

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS MEETING MINUTES
Homewood Suites
165 Bill France Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL
Sunday, November 12, 2023

Call to Order (Terri Little)

The meeting was called to order by Terri Little at 9:05 am.

Invocation

Given by Cal Maki

Pledge of Allegiance (Cal & Ann Maki)

Led by Cal & Ann Maki

Roll Call, Introduction (Linda Tester)

The attendance was called by Linda Tester, and it was determined that we had a Quorum.

Introductions:

All guests and visitors were introduced by Terri Little.

Minutes of Last Meeting (Cal & Ann Maki)

Penny Green pointed out corrections to be made to the May meeting minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and carried. There was some discussion on how the minutes were taken. It was decided that it was up to the secretary how he/she would like to take the minutes.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Financial Report (Jenny Green)

At the end of our May meeting the balances were as follows:

Convention Account	7,622.52
Checking Account	18,935.68
Savings Account	12,886.42
Insurance Account	3,082.94
Grand Total	\$ 42,527.56

- It was explained that when the accounts were opened at Wells Fargo, a secured credit card was issued to the Federation.
- It was suggested that \$10,000.00 be taken from our checking account and put in a CD. Other options were discussed. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to explore which options would yield the most interest.
- The Financial report was found to be in order was filed for audit.

The full Treasurer's Report is available at the end of the minutes.

Parliamentarian Report (Cal & Ann Maki)

The Parliamentarian was given a roller bag to use for giveaways (coins, oranges, maps) to take to the National Convention.

At the National Convention in Mobile in the Showcase, the trifold of the Florida Map was displayed with coins and mints as giveaways. The Days of Yore – 2024 FL State Convention information was displayed with fliers and buttons as giveaways. The buttons were popular.

Florida is already registered for the 2024 Nation Convention Showcase in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Giveaway left over:

- 100 Florida Maps
- 10 (100 ct) boxes of FL State website business cards
- 200 small plastic oranges
- 775 silver Florida coins
- Mints

Sunshine Report (Cal & Ann Maki)

Would like to recognize Ron Ligon for 50 years of Calling. He is now in Gainesville and still calling. Like to remember Betty Bolick from the Northeast Region who passed away in September.

A Get-Well Card was sent to Chuck Ryall from Ft. Pierce in June for being in the hospital with Leukemia.

Added a few more new cards to the collection of what we use to send out.

It was also noted that Bobby Keefe, a caller in NE is very ill. A card will be sent to him from the Federation. Also, Ken Shacter, editor of the Florida Camping newsletter has been treated for cancer and is recovering.

Florida Callers (Mark Fetzer)

My name is Rod Barngrover Sorry that I can't join the meeting in Daytona Beach.

I'm the new FCA President.

We look forward to having a good time at the 2024 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention in January 2024 at the new venue in Deltona, FL. We have 27 callers that have signed up to call this year. We are sure that the dancers will have a great time.

Round Dance Council (Sandy Sturgis)

No report

Florida Campers (Bob & Barb Rosenthal)

No report

Association Reports

Central (Richard & Carol Douget)

We had our elections on September 30, 2023. Our elected officers are:

President-	Richard & Carol Douget
Executive VP-	Keith & Angie Olds
Treasurer-	Randy & Carol Poole
Secretary-	Terri Little
Area VP-	Ailene Picheco
Membership VP-	Sheila Reid

We have canceled our scheduled 5th Saturday Dance for December 30, 2023. Therefore, our next 5th Saturday Dance will be March 30, 2024. Place and time to be determined.

Three clubs are currently having square dance lessons:

1. Spindrifters in Port Orange on Saturday nights
2. Whirl & Twirl in Oviedo on Saturday afternoons
3. Wrangler Country Squares in Barberville on Tuesday nights

Northeast (Shirley Wright)

I am very proud of our caller for the Moose Promenades. Bill Chesnut and his wife Mary, as they have received a Lifetime Membership in the Florida Callers Association.

We now have 11 clubs in the NE. We lost 1 club but gained 2 new clubs.

We have had several student graduations this year and on December 9th we are having a New Student Dance.

December 30th will be our Fifth Saturday Dance with will be Santa's Hawaiian Luau.

We will be having our 70th Fall Festival next year. Susan Snider will be heading this up. be available at the State Convention.

