

Florida Federation of Square Dancers

Strawberry Square

4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL.

Saturday, May 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER (TERRI LITTLE)

Terri Little called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM

INVOCATION (LINDA REID)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (CAL MAKI)

ROLL CALL (CAL MAKI)

TERRI LITTLE SAID THERE WAS A QUORUM AT THE MEETING

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS (TERRI LITTLE)

SANDY STURGIS, CLIFF REISS

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Terri Little asked for corrections.

Carol Poole stated in pg.2 Parg.6 – instead of Spring Dances it is Spring Dance Club

Linda Reid stated in pg.2 Parg.1 – name is Debby and last name is Vogt

Jenny Green sent a correction via email that stated: “Under Financial report, it states I provided copies of the Treasurer’s report and it was filed for audit, but I didn’t have a reporter to present I only gave the totals for each account and the overall total.

No approval.

CORRESPONDENCE (ANN and CAL MAKI)-Vice President

The first two pages of the delegates binder were redone and copied and put into the binders. When are we notified that there are new delegates?

FINANCIAL REPORT (JENNY GREEN)

Went over report. Will file the report for Audit.

SOME CONVERSATIONS WERE CUT SHORT DUE TO THE MEMO RECORDING CAL MAKI USED ON HIS PHONE.

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT (ANN, CAL MAKI)

The Showcase display was taken to the State Convention and some associations placed their flyers close by. The display needs a little handiwork before we take it to the National Convention. We will discuss the display at our session this afternoon. See if we need any improvements. We also would like to get some more trinkets to give out as well as some candy. Any suggestions?

The National Convention Showcase directors (Schmit’s) sent a letter with set up schedule and hours of Showcase of Ideas at the National Convention in Mobile. Also, to make sure we register for next years convention for the Showcase.

SUNSHINE REPORT (ANN, CAL MAKI)

Please let us know when a card will need to be sent out.

Greeting Cards were sent to the following people:

2/15/23 Sent card to Janet Teal – sister of Mary Lee who died. Janet sent a reply thanks to Fed.

3/25/23 Get well card to Bruce Morgan who broke his leg

3/27/23 Get well card to Brian McDonald who had back surgery.

FLORIDA CALLERS (MARK FETZER)

ROUND DANCE COUNCIL OF FLORIDA (CINDY BUNN)

FLORIDA SQUARE DANCE CAMPERS (BOB AND BARBARA ROSENTHAL)

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

CENTRAL (TERRI LITTLE)

CFA'S next Saturday dance will be held on July 29, 2023. Location and details will be forthcoming.

CFA will hold its annual President's Ball on September 30, 2023, at On Top of The World Recreation Center Ballroom. The dance will start at 1:30pm with early rounds and Mainstream & Plus w/rounds from 2-4pm. Our newly elected officers will be installed prior to the dance.

NORTHEAST (SHIRLEY WRIGHT) NO REPORT

NORTHWEST (BRIAN AND BARBARA McDONALD)

Northwest would like to report that our clubs have been having classes for SSD. Mainstream and Round Dancing. Agape Squares and Seaside Squares just had graduations this month. Swinging Squares graduation will be the end of the month. We have a large group planning to go to the National Convention and Tennessee State Convention in August. T-N-T Rounds now have their own dance hall. They have been dancing and having Waltz classes in Pensacola.

Our Northwest Roundup will be October 20-21 at the Timpoochee 4H camp in Niceville. Our callers are Nick Hartley and Darren Henry. Cueres are Terri and Tim Wilaby. We are busy getting advertisers and making plans so we hope a few of you can come.

I did send an email to Jenny Green regarding Florida Dress.

Thank you for your prayers for Brian's surgery. He was doing pretty good but fell on his knee going into What-a-burger so his knees hurt and back, too. We regret that no one can come to the working weekend from the Northwest. We have been praying for those of you who have had surgery and we all have to be careful of falls.

