

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS
 Red Rose Inn, Plant City, Florida
 Saturday, February 26, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. The Call to Order was given by Charles Newsome.
2. Invocation was given by Roger Minard.
3. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Maria Spence.
4. Roll Call was performed by Barbara Hoffman
5. Visitors and guest welcomed were Walt & Dianne Syphard, NE, and new delegates Larry and Joyce Akeson, WC.
6. Jack & Barbara Hoffman presented the minutes of the November 14, 2010, meeting. George Knapp moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Ray Huddleston, and the motion passed.
7. Treasurer's Report by Cheryl Miller – The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Florida Federation of Square Dancers
 TREASURERS REPORT
 November 13, 2010 – January 31, 2011

Beginning Balance - All Accounts (11/12/2010)

Wachovia Checking Account	\$	
Insurance	\$	
Wachovia CD (Purchased 8-12-10)	\$	
<u>Total all accounts as of 1/31/2011</u>		\$

Wachovia Checking Account

Receipts

Interest (Nov thru Jan)	\$	
56 th FSSRDC Profit	\$	
Bank Service Fee Refund	\$0	
Total Receipts		\$

Disbursements

President (Ch #1472)	\$	
Secretary Expenses (Ch# 1473)	\$	
Treas. Expenses (Ch#1474)	\$	
Showcase Expenses (Ch# 1475)	\$	
Treas. Expenses (Ch#1476)	\$	
Badges (Ch# 1477)	\$	
Check order	\$	
Total Disbursements		(\$)

Wachovia Checking Account Balance

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Wachovia CD

Interest	\$4	
Wachovia CD (as of 2/24/2011)		\$

Other Assets

Red Rose Inn	\$0	
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Total Other Assets		\$
<u>Ending Balance - All Accounts</u>		
Wachovia Checking Account (1/31/2011)	\$	
Insurance (as of 1/31/2011)	\$	
Wachovia CD (as of 2/24/2011)	\$	
(Purchased 8/12/2010)		
<u>Current Total All Accounts 2/24/2011)</u>		\$

Florida Federation of Square Dancers Convention Fund
TREASURERS REPORT
November 12, 2010 - January 31, 2011

Beginning Balance

Convention Fund Checking Account		\$
<u>Other assets as of 1/31/2011</u>		
57th State Convention Loan	\$	
58th State Convention Loan	\$0	
59th State Convention Loan	\$	
Total other assets		\$
<u>Total all assets as of 5/28/2010</u>		\$0

Liabilities

Florida Callers Association	\$	
Round Dance Council of Florida	\$	
Florida Federation of Square Dancers	\$	
Total Liabilities		\$

Convention Fund Checking Account

<u>Receipts</u>	\$	
Total Receipts		\$0
<u>Disbursements</u>		
59th Convention ck#1002	\$	
Total Disbursements		(\$)
Convention Fund Checking Account Balance		\$

Other assets as of 11/12/2010

57th State Convention Loan	\$	
58th State Convention Loan	\$	
59th State Convention Loan	\$	
Total other assets		\$
<u>Current Total All Assets (11/12/2010)</u>		\$0

Liabilities

Florida Callers Association	\$	
Round Dance Council of Florida	\$	
Florida Federation of Square Dancers	\$0	
Total Liabilities		\$

8. Sunshine Report by Val Newsome

- Illness:
 - We have several delegates and officers who have been very ill and in some cases hospitalized, but who are here with us today.