Northwest (Brian & Barbara McDonald)

We had a successful Roundup last month with about 50 in attendance at Camp Timpoochee in Niceville. We had great callers Nick Hartley, Darrin Henry and Terri and Tim Wilaby as cuers.

Swinging Squares and Agape Squares started classes in September. Seaside Squares is having an open house this month. As far as I know Capital Twirlers will have class in January. We have a total of 73 members of NW association. Swinging Squares had a donation dance for their hall last month. Seaside Squares continues to try to have Saturday dances and keep their lights on.

I am sorry to say we have no one available to attend the meeting on Saturday. We have the same volunteers. We had election of officers, and the following will be NW officers for 2024:

Presidents-	Brian and Barbara McDonald
Vice Presidents-	Deecee Haslett
Secretary-	Laura Davis
Treasurer & Insurance Chairman-	Alec Schmidt

Southeast (Cathy Waltz – Read by Terri Little)

1. We had our fourth digital election at the beginning of this season and greater than 75% of our membership voted unanimously to elect our Executive Board:

- President - Cathy Waltz
- VP Insurance - Bob Dodes
- VP Hospitality - Larry Zukerman
- Treasurer - Charles Tharp
- Secretary - Jerry Waltz
- Board Member & Membership - Dawn Dewitt

2. The Southeast Square and Round Dance Association has held two of its scheduled five regional dances this season. Both dances had just over two squares in attendance. We have developed digital flyers for each dance and send them as links in each monthly email about the upcoming dances and provide them to the local clubs to make available to their members.

3. We will continue to dance at the Rhythms Dance Studio in Lake Worth, Florida for our seasonal dances. All dancers in the state and visitors are invited to these dances. None of our alternative locations worked out and our other regular site closed its doors.

4. We continue to have six clubs with three callers functioning in the SE. The Mainstream class has moved through and completed Plus level classes. Those students have blended into the Castoffs, a Friday night club whose caller is Jack Lewis. Chris Phillips has moved his C-1 class to a dance with a C-2 lesson on Tuesday nights. Joe Uebelacker will resume dances in the Florida Keys upon his return to South Florida.

As for other business, I did not receive any information in any format about the upcoming "Ball" and Federation Meeting coming up this Sunday in Daytona Beach until November 3rd. I am having trouble believing in this time and stage of our civilization that Zoom or some other digital platform for meetings is not being utilized for our meetings. If there is a link provided, I will happily join the meeting. My husband had a medical procedure yesterday and is not able to be active yet (no dancing or lifting over 10 pounds) and I am extremely reluctant to drive to Daytona by myself Sunday morning for a probable 1-hour meeting. Please consider the distance from south Florida to Daytona in the future and move your meetings to a more centralized spot and include a digital platform upon which members of the Association may attend. It would also be beneficial for everyone in the state to receive information about square dances that intersect with the Federation's meeting.

I want to do my part as a representative of the Federation and the Southeast Florida Association, but we have gotten off on slippery footing so far. At this point the only officer that I know of is Terri Little, who is President from an email forwarded to me by another person.

I love square dancing, learned to square dance with my first husband at the age of 18, attended a square dance as my first date with my husband in graduate school. We in Southeast Florida love Square Dancing, too. Please find ways to include us. How can I help the Federation?

Publication Reports

DANCERgram (Penny Green)

I continue to write and send the *Planner weekly*, *This & That* once a month, and the *Joys, Concerns, & Sympathies* and the *Directory*, as needed.

Last year my distribution list had over 1,000 names. It has dropped to 794. I think this big drop is because they are no longer dancing, or they have gone back north and will not be back.

I have a flyer about the *DANCERgram* that I sent to all the clubs in my area asking that they be put on the flyer table. Since I don't visit clubs as much as I used to, I don't know if that is happening. I do occasionally receive requests to be added to my distribution list. Even though the *DANCERgram* is intended for the West Coast area, I receive a lot of requests from people outside our area who want to receive it.

At this point, I am unable to state how many hits my site has received since the Federation website is a part of the *DANCERgram* website, so I don't know how many hits are for the Federation and how many are for the *DANCERgram*.

It's hard to believe that I have been writing the *DANCERgram* for 16 years. I started with a small club newsletter at Buttons & Bows of Lakeland. Then when I became president of the West Coast Association, I expanded the newsletter to cover the West Coast Association area. Then it grew to what it is today. I have developed a huge network of contacts in this activity over the years.