SOUTHEAST (ANNIE MINOR)

Since January Southeast has held 2 regional dances in February and March. We have discussed guest procedures so that we can have an intro-square at dances where people interested in dancing can experience square dancing. We have discussed putting up a new Federation Board member and will put out a call for nominations in the fall. Our schedule of dances for the upcoming season is shaping up. We still need one caller for our March dance. We are incorporating one more of our area callers this year in the sessions, Joe Uebelacker, who will be calling virtually. We have discussed putting a budget together so that our income better matches our expenses. We will discuss dues and dances fees. We had 52 insured and 6 clubs dancing.

Elsa Huddleston (and Ray) would like to be removed as delegates for Southeast, please.

PUBLICATION REPORTS

Penny sent out a sheet so we would know when all Publications are due and sent out.

BOW AND SWING (SUSAN ELAINE PACKER) No more publications.

DANCERgram (PENNY GREEN)

The DANCERgram is going strong with distribution at approximately 1,000.

As the editor, I receive numerous questions regarding anything from dances to how to dispose of equipment. I also send a welcome email to callers and cuers that are new to our area. I explain how the state is divided into five areas, information about the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida along with links to obtain membership applications, and information on the State Convention explaining that they have to be a member of one of the state organizations to call and / or cue at the convention.

My webmaster has been busy working on the state website to provide a temporary solution until a new site can be established.

FLORIDA EMAIL TREE (PENNY GREEN)

The tree is being used frequently, especially with the convention. Hopefully, the information is being filtered out to the entire state.

GRAPEVINE (STEPHEN BIGELOW)

No report.

Sends out Publications monthly. Contact him if you want a publication.

KEEPIN' POSTED (AILENE PICHECO)

The April issue was the last issue I will publish. I have a few left. I will be sending information out by email, pertaining to the Central Association as it becomes available. This will keep everyone up to date.

It will be broken up into categories so there will not be a magazine anymore. Categories would be:

Local dances that are coming up in Florida and nearby states.

Our State Convention Information.

Where to Dance in Central Florida and club information.

And Obituaries.

If someone would like to take over the magazine format, that would be fine with me. It takes a lot of time putting it together and is expensive for the printing and mailing.

PANHANDLE PRESS (BARBARA MCDONALD)

There have been no changes and I continue to update our clubs and members about the changes with the State convention site for next year. We hope to get a few more members to go. The most complaints were about the concrete floors for Mainstream through Advanced dancing. We hope the new site has better flooring.

WEB SITE (BRUCE MORGAN/KEITH OLDS)

Bruce had a Hip Replacement and then he fell and broke his femur. His Lincoln broke down and his Hyundai had no battery. Could not travel.

Keith wrote: After the website became inoperable due to software obsolescence, Cliff Reiss graciously volunteered to create an interim Federation website that would contain the most time sensitive information. That website is currently operating on Cliff's server.

In the meantime, I have built a prototype of a new webpage on the popular WordPress tool, which is freeware and has a large user community. The main page of the prototype. It includes several attached pages that I have used to test the links. This version is free. The Pro version is \$30.00/month.

Keith said anyone can go in and find the calendar but it should be restricted to the Federation Officers and the Association Presidents. It needs to be controlled and can try it again. The calendar is not working now.

The next step to transfer the Federation's webserver from Bruce to me and get it up and running on my ethernet. I will then port this page onto that server and populate the other pages with data from the old page. Then I can activate the new webpage and take over from Cliff.

FLORIDA FEDERATION WEBSITE UPDATE (CLIFF REISS)

The website has been up and running since mid-March. The robust and comprehensive website that Bruce started 20 years in 1999 was not supported for over a year and the material was outdated. The vendor support system for the building support software he was using had ended and needed to be replaced. Keith Olds volunteered to look for a solution and asked Cliff to help.