- Ray Huddleston, SE, was hospitalized for severe nose bleeds and had to have some surgery.
- Garland McKenzie, C, had a rushed trip to the hospital for stints.
- Don Slocum, WC, just finished his radiation (Congrats!) and awaits further tests.
- Bud Taylor, NE, made a couple of trips to the hospital with many tests, and is now on meds for Parkinson.
- Shirley White, NE, was hospitalized for pneumonia.
- We also have a couple of people who have had and continue to have some medical problems.
 - Jim McConnaha (C) is home (In Indiana) from the hospital and hopes to be with us at the State Convention.
 - Joe Vaccari, NW, continues his battle with cancer.
- No other illnesses have been reported.
- Deaths:
 - Ron Knowlton, NW, Past President of the Federation and very active in the Northwest.
 - George Wolfert, NE, Very active in the Federation, serving as a delegate for several years, and worked in the area of Publicity for the National Convention held in Orlando in 1997.
 - Tom James, WC, who was a USDA REP, and served as USDA Handicapable Dancer Chairman.

All the people mentioned in Illness received a Thinking of You/Get Well card; survivors of the deceased received sympathy cards from the Florida Federation.

Please keep us informed as illnesses and deaths occur to delegates, officers, and past presidents so that cards may be sent on a timely basis.

Ken Brasfield added that Charlie Phillips, WC, Vice Chairman of Ceremonies at the 1997 National Convention passed away on Feb. 17th. We will send a sympathy card to his wife.

9. The Correspondence was given by Barbara Hoffman. A thank you note from Ray & Elsa Huddleston for the gift received as outgoing President.
10. Florida Caller Liaison – Keith & Margot Stevens – No Report
11. Florida Cuer Liaison – Lisa Wall – No Report
12. Association Reports
 - Northeast – Sam & Mary Starling

2111 is looking good for our new dancers. We have already had one graduation with more to follow in April & May.

On January 28, the 16th annual Circus dance put on by the Silver Fox Squares to benefit Dreams Come True was a great success. It was a three ring Circus featuring Gary Murphy, Ernie Rollin & Mark Fetzer. Our cuer was Lisa Wall. There was lots

of clowning around going on. There was \$3800.00 raised that will be presented to Dreams come true on March 4, 2011.

The NEFSARDA 5th Saturday dance on January 29 was also a great success. Ken Miller & Ernie Rolling were the callers with Lisa Wall Cueing the Rounds. We invited all our new students and made sure there were dancers they could dance to.

It seems to be helping our new students by getting them involved in some of the events early so they feel more a part of the group.

We have had several other dancers that have drawn a good amount of dancers. To mention a few the sophomore Hoedown by the Gateway Callers, Blue & Gray Dance by the Dixie Dancers. The Sadie Hawkins by the Seabreeze Single & the Mardi Gras Dance by the Rollaways.

We are looking forward to the many more fun dancers coming up in the next quarter. There will be several graduations & anniversary dancers coming up in the next few months. It's always fun to welcome the new dancers.. Our next 5th Saturday dance will be held on April 30th.

Online Calendar of Events is updated monthly, so check if you're in the area and come dance with us. <http://www.pergrossi.com/grapevine.html>

Take Care and hope to see you all in a square.

- West Coast – Penny Green

West Coast Association dancers started off 2011 with a busy month in January.

On January 2nd there was a memorial dance for Pat Lupien, a long time dancer and resident of Strawberry Square. Pat was Nicki Horne's father and he passed away last year. By the way, Nicki has announced she will be retiring from Strawberry Square the end of April. For those of you that don't know, Nicki is the one that has been responsible for booking all the callers, cuers and line dance instructors for Strawberry Square. Gayle Sterling will be taking her place.

January 9th was our first membership dance – the Snowflake Ball, which was held in Zephyrhills with approximately 10 squares in attendance.

The week of January 10th the Blues Brothers were in the area for a whole week promoting our 2011 Fall Fun Fest. Jack Pladdys from Ohio and Sam Dunn, also from Ohio by way of Sebring, are booked for the next Fall Fun Fest and what a great job they did promoting our festival for us. All of the dances they called at during that week were packed. The one I attended at Strawberry Square had 22 – 25 squares. We hope you will plan to come to our Fall Fun Fest and see what all the fuss is about! The Stephens, Slocums and I have ribbons.