Florida Email Tree (Penny Green)

I believe the email tree is a great way to get information out to all the dancers. However, I can't swear that they are getting to every dancer. I have a contact in each association that I start the "tree" with. They are supposed to forward the emails to their distribution lists, and those people are supposed to forward to their distribution list.

When we set this tree up, the contacts were asked to add my email address to their distribution lists so that I would know that their emails are forwarded. I don't know if two Associations are forwarding them as I don't receive anything from them.

This process should work if everyone does their part.

Grapevine (Stephen Bigelow)

Readership of the *Grapevine* has continued to increase.

With the reopening of some clubs the opportunity to highlight with pictures and especially flyers from dances not just in the Jacksonville Area but throughout Florida and South Georgia

I hope you are enjoying my endeavors to show you Square Dancing via this online Magazine.

Keepin ' Posted (Ailene Picheco)

There is no longer a magazine.

I am sending out CFA information by email, as it becomes available. This will keep everyone up to date.

Categories are:

Updates for our State Convention - As needed.

Local dances that are coming up in Florida and nearby states-monthly

Where to dance in Central Florida and association news - quarterly.

And Obituaries when accumulated.

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 printing and mailing.

And much of the information is late being sent out. This current method seems to be working.

Panhandle Press (Barbara McDonald)

No changes and I continue to put out local news and information on the State Square Dance Convention. I was extra busy in September and October because I also published the NW Roundup booklet. I have been trying to sell ribbons for the FL State Convention and inform the new club members to give it a try.

Website (Cliff Reiss/Keith Olds)

I am continuing to actively maintain and support the Florida Federation website.

I am in touch with officers and representatives from the Federation and the Northwest, Northeast, Central and Southeast Associations. Web page content is updated as needed. Flyers for Association dances and other significant events taking place in Florida are posted to the Florida Federation webpage and the respective Association page(s). The Federation webpage section for Flyers was improved to include individually labeled sections for Federation, State-Wide, & the Associations Event Flyers. If there are no Association flyers a message is displayed directing viewers to the Association's Facebook page for Club Level postings. Also, the Federation main page and each Association main page have a prominent display message "Always Visit Our Facebook Page for More Postings of Updates and Dances!"

As previously reported to prompt viewers of the website to "look further" -- the Federation main webpage has a 'Date Last Updated' entry for the Federation page, the Convention page, and each of the Association pages. Significant updates are also listed (such as the Convention Schedule, Dinner Flyer, and Convention Fact Sheet). Each Association page, the Clubs page, and the Halls page also have a 'Date Last Updated' entry.

The Convention section was updated several times as new information was provided - the Hotel and Campground listing, the Dinner Dance Flyer, the Convention Schedule and Fact Sheet, and the Vendor

page. A countdown displaying the # of days to the 2024 FL State Convention was added to the Federation main page. In mid-December I received and responded to an inquiry from 2 out of state couples asking about the Convention dance schedule. Immediately thereafter the Convention Dance Schedule became available - it was added to the Convention web page and also noted on the Federation main page. I also added a posting on 3 of the Association Facebook pages advising that the Dance Schedule was available on the Federation website and providing a link (Rod Barngrover had already taken care of the 4'th Association Facebook page). Of course, I also replied to the couples who had inquired!

The main page for the Round Dance Council of Florida website that I support was upgraded with "buttons" instead of text links and with help from Penny Green missing photos of members were added. I was advised Earle Collins will be working with me at some future date to further update the RDCF webpage.

Just as a reminder, the SCCA (West Coast) Association links go to a page that advises viewers to visit both the SCCA and DANCERgram websites for up-to-date information on events and classes.

The Federation website "Clubs" page now has 62 clubs arranged by Association. Each entry lists a club name and city. 59 are active Federation clubs listed plus 3 additional Florida clubs with a note that they are not Association members. The clubs that maintain their own websites or Facebook page are identified with an asterisk.