First step to add the State Convention to the DANCERgram website. I completed this by the second week in February in order to provide online access to the Convention Bifold Registration Form. So to keep the FL. Fed. Website up and running on the DANCERgram platform so the website could be brought up to date. There would be no cost to the Federation because it is supported by the SCCA/West Coast Assoc. and I knew it and did not need a new web package.

I started in Feb. to copy the Fed. Website onto the DANCERgram platform and it took over a month to transfer all of the material of web files and HTML pages and copy over 1,500 images and some historical information, etc.. I am continuing to fine tune the website. Updates have been coming in from the Associations and Clubs. Some inactive clubs have been removed.

62 clubs are listed on the website. 28 have their own website. 30 have a webpage on the website.

There are also links to 4 Halls listed on the website, and to 1 FL. Vendor.

Thanks to Penny Green who has been getting the word out that the website is up and running and updates were needed. She has also proofread the website. The html code needed formatting to organize it and it had to be correct.

There are also webpages for the FCA and RDCF and webpages for several Callers and Cuers.

Search engines will take time to recognize the changes in physical location. I can create forwarding reference pages to help users access the new location of the web page.

WHAT HAS CHANGED:

Association events are in front and National Convention near the end.

The Calendar function was not implemented as it is high maintenance.

The Map locator was not implemented.

Modification of Insurance pages to create one generic form to be used across all 5 Associations.

ASSOCIATION AND CLUB NEXT STEPS:

To confirm their listings are accurate and that all clubs are represented. Communicate.

The SCAA/West Coast Partnership page needs to be updated.

There are 4 "WHERE IS THE DANCE" WEBSITE where club information is Posted.

Square Dance Resource Net; The Traveling Hoedowners; Dance, Dance, Dance; SQ. DN. Fun

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE FEDERATION

Bruce had been supporting SuzieQ's Website – Federation should decide what to do.
Bruce maintained webpages for a few Callers and Cuers – Federation should decide what to do.
Bruce handle URL registration and renewals for various individuals through his GoDaddy account.
I transferred them to my account to track them for expiration dates. Federation needs to decide.
As Keith designs the new replacement website he has the opportunity to make some decisions regarding the presentation, layout and content. It needs to be refreshed.
LOOKING FORWARD;
It took a month of my time and \$21.00 for paper and to register a new URL to get files from the old website.
I plan to continue to maintain the website for now.
I will maintain the Federation, Association and Club information to keep the website up to date.
Adding flyers and information for Federation and Association events.
Maintaining the web URL's that are in my GoDaddy account.
Maintain the DANCERgram website for Penny.
Terri Little said, "Cliff, turn in your receipts and we will reimburse you."

CONVENTION REPORTS

2023 – (KEITH AND ANGIE OLDS)

Distribution of final reports and checks given out.

Send to McDonalds in the Northwest and Shirley Wright in the Northeast.

The 68th State Convention at the Volusia County Fairgrounds near Deland was a success. Thanks to the FL. Callers Association the Round Dance Council of FL. And the FL. Federation of Sq. Dancers. Daytona Beach did not have the weekend we needed so Facilities and other organizations decided on the Volusia County Fairgrounds, Jan. 19, 20 and 21^{s,2023t}. Preregistration was not available so we missed out on about 30% of our sales before hand. Did two benefit dances and other dances around the state to catch up with that loss. We tried Masonite flooring which worked and we can use again. We also had a dinner and music show on Friday night which drew in almost \$2,000. Attendance was 394. Profit was \$4,260.90

2024 – (KEITH AND ANGIE OLDS)

104 Registrations. We have Ways and Means and selling shirts, etc. and having a Silent Auction.

The Center at Deltona is under contract. Host Hotel is Marriott Courtyard in Deland. (same as 68th)

Dry Camping (no hookups) will be allowed in the Center Parking lot. There are 18 Campgrounds near the facility.

Susan Wolford has been very active with publicity. She has lined up states that want to participate in a Reciprocal Flyer Exchange. She created a flyer created that could be resized for a smaller book.