Then on January 16th, we had our second annual scholarship dance where we raised \$1600+ an increase over what was raised last year. Last year we established a scholarship fund for active young adult square dancers who are members of the West Coast Association. The first scholarship was awarded to Trevor Dunn, Sam Dunn's grandson, who is now finishing college. Trevor and Sam have been working with some of the students at Trevor's college to teach them square dancing. This year one club donated \$500 and Sam Dunn wasn't about to be out done; he announced that he would call for any club in the West Coast area for free if they donated \$125 to the scholarship fund by February 1st. I know of two clubs who met the challenge. I haven't heard what the final number ended up being. This year's scholarship hasn't been awarded yet.

January 20 – 22 was the Winter Fest in Lakeland and West Coast was well represented.

On January 30th we had the 5 Caller Extravaganza, which became the 4 Caller Extravaganza, in Lake Wales. This dance was the result of five callers auctioning off their services at the benefit dance that was held for me in December 2009. Fifteen squares danced to Sam Dunn, Keith Stevens, Ron Reardon and Carl Rod. Dan Wilkerson was scheduled but was unable to attend due to poor health.

The Sweetheart Ball, our next membership dance, was held in Bartow on February 13th with approximately ten squares. Future dances are the Spring Fling in Sebring on March 6th, Pre-St Patrick's Dance on March 13 in Sarasota; Pirates' Ball in Port Charlotte on April 3rd in support of the State Convention. Then the snowbirds are gone, and we don't have another membership dance until the VIP Dance at Strawberry Square in August and then the President's Ball in September also at Strawberry Square.

Members of the Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association donate their talents to call and cue for all of our membership dances. Our vice president schedules an MC for the dance and that person coordinates other area callers and cuers for the afternoon. The West Coast president is an honorary member of their association and is invited to all of their meetings and is given time to report on anything their membership needs to be advised of and they send a representative to our meetings to report on their activities.

We are very proud of the relationship between our two associations, and any time we need assistance with our membership dances, benefit dances, or demos they are always there to help us. Some of them have even approached us to start having a membership dance in their area. They book the hall, have their club provide the refreshments and do all the advertising in their area. These dances end up being very well attended.

At our last Board meeting, Don and Ann Slocum reported that we had 248 people at our last Fall Fun Fest and we netted \$1,700+. Our next festival will be November 12 – 13 in Bartow with the Blues Brothers, as I mentioned previously, and Charlie Lovelace will be cueing. We expect a packed hall; Sam is always a big draw and there are dancers that follow Jack Pladdys.

309 dancers, 12 callers and 3 cuers danced at the State Fair in Tampa on February 16th. This was about the 20th year we have square danced at the fair.

A benefit dance was held for Bob Bourassa in Brooksville on February 20th. Bob is a caller in Brooksville, and he has had a lot of health problems over the summer and ended up having part of his right leg amputated due to complications from diabetes. I heard they had 15 squares but I don't know how much money they were able to raise.

There are quite a few classes going on in our area; hope we can keep all of the new dancers involved.

Ft. Meade squares has announced that they will no longer be dancing after their next dance the end of March. Their club was a twice a month seasonal club that has been dwindling for quite awhile, and this year they decided to only dance once a month.

Buttons and Bows of Lakeland and Hampton Promenaders of Auburndale are in discussions regarding a possible merger of the two clubs. Buttons and Bows is the oldest continuously dancing club in the state of Florida (59 years) and their membership has dwindled to 23 members. Hamptons lost their hall this year, which was rent free, and they had to move to a city building. A lot of their members didn't renew this year and now they have the added expense of rent. I believe their membership is at 30 or 35. Many of us feel that eventually these two clubs will fold if they continue to struggle alone; the only way to continue having a place to dance is to merge the two clubs. Our goal is to have a decision by the end of April when Hamptons stops dancing for the season.