The current club counts by Association are:

- ▶ Northwest- 5 clubs+ 1 non-Federation club. I maintain a web page for 4 of these clubs.
- ▶ Northeast- 12 clubs+ 1 non-Federation club. I maintain a web page for 11 of these clubs.
- ▶ Central- 16 clubs+ 1 non-Federation club. I maintain a web page for 6 of these clubs.
- ▶ Southeast- 7 clubs. All maintain their own website or Facebook page.
- ▶ SCCA/West Coast - 19 clubs. I maintain a web page for 6 of these clubs; 8 clubs** do not have a web page but are covered by Roger Friedman's weekly (in season) SWF email; the remaining 5 maintain their own website or Facebook page.

** clicking on one of these 8 club listings takes the viewer to a page that advises them to read the weekly SWF email - and of course a link to the email page is provided

Working with Stephen Bigalow we still have not been able to replace the inactive Facebook page Administrator for the Northeast Association. Trying to contact Facebook for assistance appears to be impossible. The page can be updated with postings but there is currently no capability to remove or edit inappropriate content without an active administrator.

In addition to the Federation, Association and Club websites I also maintain websites for the following:

- ▶ DANCERgram
- ▶ Dave Muller
- ▶ Rounds With Judy (Barnhill)
- ▶ Mark Fetzer
- ▶ Round Dance Council of Florida
- ▶ Susan Snider
- ▶ Suzie Q Creations

and a future endeavor to assist Keith Stevens is in the works for Shuffiin' Squares & Keith Stevens.com

URL registrations are maintained in my GoDaddy account for the following:

- ▶ Florida Federation - renews 7/6/2024
- ▶ Temple Twirlers - renewed 1/16/2024 for 1 year
- ▶ TNT Rounds - renews 3/2/2025
- ▶ TampaBayRounds renews 4/4/2025

- ▶ Grand Square Hall - renews 5/10/2025
- ▶ Suzie Q Creations - renewed 12/9/2023 for 1 year
- ▶ DANCERgram - renews 10/6/2024
- ▶ RoundsWithJudy - renews 8/15/2024

The annual cost for a URL is \$22 to \$39 per year based on the level of security. Renewals are charged to my credit card; I only ask for reimbursement of my actual out-of-pocket charges.

The Florida Federation website is hosted on servers provided by the company Webmasters.com - the same servers used for the DANCERgram. The next annual renewal is 3/11/2024. Hosting is currently paid for by the West Coast Association at a cost of \$119.40 for the year. An additional \$55 for the secure server capability is paid for by the Federation. The Webmasters hosting provides 10Gb (Gigabytes) of storage -the Federation and all other websites I maintain on the platform are using 70.1% of that storage. At this time the Federation website does not have the Photo Galleries available online - these galleries were removed years ago due to space limitations. As Keith Olds now has the server with these files, they could be sent to me or uploaded (using FTP - File Transfer Protocol) if it is deemed a worthwhile use of our time.

As previously mentioned, outdated html code (parts of the html code dates back to 1999) results in an occasional "A" symbol appearing on some web pages. I have resolved this on some of the web pages and as time permits, I continue to work on corrections.

In conclusion:

- ▶ I will continue to maintain the website for the foreseeable future. I spend between 2 and 4 hours a week handling updates and improvements; more time if something substantial needs to be done.
- ▶ For contingency purposes I provided Keith Olds with the access codes and passwords for everything associated with the website hosting and my GoDaddy URL accounts.
- ▶ Federation minutes for a couple of the last several meetings are missing - when provided they will be added. If I am provided, an upcoming meeting agenda will be posted.
- ▶ The SCCA/West Coast Association link still takes the viewer to a page with links to both the SCCA website and what is noted as the "old" West Coast webpages. This will remain "as is" until I receive some direction on how this should be handled.
- ▶ And again, I must thank Penny Green for continuing to advise me of "oops" items that need correction!

Convention Reports

2024 (Keith and Angie Olds)

No Report from the chairman. Jenny Green did report that the information on the callers and cuers will be online for the clubs/dancers.

Facilities & Housing (Randy Poole)

We have 60 rooms reserved. If we fill those rooms and need more, we are assured that if they have vacant rooms, we can have them. There is a parking fee at the hotel but after checking the contract, there is no mention of a parking fee. Randy will be checking on the fee on Monday and feels that we will not have a parking fee for this year.