The entertainment committee has contacted a local theater group who is interested in providing the entertainment for the dinner show which would be more like a stage show. They may have an English Country Dance Instructor teach prior to the dinner.

Trail End Dance will be Jan. 18, 2024 at the Center of Deltona from 6:30 Rounds, 7:30 to 9:30 Plus, Mainstream and Rounds.

Some of the Ribbons distributed have the Fairgrounds location on them.

FACILITIES REPORT (RANDY POOLE)

The Fairground worked out fine but there were some areas that could and would be improved. The Fair Association promised us the facility for 2024 and all future years but because of their schedule

they wanted to wait until after the 2023 convention to sign a contract. That sounded good to us at the time. If the facility turned out to be a disaster, we would not be committed for 2024. I talked with them every Wednesday following the convention asking for the final invoice and the new contract. Finally, we received the Invoice. It needed correcting. At this point, Ronnie, the General Manager, asked me to move to the following weekend. An organization that held "our" weekend for 20 years and dropped the date in 2021 because of COVID wanted it back. In the meantime, Charles and Dawn Convention Chairmen for 2025, were scouting for another venue. They contacted the Center in Deltona and the Osceola Heritage Park in Kissimmee. We toured the Center with them but did not tour the Osceola Heritage Park which turned out to be out of our price range. Later, Dawn emailed several locations in Deland for us to check out for the Trail End dance. The Sanborn Activity Center, the DeLand Garden Club and the Chisholm Center. The Garden club's capacity is 115 people. The Chisholm Center is not in the best neighborhood and there is limited parking. The Sanborn Center was carpeted. Then we get the word, the fair ground dates were in jeopardy. I contacted Keith, Convention Chairman, Rod Barngrover and Earle Collins, Caller and Cuer Chairmen; also, both are on the board of their organizations) to arrange a tour of the DeLand and Deltona facilities. All involved felt it was better to change the location rather than the dates. I also asked Jeri Huston to join us because of the carpeting and flooring. Peggy and Carol P. also joined in. We toured the Deland facility and it was too small. The Deltona facility was larger but not perfect. We gathered in the conference room and the three Chairmen, Convention, Caller and Cuer worked together for an hour or so. They decided they could make it work. I contacted the three organizations and shared the news. The following week Mark Fetzer, President of the Florida Callers Association, Bill Chesnut and I toured Thee Center in Deltona. Upon approval of the three organizations, we secured a contact, Charles and Dawn have the same weekend reserved for 2025.

HOUSING REPORT (RANDY POOLE)

The Courtyard by Marriott in downtown DeLand gave us a contract for 60 rooms at the same price as last year. They have also reserved the meeting room for the Federation meeting on Sunday morning and our use at night. We have ___ filled. The deadline for rooms is 1st weekend in Jan., 2024

Jenny Green said the on line registration is updated with the new location.

2025 – (DAWN DeWITT AND CHARLES THARP)

SPIN THE BIG TOP

Proposed location: The Center at Deltona

Quote : \$7,510.00

Proposed Dates: Friday, January 17 trail end dance, Saturday, January 18, Sunday, January 19

Change days due to having the most use of the facility. Part of Center is not available until 3pm Friday. Meetings may take place on Sunday or Monday. Decisions to follow.

Might get more attendance for Sat. and Sun., since Monday is a holiday.

Proposed Admission increase: to pay for online registration, and drink package for attendees

Proposed Dinner Show: Circus and Dinner

Chairmen needed for many positions.

2026 -- Terri Little stated we need Volunteers to chair the Convention.

HALL OF FAME (AILENE PICHECO)

This award is not just for dancers! It was organized to also honor: callers, cuers, publishers, teachers,

organizers, promoters, vendors and /or others, for their STATEWIDE contributions made to our square dance activity. Please think of someone who might qualify and send a resume to your Association President, or to me, for consideration.