If you're ever in our area and are looking for dance information, please visit my website at www.dancergram.com. I think you'll find all the information you need. If not, just get in touch with me and I'll try to answer your questions.

- Central – Randy & Carol Poole

CFA dancers supported Central Florida's Callers Association's benefit dance for Vitas Hospice. Over \$1500 was raised.

We are working with the Callers Association to get them to call all of our 5th Saturday dances as an association. This would give all CFA callers exposure at every dance. They are now starting to have their quarterly meetings on the day and at the location of our dances. We are hoping this will give the callers more incentive to promote our 5th Saturday dances and the dancers to attend to support their callers.

CFA's annual fund raiser for future conventions is coming up on April 8, 9 and 10. So, any dancer who would like to participate in a FUN weekend with no telephones or TV just eating, dancing, eating, socializing and eating; you won't want to miss this weekend. I just happen to have flyers and registration forms with me!

Our annual Shamrock Swing dance is just three weeks away. It is more than just two nights of dancing. Saturday is a fun filled day with three halls for dancing: A mainstream and plus DBD workshop, an advanced workshop, and round dance teaches. The host hotel is within walking distance. P.S. I also have ribbons for this affair.

- Northwest – Louie & Wilma Flowers (read by Cheryl Miller)

The Canoe Squares of Milton raised \$240.00 cash and an overwhelmingly large box of toys, which was presented to the Marine Corp Officers attending the Annual Toys for Tots dance.

We've had an exciting start to our year. January's dancing was great at the Blue & White Ball in Panama City on the 8th with our 1st quarter Association meeting. On January 15th the "January Shine" was held at Ragon Hall in Pensacola. On the 29th Caller Chris Burchfield hosted a "Barn Dance" with Chili! Not that we needed to be warmed with all the dancing!

February was a very active month. The Navarre Senior Center held a special dance with the "Shed House 3"; nine squares of dancers with Line Dancing, Rounds, Contra & if it could be danced we danced it! We continued our month with the Northwest Caller Association's annual "Sweetheart Swing", on the 12th with a very special presentation to our Northwest Caller/Cuer organization, the Northwest Association had voted to share a portion of our 2010 Convention profit. President Louie Flowers presented a check for \$100.00 to the NWF Callers/Cuers for their participation to the Convention Fundraiser dances held in Northwest. Our Callers/Cuers always donate their talents to the benefit dances for the Florida State Conventions. Continuing our travels we were at the 21st Annual "Mardi Gras Dance" in Panama City on the 19th, where Agape Squares' Don & Kara Story were crowned Mardi Gras King & Queen. While we are attending the Federation Working Weekend, our Canoe Squares celebrated their 27th Anniversary on February 26th!

March will slow down a little. March 26-27, Cuers Sandy Sturgis & Terri Wilaby will host their "Springtime Rounds" in Pensacola at Ragon Hall.

The Swinging Squares Club (Panama City) is planning a series of workshops for our newer and more experienced dancers. Mainstream/Plus and DBD/Advanced classes are being discussed by the membership. These classes will be held during the day on Saturdays. This would allow out-of-town dancers to Participate without having to stay the night.

Agape Squares (Niceville) continue their classes. Graduation will be in April if all goes well.

On a sad note, we lost Ron Knowlton, who was very active in the Northwest area, as well as serving on the Federation Board and Convention Committee Members.

- Southeast – Bobie & Carol Hutcheson (read by Elsa Huddleston)

We have had some shake ups in The Southeast this year. Our Treasurer's Father passed and with her having medical problems she was forced to resign. Only because we love SEA, Bobie & I stepped up as Treasurer again.

Little did we know that in a few weeks, Sally Galik due to the loss of her husband George resigned as President. The stress of his illness and problems due to his death were really getting her down. Again Bobie and I volunteered (both of us this time) to step into the President's roll again.

So here we are looking for a Treasurer. Know anyone interested? Just don't worry about the salary it's unreal, the fringe benefits are great, you work, laugh, cry, scream and then you work some more around a family of wonderful people that love dancing as much as you do.