2025 (Charles Tharp & Dawn DeWitt – Read by Terri Little)

The dates are Thursday, January 16th, (Trail End Dance) Friday, January 17th and Saturday, January 18th. With the Federation meeting being held on Sunday, January 19th at 9:00 am. The theme for the 2025 Convention is Spin the Big Top. At this time there are a number of positions not yet filled. Assistant General Chairman are Jerry and Cathy Waltz from the SE. Volunteers still needed are After Party Chairman, Dangle Dances Chairman, Camper Chairman, Entertainment Chairman, Photography Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Vender Chairman and Ways and Means Chairman.

The 2025 Convention kick-off will be at the 2024 Convention on Saturday 1/20 at 6:45 pm.

It was suggested at the last meeting to shift the Convention to Friday for the Trail End dance and all-day Saturday and Sunday for the Convention with the Federation meeting on Monday Morning. However, this was not approved by the callers and cuers.

A \$5.00 increase was approved for the Convention. An early bird special of \$40.00 will be in effect until after the kick-off then rates will increase to \$45.00 until May31, 2024. Then the price will increase to \$50.00 until December 31, 2024. After that time the price will be \$55.00. All prices are per person.

Benefit Dances are planned for May 18th - 19th and October 19th -20th with the locations to be determined.

Dinner and a Show will be a catered dinner with a with a circus show. Raffles will be a \$500.00 Visa gift card, 2 dinner and show tickets (refund given if previously purchased) and a Silent Auction on baskets donated by all Associations. Since the Polo and Tee shirts have not proven to be a profitable product, we think we will only do presold shirts with shipping only if buyer pays shipping. A Zoom meeting will be held by the end of November to sort out details.

(Side note from Terri Little - It was brough up that the Assistant Chairs are usually the next year's General Chairs, and this should be explained to the Waltz. General Chairs need to be approved by the Federation with a letter to open their Convention bank account.)

2026 Any Volunteers?

No volunteer yet

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 is also listed on the website.

History (Penny Green)

No Report

USDA (Carol Poole)

USDA held its annual meeting on June 21 at the Renaissance Riverview Hotel in Mobile. The President opened the meeting on time with the pledge and a prayer. Guests included all the future National Convention Chairmen and they all issued invitations to come to their convention. Previous meeting minutes were approved. In order to keep the meeting within the time allotted, all committee reports were emailed to the delegates prior to the meeting. Each committee chair asked if there were questions, and a few had updates. Unfortunately, Florida delegates' names did not receive the email. That shortened the meeting and ours too because I don't have as much to report on. There were no scholarships awarded last year. It was decided to add funds to the scholarship for this year. All senior high school square dancers are encouraged to submit their application. USDA still has a Centennial Award for square dancers reaching 100 years old and still active in a square dance club. Several chairmen are retiring, and others are changing committees. After the election of new officers, they were installed. The best news for Florida is their winter meeting will be held during the Florida State

Convention in January. They plan to stay at the Marriott Courtyard in DeLand. The committee was cold in North Dakota last winter so let's hope we have really nice weather for them.

USDA Insurance (Carol Poole)

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
INSURANCE FINANCIAL REPORT
November 12, 2023

Beginning Balance as of April 30, 2023		\$2,907.54
Income		
Central		\$265.20
Northeast		\$83.20
Northwest		\$56.00
Southeast		\$0.00
Charlotte Promenaders		\$15.75
Florida Federation of Square Dancers		\$130.00
Total Income		\$550.15
Expenses		
USDA Insurance		\$393.70
Total Expense		\$393.70
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2023		\$3,063.99

As of September 30, 2023	Assoc.	Clubs	Members
Central		9	202
Northeast		8	188
Northwest	1	3	118
Southeast	1		52
West Coast Area		5	175
Florida Federation			25
68th Florida State Convention			20
Total: Federation, Convention, Two Associations & 20 Clubs			780

With the number of dancers down, so are the accidents. We had three reported accidents and one claim in the past year.

The insurance fee went up again for 2024. The new cost is \$5.50 per dancer and for the first time the minimum was raised from \$45.00 to \$46.00. This translates to a club of eight or less paid dancers will pay \$46.00. A club must have eight dancers to be insured. Dancers insured through another club can be counted in the eight. The USDA Insurance Director is visiting her out of state family over the Christmas holiday. She requests we have our renewals in by December 1st, so we have the certificate before January 1st {?????} Otherwise, they will not be covered for liability and medical insurance after 12:01am January 1st.

