

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
 Working Weekend
 Strawberry Square, Plant City, FL
 Sunday, May 22, 2022

Call to Order

Terry Wetherby called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Walt Syphard offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Terri Little lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call and Introduction of Visitors and Guests

Terri Little called the roll and stated that we do have a quorum.

Finance – Terri Little

The Proposed Budget for 2023 is as follows:

Proposed Budget for 2023		
Florida Federation of Square Dancers		
Prepared 5/21/2022		
Income		
Association Dues		\$ 250.00
State Convention Profit		\$ 1,178.16
Internet Reimbursement from Current Convention		\$ 272.09
Interest		\$ 1.00
	Total Income	\$ 1,701.25
Expenses		
President		\$ 100.00
Vice President		\$ 250.00
Secretary		\$ 150.00
Treasurer		\$ 50.00
Parliamentarian		\$ 250.00
USDA		\$ 100.00
Corporate Dues		\$ 61.25
Honorariums		\$ 200.00
Historian		\$ 25.00
Delegate Badges		\$ 70.00
Friendship Cards		\$ -
Visit Florida Welcome Center Cards		\$ -
Working Weekend Benefit Dance		\$ 100.00
Advertising		\$ 300.00
Insurance		\$ 45.00
	Total Expenses	\$ 1,701.25

History, Education, Public Awareness & Preservation (HEPP) – Penny Green

This meeting was held in the Holiday Inn Express lobby. It was attended by Craig and Margaret Ann Brown (WC), Charles Tharp (SE), Annie Minor (SE), and Penny Green (WC). The main topic of discussion was the New Dancer Handbook. The discussion started at yesterday's Federation Meeting was continued at the Committee meeting. We all agreed that making the Handbook electronic is the way to go. We also discussed the best way to announce the Handbook, distribution and how to accommodate those that don't have or use e-mail. Instead of printing and mailing a Handbook to each club president, the Committee proposes that we e-mail a link to every club and they can go to that link and print off as many as they need/want or e-mail the link. Inside the booklet there will be a Reprint Authorization Statement encouraging them to forward the link to everyone or print copies. We would also explain that we are aware that printing in color is expensive and if they want to print without color, they should print in "Greyscale". It was discussed that many dancers come out of class not knowing about the square dance activity and what all it entails. A couple of people said they didn't know about square dancing shirts until we were discussing it in the meeting yesterday and they've been dancing over 5 years. It was also suggested that we add an Acronym Glossary to the booklet. We also discussed reimbursement for printing. We think it should be left up to the clubs, but feel we should have some type of control so we don't get taken advantage of. I will also write an article regarding the Handbook for DANCERgram and will provide to the other publication editors. The Handbook is pretty much ready to be published and will be out as quick as possible. The link will be put on the Federation website as well as DANCERgram website. Terry Wetherby said someone suggested to her that we also create and provide an audio version of the Handbook and put it on the website as well.

State Convention Procedures – Keith & Angie Olds

This meeting was well attended by various past and current Chairmen. Key points discussed as follows:

- 1) The current procedures assume at least 2 convention Chairmen have been named; this is not the case with 2023. Fortunately, many of the committee chairmen for the 2023 convention have experience with past conventions and can offer their expertise/knowledge. The Federation should make every effort to assure that the current and 2 future chairmen are named for continuity of experience.
- 2) It was a missed opportunity that we were not able to do a Kick-Off at the last convention. This was a result of the late decision to have a convention in 2023. Every effort should be made to have at least 6 months to prepare for Kick-Off. The next convention (2024) needs to be working on their Kick-Off
- 3) The committee list we were provided is huge, which was probably necessary when there were several thousand attendees. We will be paring that back and will report results in our final report. Penny Green has a good start on a Convention Chairman Book for future use.
- 4) We discussed the possibility of getting most of the programmed callers to call at the Trail-End Dance to provide exposure. Not all dancers are familiar with all the callers.
- 5) We also discussed the possibility of having National Callers.
- 6) Opening and closing ceremonies need to be planned and scripted. We need to be sure we have all awards know in advance and that all participants are on stage or at least readily available. There should be a schedule that is strictly adhered to.
- 7) It was suggested that we try to solicit vendors that are outside of the Square Dance Community to get more people in the hall.