We have our dances booked through December, halls, callers and Cues ready. Now starts the fun..... Our next dance is March 6th, at Holiday Park. Come join us and see what St. Patty's day is all about. The Board is getting excited about our planned schedule. Are we blessed? Yes indeed.

The Snowflake Frolic was held on February 19, 2011 at Boynton Beach Civic Center. Flyers were being passed out since December and we had a great turn out. We had snowflakes hanging all over the hall, in fact to the surprise of Jack Lewis and Scotty Sharrer, some flakes fell on them. We had overflowing tables of goodies and our Cake announced this was our 19th Snowflake Frolic, how quickly time flies. We had a raffle for 2 tickets to the convention which was won by Don & Betty McCullough who were not planning on going, but are now. Yes!

We had a great turn out quick count over 96 people joined us including the General Co-Chairman of the 2011 Convention, Terri Little and her parents Jack & Barbara Hoffman, Treasurers of the convention surprised us. We were a slightly busy, didn't have much time to talk to you. But we would like to let you know how much we certainly appreciated you coming.

I have to praise Ilene Lewis (Jack Lewis's wife), Elsa & Ray Huddleston, Bob & Helen Shipping and Sally Galik for stepping up and helping us due some of our board not being able to attend the dance for various reasons. What can I say this "family of dancers" sticks together.

The week before the dance we e-mailed everyone sending them not only a flyer for the dance, but the complete schedule of this year's dances. If you are not using e-mail you are missing a great opportunity for reminding everyone of the dances.

- FASSRD – Judy Frye

We have gone back to using the name “*Single-Rama*” for our annual Florida State-Wide dance. This is accordance to our By-Laws. The dance is being held this year on the third weekend in October, on the 14th and 15th, at the beautiful and historic Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring, Florida. We have some great plans in the making and are hoping we may set an attendance record.

This year we are very excited to have Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie as our caller. All of you know what a terrific National caller she is. She has promised to do some of her signature “yodeling” tips for us. I don't know just what she is planning for her workshop scheduled for Saturday afternoon but if you remember attending any of her weekend dances, you know she will provide us with a very interesting program.

Then for our round dancers we have signed on Charlie and Leona Lovelace, the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers of the Florida Round Dance world. They had been our callers in previous years and they were recommended to be asked back. What a beautiful graceful couple. On Friday evening, they will show-case what their teach will be for the Saturday morning workshop. Both Friday and Saturday evenings they will start our dance with an hour of early rounds. All levels will be cued from Phase II thru V. So you see we have a terrific weekend of dancing planned.

The Kenilworth Lodge, what a great place to hold a dance. The Lodge has been renovated but it still holds all of its historic charm. They still offer a very nice continental breakfast. We have held our dances here for many, many years because once you're there, you're there. Just walk down the hallways and you are in a beautiful dance hall with a wood floor. And we hold our “After-Parties” in this hall, too. There always is plenty of food and sodas and food and skits or Karaoke, and food, maybe line dancing or maybe just some story telling.

Now if we could only convince more of you to attend, it would be great. Our dances are NOT just for the Single dancer. Our dance is only *sponsored* by the Singles Association but it is OPEN to all dancers, much like the Shamrock Swing in The Villages or the Fall Festival held in Jacksonville every year. Those dances are open to all dancers, not just partnered or married people. We even offer a special price for our married friends.

As many of you know when it comes to planning any big “Special Dance” many single people will be asked to chair a committee and, as has been proven many times over, we are very capable in doing so. Case in point---the upcoming Florida State Convention. It is being chaired by two SINGLE people, Ailene Picheco and Terri Little. They have several single people chairing committees, also. This dance is

going to be a big success. Remember our “singles contingent” really supports all your dances, so please support our annual dance this October. You must agree the entertainment headliners are the best.