The committee members are listed on the website and a format to follow for the resume.

Penny Green, as curator of the Hall of Fame at Strawberry Square, has updated many of the plates in the hall. She is also planning to change the placement of plaques as space in some areas is running out.

HISTORY, EDUCATION, PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PRESERVATION (HEPP) COMMITTEE – (PENNY GREEN)

The committee is comprised of Penny Green and Linda Reid and we met on Saturday afternoon in the hotel lobby.

HISTORY – When I receive or locate historical information, photos, or items, I attempt to digitize them. I'm not sure what the Associations are doing with their information. I feel it is important to document our history.

EDUCATION – THE New Dancer Handbook has been completed and will educate new dancers about what is out there in the square and round dance community. So many of our dancers don't know what is going on outside their class.

PUBLICATION – This subject has been discussed over and over and I haven't observed anything happening. I started thinking outside the box.

What about a professionally produced commercial? There are several independent film copies that could do a good job and it wouldn't cost as much as the large production companies. Penny will research this idea and bring information back to the next meeting.

A lot of city bus lines are wrapped with advertising. The whole side of the bus advertises businesses, schools, etc. Another idea is to put an advertisement on the back of the bus. When people are sitting in traffic, they are staring at the back of a blank bus. If there was an ad there, they could be reading it while they wait for the light to change. Penny will research this and bring information back to the next meeting.

USDA (CAROL POOLE) UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

The Executive Board met this past January in Bismarck, North Dakota. They reported it was 40 degrees when they got off the plane and seven degrees when they departed. The annual Board of Directors meeting will be held in the Bon Secour Ballroom at the Renaissance Riverview Hotel in Mobile, AL., on Wednesday, June 21 at 1:00PM. All dancers are welcome to attend. From past experience the hall is usually very cold so bring a sweater. I think they request the cold air so everyone will buy one of their really cute jackets (also on sale in the hall). USDA will sponsor a square dance after party with the Ghost Riders live band on Friday, June 23 at 10:00PM. During the day when you need a rest, they are sponsoring several education sessions: The Toolkit for Club Leaders, How to be an Insurance Coordinator, Organization Roundtable and 501c3 Group Exemption Program. The dates and times will be in your program book. They will also have a display in the Showcase of ideas with all of their Educational Publications for free.

USDA INSURANCE (CAROL POOLE)

Jenny Green and I met at Wells Fargo Bank during the state convention. She is now a third signer on the insurance checking account. This is ongoing until a new insurance chairman is appointed, I wanted to be sure this got into the minutes. She is to remain after she leaves the Treasurers position on the board. Insurance chairman is really a one person job. I do not have an assistant. Randy knows the program and attends the insurance seminars at the national conventions but has never done the

paperwork. I only know of one other active square dancer in DeLand. All four of the association insurance chairmen already wear several hats. I'm not resigning, I just think someone should know what I do. This came about because my daughter has worked for a major company for over 35 years, and she told me she is the only one doing her job with no assistant. She has job security but would like to retire in a year or two.

I have not made any changes to the certificates for the clubs in the West Coast area. I thought I would wait until after this meeting.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCER'S INSURANCE FINANCIAL REPORT (CAROL POOLE)

Sheet included.

ASCAP/BMI (RICHARD AND CAROL DOUGET)

No Report

ARTS (AILENE PICHECO)

I sent out their latest Newsletter this past week. If you didn't get a copy, and would like to receive one, please let me know and I will send it to you. Also let me know if you would like to be included on my email list for Central Association.

The next ARTS meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM, Sunday, June 25, 2023: immediately following the 72nd NSDC in Mobile, AL. All dancers, callers and cuers are invited.

