they will tell their friends what a good time they had and next year there will be more dancers. We also used stickers in each room to encourage all the dancers to try and visit some of the halls they normally would not visit.

Now for the part you have all been wondering about, the Money. Yes we did make enough to pay our bills. We had enough money to cover the cost of the Convention Center and return the seed money back to the Federation before the Convention started. We also had most of the other bills paid. We may even come out with a small profit. I am relieved that we were able to cover the expenses, but I am worried

about the future Conventions. All of the Associations helped with the fundraising, but I was holding my breath most of the time.

I will have a more complete report in November and will be able to tell you what worked and what didn't

Once again "THANKS" to everyone for all your help and support for this Convention where once more: "EVERYDAY'S A HOLIDAY, WHEN YOU ARE DANCING."

Respectfully Submitted

Bud & Anita Taylor
General Chairman
56th State Convention

An announcement was made by Val & Charlie Newsome that the 'Working Weekend' will be at the Red Rose Inn with the dance at Strawberry Squares for 2011. They would appreciate your support by staying at the Red Rose Inn. More information will follow.

2011

Terri Little & Ailene Picheco

57th Florida Square and Round Dance Convention
Lakeland, FL
May 27 – 29, 2011

Date: May 30, 2010
To: Florida Federation of Square Dancers
From: Terri Little and Ailene Picheco
Co-Chairmen of 57th Florida Square Dance Convention
Subject: 57th Florida Square Dance Convention, 2011

We're down to one year and counting...

Our latest board meeting was held yesterday afternoon and was very well attended. It lasted about an hour and revealed that everyone is on top of their duties. Badges and ribbons were handed out to the committee chairmen in attendance.

We started selling ribbons, polo shirts and tote bags yesterday afternoon and as of the close of the dance last night, we have sold 45 ribbons. We have also sold several shirts and tote bags. We made a decision a while back to NOT have buttons for sale, but have had so many people ask about them that we are re-thinking that decision and will probably have buttons available sometime in the next few weeks.

Our fund raising efforts are still going strong. The clothing sales have brought us over \$3000 to date and the VISA card (to be given away tonight) has brought us \$300 profit so far (Cheryl has indicated we might reach \$500 before it's all said and done). The Fun Weekend netted us approximately \$2000. This weekend our treasurer has written checks for over \$5000, which includes the polo shirts and bags and the down payment for the convention center.

We have a list of dances being held around the state and have asked anyone planning to attend to sign up as a representative of the 57th to help with promoting the convention. All that is needed is for someone to ask for a few minutes on the mike to ask everyone to attend the convention and offer information,

registration forms, and ribbons. If you plan to attend any of these dances, please put your name down and give us a helping hand.

Things seem to be running well, thanks to a TERRIFIC group of experienced folks. Here's to continued smooth sailing and calm seas.

Respectfully submitted,

Captains Terri Little and Ailene Picheco
AAAAAAARRRRRRGGGGG!!!!

2012

Carole & Garland McKenzie

2012 CONVENTION REPORT

FEDERATION MEETING

MAY 30, 2010

The first meeting of the Convention Committee was held at Fred's Market at 7 AM on May 28, 2010. The committee as it stands at this time was introduced so people could get to know each other. We have some new people on the committee who are not aware of the inner workings of a Convention Committee so they wanted a little background about what was going to happen in the next 2 years. We discussed the Theme, a little bit about the kickoff plan, our proposed budget, and requested fundraising ideas.

Our first fund raising project is currently underway in the hallway of the convention center. If you have not had an opportunity to bid on the items in our silent auction, the time is running short. Bidding will end at 8 PM tonight.

Our next fund-raiser will be in conjunction with the Federation Working Weekend. There will be a dance at Strawberry Square on Saturday, February 26, 2011. We have 4 callers scheduled (Charlie Pergrossi, Ted Kennedy, Sam Dunn and Jack Lewis) and Lisa Wall will be cuing. We have flyers available for all the Association Presidents...so please pick yours up before you leave today. The callers and cuer are donating their time but we have to pay for the hall. In addition to the door fee there will be donation baskets or jars out around the hall and a 50/50 drawing will be held.