So I am asking each of you to see Penny Green, Ailene Picheco or me for some flyers and some ribbons to take back to the many clubs in your areas. Please help us to promote this dance; we truly would appreciate it immensely. And ya’ all come too!!

13. Hall of Fame – Bill & Mary Chesnut – No Report

14. Florida Website & Historian Records – Bruce Morgan

Bruce sent an e-mail with the current year's invoice for the Florida Federation web site attached. His e-mail read as follows: “According to the Convention Guide Lines this fee is to be paid by the current convention so that the cost is spread evenly between the Federation, Callers and Cuers. This is being sent at this time so that the current Federation treasurers can make sure that this \$153.02 is listed as expected income for the Working Weekend budget. This money is 1/4 of the cost that the Federation paid last year for the web hosting and domain names. The total amount is being repaid over the 4 years of the hosting period. The Convention treasurer should submit payment to the Florida Federation before closing out the convention books. A copy has been sent to the Federation President and treasurer so that they will know the amount of money to expect from this year's convention.”

15. USDA Report – Ray & Elsa Huddleston/Jerry & Donna Robey

We are sad to report that the USDA recently lost two very active members, Charles Holley, passed away in September after a long and courageous battle with heart disease. Charlie served as President and Central Region Vice President of the USDA as well as serving as President of several other square dance organizations. Red Null passed away in October. In the past, he served as USDA Secretary and also USDA Western Region Vice President.

The new nation-wide marketing web site promoting square, round and contra dancing, You 2 Can Dance is a site every square dancers should visit. This is especially beneficial for new dancers who can watch a video and find contact information.

There are many leadership and educational materials available to promote square dancing through the USDA web site. These are in the form of tri-fold information sheets or pamphlets and booklets. Individuals can order up to 10 of these without charge. Please visit the Publication page of the USDA web site to see the various brochures that are available.

The discount prescription card is still available. USDA receives \$.25 for each prescription that is filled. These funds are then applied to various USDA programs that support dancers.

The ARTS Travel, the dancer’s online travel web site, is another benefit. Dancers get the same rates offered by other travel web sites while helping to raise funds for ARTS.

Don Hunger recently received the Circle of Service award for his many years of service as USDA Insurance Chairman and Webmaster and other USDA committees.

It has also been reported that the Youth/Family After Party at the National Convention in Louisville was one of the most popular of the After Parties. The Youth Competition was another popular event. To quote in part Bonnie Abramson and Bob Kamuf, USDA Youth Advisors, "We all need to work harder to encourage new callers in general, and especially youth callers and dancers – they truly are our future.

16. USDA Insurance – Carol Poole

Beginning Balance November 1, 2010		\$
Income		
Central	\$	
FASSARD	\$	
Northeast	\$	
Northwest	\$	
Southeast	\$	
West Coast	\$	
Total Income		\$
		\$
Expenses		
USDA Insurance	\$	
Temple Twirlers	\$0	
West Coast Over Payment	\$	
Postage, Copies	\$	
Total Expenses		\$
Ending Balance as of January 31, 2011		\$
CLUBSDANCERS		
Central	13	657
FASSARD	0	0
Northeast	15	362
Northwest	1&8	226
Southeast	1	50
West Coast	10	320
Total		1615

Most of the clubs in Florida have now renewed. We have been holding one club since December. They did not pay for everyone on their roster. The Association Chairman has notified the club. We are experiencing a few pains using the computer and internet. Mostly because the clubs don't follow the instructions or are unaware of all the different forms we need to use now.

17. ASCAP/BMI – Maria Spence

The Convention Treasurer paid the Broadcast Music, Inc. annual fee of \$140.00 in January 2011. This is based on the number of attendees at our Florida State Convention. We are currently paid up with BMI and ASCAP.