ASCAP/BMI (Richard & Carol Douget)

At the last CFA meeting, it was brought to my attention that there is a third organization that licenses music - SESAC. SESAC, ASCAP, and BMI are three separate and distinct Performing Rights Organizations. Each organization represents different copyright holders (songwriters, composers, and publishers) and copyrighted music of SESAC-represented songwriters, composers, or publishers.

SESAC represents over 39,000 songwriters and music publishers giving them a repertory of over 3,000,000 songs. The current (2023) license fee for a 1–10-day event is \$200 per day. The fee increases each January 1st based on the CPI percentage increase in October or 5% whichever is greater.

Terri Little and Carol Douget spoke to Tony Oxendine & Bill Chesnut last night at the Daytona Beach Ball. They said according to BMI & ASCAP our Convention is a special event. However, if we do not call it a "convention" or a "festival", it would be considered a normal dance. We would not need a special event license since the caller's licenses would cover the dance. They believe SESAC works the same way.

Terri Little also spoke to Earle Collins. He said members of the Round Dance Council of Florida must belong to Round-A-Lab which provides SESAC/BMI/ASCAP licenses to their members. He recommended that we speak to someone from Round-A-Lab.

Under the US Copyright law, anyone who publicly performs copyrighted music is required to obtain advanced permission from the copyright owner or their representative. If you publicly perform any copyrighted song without proper authorization, you are breaking the law and can be held liable for damages from a minimum of \$750 up to a maximum of \$150,000 per song played.

Do we want to obtain this license or use only ASCAP/BMI licensed music?

After much discussion it was decided that Terri Little will email Sandy Sturges to ask if the cuers would cue without using SESAC music. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that would give the Executive Board the power to make a discission before the 2024 Convention.

ARTS (Ailene Picheco)

The ARTS Video Promotion Project was initiated with the goal of creating some (90-second) videos designed to help promote our great activity. The goal is to post links to the videos on all available media resources.

Dr. Douglas Lee and his wife are retired medical doctors affiliated with the Marshfield Hospital & Marshfield Clinic Health system. They have done research on square dancing including all the studies that they cite in these videos. Much of their research was what brought them into square dancing, and they continue to dance on a regular basis.

Check out these videos Dr Douglas Lee discussing Health Benefits of Square Dancing.

1st video – Discussion 01

Dr. Douglas Lee discusses the Emotional and Psychological benefits of Square Dancing

2nd video – Discussion 02

Dr. Douglas Lee notes that Square Dancing helps fight insulin resistance.

3rd video – Discussion 03

Dr. Douglas Lee notes that Square Dancing helps strengthen muscles and helps increase balance.

4th video – Discussion 04

Dr. Douglas Lee notes that Square Dancing helps improve the quality of life for people suffering from early dementia. Square Dancing involves physical activity and requires participants to make mental decisions, both of which help fight early dementia.

The 2024 Annual ARTS meeting is scheduled to be held immediately after the 73rd NSDC Convention on Sunday, June 30, 2024, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ALL dancers, callers, and cuers are invited.

Old Business

West Coast rezoning

Will now be referred to as the West Coast Area.

Website Research Committee

Disbanded

By Laws (Carol Douget, Jenny Green, Annie Minor)

Annie Minor and Carol Douget had a telephone meeting on 10-29-23. We could not agree which documents to examine. Bruce Morgan sent Annie documents that were dated May 16, 2020, but Carol had documents dated February 25, 2018. The only meeting in 2020 was February 23rd. At that meeting the Federation voted to change the Articles of Incorporation to read "Non-Profit 501(c)(3) and to update the address.

Our apologies to Jenny Green, we forgot she was added as a member to the committee at the July meeting.

Corporate Seal

Has been lost(?) and was decided not needed.

Federation Dress (Terri Little)

Linda Reid, Shelia Reid, Jenny Green, Barbara McDonald, and Terri Little were on the Federation Dress Committee. The Florida patch was matched up with material that hopefully would not be discontinued. Kona cotton which is 100% cotton and a heavier weight and usually does not need to be ironed. Butter Cup (SKU 0137-8447 at JoAnn Fabrics) and Turquoise (SKU 0791-2140 at JoAnn Fabrics) were found. The style is up to the dancer. The patches will be on sale at the 2024 Convention for \$1.00. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the patch and colors for the new Federation Dress.