OLD BUSINESS

REZONING WEST COAST (JENNY GREEN)

Jenny Green presented a chart on how to split the West Coast. 9 Counties to the SE and 6 Counties to Central. Penny Green said the West Coast is a Legal Entity. We are open but we are not an Association. Terri Little said the By Laws need to be updated. The SE just dropped from the Federation but never disbanded. Terri said maybe we should table the by laws and the boundaries until the next meeting in Nov. Are we giving West enough time—they can still renew—it's a representation issue. Penny said the corporation is open. We can go on the way we are going. We still have Callers in the area. The West does not share the profits from the State Convention and they don't have any Reps on the Board.

The West Coast voted to disband so the Federation lost an Association. Keith said we need a motion that the bylaws need to have some clause in them that allows a dormant Association to renew in a certain amount of time. Terri said, If there is a change in the bylaws by the bylaw committee it needs to be sent to the USDA to see if it is ok. Keith Olds made a Motion to have the Bylaws committee look at the Bylaws about an Association that needs time off to accommodate an Association that needs to regroup or close out before it comes back on the Federation. Barb Hoffman gave a 2nd and the Motion passed.

Annie Minor said that if an Association completely disband its harder for them to come back. Terri Little said the West has funds and still is Incorporated and works with the Sun Coast Callers Association. Penny said they need officers and they don't have representation on the Federation. Penny said they still have money. The Bylaws committee will look into the structure of the bylaws to see if an Association goes dormant – what will happen to them.

The Bylaw Committee consists of: Annie Minor(chair), Carol Douget as of last Nov. when Bruce Morgan resigned his position. Jenny Green(new) was just chosen to be on the Committee. They will report their results back at the November meeting.

WEBSITE RESEARCH COMMITTEE (KEITH OLDS/BRUCE MORGAN/CLIFF REISS)

BY LAWS -

Committee to report their findings of an Association that voted to disband at Nov. meeting.

CORPORATE SEAL – No Report

UPDATING WELLS FARGO ACCOUNT OWNER

Terri Little is the New Owner of the Wells Fargo account. Jack Hoffman is co-signer on the Account. They will update this in the summer.

FEDERATION DRESS

Barbara McDonald and Jenny Green report.

Colors are Teal, white, black pants, turquoise shirt. Barb searched for the material, but they don't have it any longer. Much discussion. Carol Poole will bring the current dress to the Nov. meeting. No decisions will be made on the dress today.

SQUARE DANCE HANDBOOK (PENNY GREEN)

This handbook is for all new square and round dancers coming out of new dancer classes. It covers everything a new dancer should be aware of but the information isn't discussed in class. Information includes General Information, Dancer Organizations, Caller Organizations, Round Dance Organizations, Miscellaneous Organizations, Conventions and Festivals. All of the information is as generic as possible so it isn't dated quickly, which will require frequent updating.

It is a 22-page document and will be available in electronic form. This will allow us to have as many pages as we want and will be easier to update without an extra cost. A message will be sent on the E-mail Tree announcing the availability of the handbook and it will be available on the state site. Clubs, Callers, and Cuers will be encouraged to access the Handbook on the website and to make copies for their new dancers.

While researching on the Internet, I found a site that had a booklet for attending the first convention. That will be my next project.

Penny was asked to put Taminations and other helpful Square and Round Dance websites and Apps in the book.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy Poole said 3 years ago FL. Received a 5013c but we still have paperwork to do. We need a Florida Sales Tax Certificate. Terri Little said Jenny Green will take care of it. The expense will go into the next officers expense on January 1, 2024.

New board takes over January 1, 2024.

BREAK OUT COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – Start at 1:30pm

FINANCE – JENNY GREEN

INSURANCE AND ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS – CAROL POOLE

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS – ANN AND CAL MAKI

(HEPP) COMMITTEE – PENNY GREEN

CONVENTION PROCEDURES – KEITH OLDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting – Sunday , May 21 at 9 AM

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INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS (Terri Little)

Sandy Sturgis, Susan Snyder

Aileen Picheco asked if the Federation would put ½ page in the Convention Program Book.