18. ARTS – Ailene Picheco

The Information and History BACKGROUNDER is another project of ARTS. This outstanding document provides descriptions of our dancing, historical details, and some of the health benefits of dancing. This document is available on the ARTS web site – www.arts-dance.org - and you may print copies to help publicize our activity. There is a PDF file of the Backgrounder with an editable space for adding your local information.

The www.you2candance.com website is up and running. Email info@you2candance.com to have your info included in the site. Rather than trying to describe our activity on a flyer posted on a bulletin board, you can direct the potential dancer to this site to show them. They can watch a video, read detailed descriptions and then find a club in their area using the contact info you have provided.

ARTS now meets one time a year. The next meeting will be held immediately after the 60th NSDC in Detroit, MI on Sunday, June 26, 2011 in the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. Details are on the website www.arts-dance.org

19. State Convention Reports

- 2011 – Terri Little & Ailene Picheco

A few days ago I saw a quote attributed to Albert Einstein...it goes “The only purpose for time is so everything doesn’t happen at once.” From my experience, I don’t think he was ever a Square Dance convention chairman!

We have had many months of small accomplishments and leisurely planning and now, all of a sudden, everything has to be done NOW!

We currently have 369 paid registrations. As of last night, there were only 2 rooms left at Country Inn & Suites. We have a block of 50 rooms and Randy was told yesterday that there are no more available. We have 7 vendors registered.

Terri Wilaby is working on the program book. She has given us a deadline of mid-March to have everything to her so she can get it finalized and to the printer by the end of March. Jack & Kathy McKinney have been working hard getting ads for the program book. If you have any ads or wish to place a personal ad, please get the information (and money!) to Jack this weekend!

The VISA raffle is off to a slow start. We really need to concentrate on selling these tickets or we’ll lose money on this effort. We still have plenty of shirts and bags for sale, but all the buttons are gone.

We have found that the biggest draw-back to the new all-state convention format is meetings. When your chairmen are scattered from Pensacola to Miami, it is almost impossible to have a meeting with all in attendance. The next opportunities we have for meetings will be at the Shamrock Swing in March and the Fun Weekend in April.

At this point, we would like to invite all Federation members to join us for our after party celebration on Saturday, May 28, at 10 pm at Country Inn & Suites.

- 2012 – Garland & Carole McKenzie
Since our last report we have been preparing for the Convention in May. We have our buttons and ribbons in hand. We have also obtained attaché cases with the Federation Logo on them to use as a fundraiser. Anita Taylor has put together a Money Tree that will be raffled off and given away at the Convention in May.

We are still working on badges and shirts for next year. I have been in contact this week with a shirt vendor in the Ocala area and she will have our logo digitized and a copy ready for me to see by mid March. The shirts will be the same shirts we used for the 2006 Convention. We will only have the pocket and non-pocket shirts available. If you want a shirt with a pocket or one of the larger sizes please let me know this weekend so I will be sure to have what you want.

Last night we met with the Pergrossi's and Kennedys to discuss plans for the Kickoff. We still have some specific openings for people who want to participate in the kickoff. Please see me after the meeting if you would like to fill one of these positions. We also have 2 sets of Mardi Gras outfits that we would like someone to wear in the kickoff. If you would be willing to wear one of these, please let us know. Anyone can participate in the kickoff so please announce to dancers in your area.....They just need to be at the practice on Sunday Morning at 7 AM.

The remainder of the women's clothing was taken to Lorraine by Terri Little. We received a check for about \$1000 so far and have taken more clothes to Lorraine. Lorraine will be picking up more clothing at the dance tonight. If you have not visited e-bay to view the items Lorraine has for sale, I urge you to do so.

There will be a dance at Strawberry Square on tonight with 4 callers scheduled (Charlie Pergrossi, Ted Kennedy, Sam Dunn and Jack Lewis) and Lisa Wall will be cuing. 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, a 50/50 drawing will be held and there will be a silent auction.