We are still in need of a few good people on our committee. The following positions are still open: Ways & Means Coordinator (the position that Cheryl Miller has been doing for the past couple of years), Singles, After Party and Historian. If you feel you can help out on our committee, please see me in the registration booth this afternoon or this evening. We would be more than happy to have you on our committee. As a side note, a large part of the committee is made up of Past Convention Chairmen! Let's help them out folks.

Our room signs have been completed...they are in the halls this weekend. We are working on badges and shirts for next year. I have been in contact with the people that did our shirts for 2006 but since they are in Vero Beach I am also looking in the Ocala area for a possible source to avoid shipping charges as much as possible.

We are still planning and still need help.

Respectfully submitted,

Garland & Carole McKenzie, General Chairman

Carole McKenzie moved that we order a copy of the original FL Federation Corporation papers. Jack Hoffman seconded. (This will be kept by the treasurer to have on hand for new bank accounts.) It was voted on and approved.

2013 Convention Report

Cheryl & Paul Miller

May 30, 2010

We continue to look for Committee members to fill our Roster. Joe & Patricia McLendon have volunteered to be our Registration Chairmen. So, that leaves all the other easy jobs open for others! We have been kicking around several "Kick Off" themes, however, haven't settled on one as of yet. Our training with the current & upcoming Conventions should have us prepared for our Convention.

Respectfully,

Paul & Cheryl Miller

15. Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame - Donna Hendricks – No report

16. Historian Records - Bruce Morgan – No report

17. USDA Report

Paul & Cheryl Miller

May 30, 2010

Central Regional Director Charlie & Kitty Holley's term has ended. If you are interested in this position please see Ray or Elsa Huddleston, so they may nominate you for the USDA Central Regional Director.

We are ready for our trip to 59th National Square Dance Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Florida will be represented at the Annual meeting by delegates Paul & Cheryl Miller and Ray & Elsa Huddleston on June 23. We look forward to bring back information from this meeting. As always, please utilize the USDA website for information @ www.usda.org. We will continue to provide USDA information and articles to all the Association publications. Thank you Editors for including the articles in your publication and keeping our dancers informed.

Respectfully submitted, Paul & Cheryl Miller, Florida USDA Delegate

Paul Miller made a motion nominating Tom & Miriam James as our USDA directors, seconded by Dave Henning and was voted on and approved.

18. USDA Insurance

Carole Poole

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
INSURANCE REPORT May 30, 2010

Beginning Balance	January 31, 2010		\$
Income			
	Central		\$
	FASSARD		\$
	Northeast		\$
	Northwest		\$
	Southeast		\$
	West Coast		\$
Total Income			\$ \$
Expenses			
	USDA Insurance		\$
	West Coast Over Payment		\$
	Postage, Copies		\$
Total Expense			\$
Ending Balance	April 30, 2010		\$

As of April 30, 2010	C LUBS	DANCERS
	Central	19
	FASSARD	1
	Northeast	17
	Northwest	1&7
	Southeast	1&1
	West Coast	10
Total		1968

Finally, enrollments have slowed down. One club in the Northeast has folded and a new one has taken its' place. We are now including the Southeast Assn in our figures. The Chairman sent us what she thinks she sent to the USDA Coordinator.

Submitted by Randy & Carol Poole
Federation Insurance Chairman

Carol announced that she had a good turnout for her seminar, about 25 people attended. Randy mentioned that there are club forms on the website for insurance.

19. ASCAP/BMI

Maria Spence

There is no activity in the ASCAP/BMI account since March. Fees for this 2010 Convention will be due at the completion of the event.

Squarely yours, Maria & Bob Spence

20. ARTS

Ailene Picheco

ARTS report for FL Federation meeting 05/30/10

The June 2010 ARTS meeting will be held immediately after the 59th NSDC in Louisville, KY.
The meeting will start at 9:00 AM, Sunday, June 27, 2010.

In the Whiley Room, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel,
830 PHILLIPS LANE, Louisville, KY
Phone: 502-367-2251 Fax: 502-363-2087

Roy & Betsy Gotta are still working on the website "you2candance.com"
It should be completed soon.

ARTS has an EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM ...to encourage various dance associations and organizations to conduct Educational Seminars which would inform and educate their members and attendees about various topics related to the activity and help promote ARTS-Dance. The seminars MUST also cover who and what 'ARTS' is, its purposes, goals, and accomplishments.