First Convention Booklet (Penny Green)

She is hoping to have it online by the 2024 Convention.

HEPP Committee (Penny Green)

At the Working Weekend, there was some discussion about what we can do to promote square dancing. Some things were mentioned that required additional research.

I checked into Lamar Advertising because they are a national company.

- Digital Bulletins - These are computer-controlled electronic displays with technological capabilities that are taking out of home advertising to a new level. You can change your message as you want with no production costs, Prices vary based on location, longer campaign lengths, and number of advertising locations purchased. Cost: \$1,200 - \$3,500 for a four-week period.
- Bulletin - This is the largest standard sized billboard that delivers maximum exposure to vehicular traffic on expressways, highways, and primary arteries, they are typically 14' high x 48' wide and provides 672 square feet of space for your ad. Cost: \$800 - \$4,500 for a four-week period.

Airport, Bus Stop Shelters, Benches, Bus wraps - still searching for information.

Commercial - Pro Video Productions - have to schedule an appointment.

Florida Sales Tax Certificate (Jenny Green)

It is a work in progress.

Other Old Business

No other old business

New Business

Nominating Committee report (Terri Little)

The new officers will not take office until January 1, 2024. Cal and Ann Maki will move into the President position. Linda Tester will move into the Vice President/Parliamentarian position. Jenny Green will move into the Secretary position. Annie Minor will become the new Treasurer after a motion was made, seconded, and carried.

Election & Installation of Officers (Carol Poole)

She explained each officer's duties. All new offices accepted their new position and duties.

Other New Business

- Terri Little advised, since our fiscal year now is January 1 – December 31, we would have our audit done at the Convention meeting.
- An outgoing gift was presented to Terr Little by Cal and Ann Maki.

Announcements

Next Meeting - Sunday, January 21, 2024, 9am at hotel

Adjourn

BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF May 19, 2023

Wells Fargo Convention	\$ 7,622.52
Wells Fargo Business Checking	\$ 18,935.68
Wells Fargo Savings	\$ 12,886.42
Insurance	\$ 3,082.94
TOTAL:	\$ 42,527.56

Wells Fargo Convention Checking Account2033

Beginning Balance		7,622.52
Receipts		
No Activity		
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ -
Disbursements		
No Activity		
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ -
TOTAL Wells Fargo CONVENTION CHECKING ACCT		\$ 7,622.52

Wells Fargo Business Checking Account3154

Beginning Balance		18,935.68
Receipts		
05/31/23 Interest	\$ 0.80	
06/16/23 Profit for 68th FSSRDC	\$ 802.44	
06/30/23 Interest	\$ 0.78	
07/12/23 WellsFargo Secured CC	\$ 500.00	
07/31/23 Interest	\$ 0.84	
08/31/23 Interest	\$ 0.84	
09/30/23 Interest	\$ 0.82	
10/31/23 Interest	\$ 0.76	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 1,307.28
Disbursements		
05/21/23 Ck 1107 Strawberry Square Meeting Room & Hall rental	\$ 225.00	
05/21/23 Ck 1108 Terri Little Copies	\$ 13.65	
05/21/23 Ck 1109 69th FSSRDC Convention Program Book ad	\$ 35.00	
06/19/23 Ck 1110 Cliff Reiss New URL & IP Address	\$ 51.71	
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 325.36
TOTAL Wells Fargo BUSINESS CHECKING ACCT		\$ 19,917.60

Wells Fargo MARKET SAVINGS ACCOUNT9599

Beginning Balance		12,886.42
Receipts		
05/31/23 Interest	\$ 1.64	
06/30/23 Interest	\$ 1.59	
07/31/23 Interest	\$ 1.64	
08/31/23 Interest	\$ 1.65	
09/30/23 Interest	\$ 1.59	
10/31/23 Interest	\$ 1.64	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 9.75
Disbursements		
No Activity		
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ -
TOTAL Wells Fargo MARKET SAVINGS ACCT		\$ 12,896.17

ENDNG BALANCE AS OF October 31, 2023

Wells Fargo Convention	\$ 7,622.52
Wells Fargo Business Checking	\$ 19,917.60
Wells Fargo Savings	\$ 12,896.17
Insurance	\$ 3,074.39
TOTAL:	\$ 43,510.68