Association Presidents & USDA Insurance – Carol Poole

This meeting was attended by Carol Poole and Linda Tester. I clarified the change to the boundaries of coverage from outside the venue to inside the venue. The financial records were audited by Charles

Tharp and Dawn DeWitt. A discrepancy was found on July 2, 2021, check #2010. The premium did not match the check amount. Following the audit I phoned the USDA Director. She checked her files. They agreed with mine that I overpaid. She will send me a letter confirming that I overpaid and is giving me a credit for the amount. She is not authorized to write checks.

Showcase of Ideas – Eric & Robin Burton

Barbara McDonald (previous Parliamentarian) re-did the tri-folds for the Showcase. They need to be updated. We are asking each Association to provide updated flyers, information, etc. for the convention next month. Please e-mail or mail the updated items to Eric and Robin. It was suggested that we have a USB drive to make updating easier. The USB drive can be purchased using the Parliamentarian budget and submitting the receipt for reimbursement. We plan on updating the officers. We also need to order more medallions for this year. Terri Little stated that the coins are ordered from Galaxy Medals, Titusville, FL. Jack Hoffman will order 1000, submit the receipt for reimbursement, and bring them to the Convention in June.

Other Business

Penny Green pointed out that the meeting was being held in the Hall of Fame. There is a board for each of the Associations where their Dancers of the Year are displayed. There are plaques for each of the inductees into the Hall of Fame. The inductee gets an identical plaque, only smaller. There are also shadow boxes for each Organization (Federation, Florida Callers and Round Dance Council) with all of the Past Presidents listed with pictures. The only Organization missing is the Campers. There are also plaques for each year that Florida Federation had a display in the Showcase of Ideas at the National Convention (over 25 years). There is also a plaque with all of the Convention Chairmen, including the Caller and Cues Chairmen for each Convention. All the Associations need to be aware that when they award a "Dancer of the Year" (or whatever they call it), they need to notify the Hall of Fame so it can be updated.

Terri Little announced that she has packets for each Association for the 2023 Convention Program Book. Included in the packet are copies of the advertisements from organizations and individuals from your Association that were in the previous Program Book. The idea is that these advertisements will be updated and renewed for the 2023 Convention Program Book. There are also blank advertisement forms for use and Booster Sheets (\$1 per name listed). All of these forms are available on the Convention website as well. This is one of the many ways of raising money for the Convention. Penny Green added that the advertisements do NOT have to be Square Dance related businesses.

Terry Wetherby asked for volunteers for the 2024, 2025 and 2026 conventions. Keith Olds stood up and stated, "I was taught that you don't show up with a problem unless you can provide a solution, so we will do 2024." They are doing that in order to give the Federation an opportunity to recruit for 2025. Charles Tharp and Dawn DeWitt are considering chairing 2025 but feel that they need to be more involved in the next couple of conventions to learn. Keith Olds stated that according to the Convention Procedures, they would serve as Vice Chairmen for 2024 in order to learn to be Chairmen for 2025. Dawn reiterated that they want to get involved NOW to make sure they know what needs to be done for 2025. This will be the 70th FSDC.

Terry Wetherby announced that there is a Round Dance this afternoon at 2 pm at Strawberry Square.

Next Meeting

Sunday, October 30, 2022, 9 am at location TBD. Terry Wetherby will e-mail details as soon as they are set up. This will be in conjunction with the Fall Fun Fest which will be held October 28 and 29 at Carver Center in Bartow. Ted Kennedy and Bill Chesnut will be calling and Earle Collins will be cuing. It will be mainstream through advanced squares and Phase IV/V rounds. Host Hotel is TBD.

Linda Tester announced that there are flyers on the table for the Fall Festival held in Jacksonville on November 4 & 5 and she has ribbons if anyone is interested.

Nominating Committee – Terry Wetherby

Terry Wetherby asked for someone who would be willing to be on the Nominating Committee. Because Northwest doesn't have anyone for the Board, it has been discussed that the Vice President would take on the Parliamentary duties and the new member from West Coast would go on as Treasurer. Annie Minor volunteered to be the Nominating Committee and perform the Installation of Officers at the next meeting.

(NOTE: Since this meeting, the meeting in October has been finalized. It will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2022, at 9 am at the San Lan RV & Golf Resort, 3929 US Hwy 98, S. Lakeland.)

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Little, Vice President
Acting Treasurer (for 2021/2022)
Acting Secretary (for this meeting only)