Any square, round, contra, clogging, or folk dance organization willing to present a program which includes explaining ARTS and its function in the dance community is eligible.

Break --21. Old Business

Revision to Standing Rules by Dee Dee Stovall. She made a motion to amend the Standing Rules Section 14 by incorporating Section 14d into Section 14b, and change the title of 14b to: "Public Awareness, Publicity, Square Dance Preservation, Education and Services". The motion was seconded and upon the vote was carried.

Dee Dee then made a motion that Standing Rules Section 14e be changed to Section 14d and that Section 14f be changed to 14e. Motion voted and carried.

Emblem for state convention outfit

Cheryl Miller

Cheryl presented the white, blue, and gold patches for the Federation dress. After much discussion Nancy Taylor moved that we use the emblem patch of our choice, as it has been digitized. It was seconded by Mary Starling and voted on and carried.

Corporate donations

Don & Ann Slocum

I have had further discussions with the Central FL Visitors Bureau about corporate sponsorships. They have suggested we ask for three levels and I am thinking in terms of \$1,000.00; \$2,500.00; & \$5,000.00. We need to offer something in return. We can offer their logo on our promotional material, booth space for them to display their products, we could provide square dancers and a caller for special events at stores or an evening of fun for their employees.

I made a motion to pursue this action for the funding of the FSSRDC. It was brought up that either the Callers or the Cuers would also have to approve what we do.

The fund raising for the Conventions has become a problem with so many conventions running fund-raisers at the same time. People are starting to rebel against it and I believe we will lose in the long run.

Don Slocum

Don's motion (stated above) was seconded by Donna Hendricks and approved.

Skip Cleland from the FL Callers Association spoke and a benefit dance should not have to pay a Caller, but it would have to have the approval of Callers and Cuers Associations.

Lisa Wall shared that the Convention Center rules prevented us from having donated food. This was brought up under discussion on suppliers.

Jim McConnaha was congratulated on finalizing a contract with the Lakeland Center for the next three years.

Skip Cleland shared that he had called a 'one-night stand' dance at the Virginia State Convention and suggested that one afternoon of our convention be devoted to some type of 'invitational dance' for new dancers. Much discussion followed. The Newsomes and Spences shared their past experiences with WASCA (Washington, DC) and how they handled their Invitational dances. The president appointed a committee of all upcoming Convention Chairmen, with the Spences as Advisors, to look into Invitational possibilities. This Committee will pick its own chairperson.

22. New Business

Appointment of Nominating Committee by Ray Huddleston: Garland McKenzie, Jack McKinney, and Dewey Hendricks were assigned this task for next year and accepted.

Huddlestons announced that the Southeast Association would not be able to nominate anyone for the Federation Board. Following the new procedures they'll get someone from the Northeast Association.

Convention Fund Raisers

Don & Ann Slocum

Report of
Convention Finance Committee
May 30, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.

Attendees: Don & Ann Slocum, chairman

Paul & Cheryl Miller, Garland & Carole McKenzie, Terri Little, Ailene Picheco, and Bud & Anita Taylor

We met with the purpose of defining when different the Convention years would raise money and not have overlapping fundraisers. After much good discussion the following Guidelines were agreed upon:

1-There are three rolling fundraisers: the Party Weekend, Used Clothing Sales and the Dance on the Working Week End. These will be for the Convention a year out i.e.: the Party Weekend in 2011 will be for the 2012 Convention.

2-An up coming Convention can start their fund raising at the current Convention. i.e.: the 2012 Convention will start their fund raising at the 2011 Convention.
This fund raising is like Polo Shirts, raffle tickets, buttons etc.

All Associations should be encouraged by each Convention's Ways & Means Coordinator to do fund-raising, benefit dances etc., on the same schedule.

Respectfully submitted,
Don & Ann Slocum

Don Slocum made a motion that the Federation Board purchase a new digital recorder not to exceed \$150 for the Federation Board Secretaries to use. Donna Hendricks seconded the motion and it was voted and passed. The Spences were requested to do the purchase and they accepted.

23. Announcements

Next meeting will be Sunday, November 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Stay Inn and Suites (old Davis Motel), Bartow, Florida.

24. Adjourned at 12:25 p.m.