Terri Little said the cost would be under the new officers in 2024.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (Jenny Green)

Jenny passed out the Budget Information. The Internet that has been paid for 5 years has ended. It needs to be repaid.

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS AND USDA INSURANCE REPORT (Carol Poole)

The Insurance is renewable in November.

Associations need to get the new delegates to the Secretary by early November.

The Insurance covers the dancers.

Be careful of water on floors and all falls.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS (Cal Maki)

Penny Green, Aileen Picheco and Barb Hoffman gave their Input.

The showcase is a 3 part board. We need to change the West Coast Association to Area.

The Center display had a picture of the Federation officers but will be changed to the Convention logo. There will be Convention registrations on the table below the logo. (100) We will take the Trinkets left over and also include candy (mints). We will also have the QR code for the Convention displayed on the table.

HISTORY, EDUCATION, PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PRESERVATION(HEPP) (Penny Green)

Linda Reid and Penny Green are the members.

Penny wants to preserve the Federation History and dancers as they leave their beginner Square Dance class. They can find the whole handbook on line in the Federation website.

STATE CONVENTION PROCEEDURES (Keith Olds)

The committee has 6 recommendations for Convention procedures.

1. Needed to pay \$75.00 to pay for the 12 copies of the final report. To avoid that expense, the reports should be emailed to save on the printed cost.
2. Committee has eliminated a lot of jobs. Usually there are 2 or 3 Ways and Means from each area – this year there is one. One person from each area can come in and hear what is happening and say what they are doing.
3. Put up a sign for First Aid. We should have one small lounge for people to relax in after they are injured. There are usually many medically trained people at the Convention. There needs to be a sign up so people know where to go if they are injured. Probably don't need to have local paramedics assigned to the Convention.
4. For 2025 we would like to raise the cost of the Convention by \$5.00. Keep the cost increase in mind.
5. For 2025 we would like to move the Convention days from Friday and Saturday to Saturday and Sunday. Monday is a Holiday. There is a large area at the front of the Center that is used for Senior Activities until 3pm on Fridays so we would not be able to use that area until 3pm. For 2024 the Callers and Cuers are working around it. They will use the back portion of the Center and then add the front after 3pm.
6. Need a proposal to move the days of the 2025 Convention from Friday and Saturday to Saturday and Sunday. The dinner would be on Saturday and meetings on Sunday morning. Meetings could also be on Friday morning or Monday morning if you're willing to pay for the cost of the Center. Keith needs to have an answer by September. Keith said the manager quoted \$4,000 for Friday and \$3,000 for Saturday and Sunday to use the Center. The Trail End Dance is a big money maker and should be the only dance on that day.

Keith made a motion that the Convention should be moved in 2025 from Friday and Saturday to Saturday, January 18 and Sunday, January 19 at the Center in Deltona. This motion has to be approved by the Callers and Cuers also. Sheila Reid gave a 2nd and the Quorum approved it. Annie Minor mentioned a survey might help but some comments were that it takes too long and there is not time to do that right now.

Keith mentioned there might be some objections to the \$5.00 increase and the days being moved. We might lose some people.

OLD BUSINESS

Cal Maki said that Phyllis Herpe sent a kindness card to the Federation for Jack Herpes sympathy card that she received.

Never received any break out session reports. All information was taken from what was said on recorder at the meeting on Sunday.

Carol Poole read Bruce Morgan's email letter.

Jenny Green has 2 packets of buttons and flyers for the 2024 Convention to give to two Ways and Means people.

MARK FETZER (PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA CALLERS ASSOCIATION)

His report from yesterday. They changed the date of the Callers meeting in October. The dance is on October 21. The Caller is Jack Pladys from Ohio.

TERRI LITTLE

The next meeting will be in Jacksonville or Lake City. The meeting date is on Sunday, November, 5, 2023. There will be a dance Friday and Saturday the 3rd and 4th of November.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30AM