- 2013- Paul & Cheryl Miller
Welcome to Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi, who have taken the position of 2013 Publicity Chairman and Jenny Green, West Coast Association has agreed to be the 2013 Youth & Singles Chairman!

Seed money in the amount of \$2500.00 was received on November 14, 2010 from the Federation Convention Fund. This money has been deposited in a Money Market Account at Wachovia Bank (growing at a turtle speed)!

A Motion was made and passed at the November 14, 2010 Florida Federation of Square Dancers meeting for the Federation Convention Fund to pay our Convention's down payment in the amount of \$3,000.00. This amount and the seed money are to be paid back at the beginning of our Convention. The total due back to the Federation Convention fund is \$5,500.00.

We've been getting our web site put together and it's almost completed.

Several area fundraisers have been planned.

We continue to look at fundraiser ideas to put in motion in 2012. Selling: NWFSRDA windbreakers, Federation windbreakers, etc.

We do not anticipate having a meeting for our Convention until September 2011, at that time I hope to have more information on the Kick-Off scheduled for May 2012.

Our Convention is coming along and we are continuing to build our awesome team:

Convention Advisors: Garland & Carole McKenzie (Central Association)

Treasurer: David Henn

Registration Chairmen: Joe & Patricia McLendon

Caller Chairman: Bob & Ann Poyner

Co-Caller Chairman: Sam & Sue Dunn (West Association)

Cuer Chairman: Terri & Tim Wilaby

Ways & Means Co-coordinator: Anita & Bud Taylor (Northeast Association)

Publicity Chairmen: Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi (Northeast Association)

Housing Chairman: Randy & Carol Poole (Central Association)

50/50 Sales Chairmen: George Garich / Ida Guthrie

Singles Chairman: Jenny Green (West Coast Association)

Youth Chairman: Jenny Green (West Coast Association)

Committee Chairmen positions not yet filled:

Assist. General Chairman; Ways and Means Chairman for all Associations;

Advertising Chairman; Vendor Chairman; After Party Chairman; Facility Chairman;

Camper Chairman; Photographer / Historian; Hospitality/Security Chairman;

Decorations Chairman

We welcome anyone & everyone to our Committees so don't feel shy, just take that baby step and join us. We are going to have a lot of FUN!

- Facilities – Don & Ann Slocum

Nothing new to report as far as the Lakeland Center goes. We have our contract through 2012.

I am going to propose some hall changes, for future years, today at the Convention meeting.

I will also report now on the sponsorships. I sent out nine letters and have one response from Publix which was negative.

20. Old Business

- Extra Mile Award – Val Newsome

The board met and we will be presenting 2 awards at the state convention on Saturday night. I have already informed Terri to put us on the schedule.

- Document Review – Ray & Elsa Huddleston

First off, I want to thank Don and Ann Slocum for their help. We made no changes to the Articles of Incorporation. There was no change to either the articles or the constitution except for font. There is a statement on each of these documents indicating that they were re-printed with the new font and no other changes. All of the documents had font and format changes to make them consistent.

Elsa Huddleston made a motion to accept the changes listed in their entirety, Ann Slocum seconded. Terri Little pointed out that in the By-Laws Article IX-Meetings, Section 2, e the last sentence should read “The Vice President will work with the out-year state convention chairman in coordinating a Saturday night dance to benefit the out-year state convention.” Likewise, in the Standing Rules Section 16, b, 5, the last sentence should read “Work with the out-year State Convention chairman in coordinating a Saturday night dance to benefit the out-year state convention.” Elsa amended her motion to include Terri’s comments. After some discussion on Section 7 of the Standing Rules, it was decided to leave it as stated in the original motion. There was some question regarding the correct numbering of Standing Rules Section 14, d. Val read the minutes from May 2010 meeting to explain the inconsistency in the numbering of this paragraph. The motion carried. Elsa will e-mail the updated documents to those who have e-mail and mail copies to those who do not have e-mail. It was suggested that the documents be placed on the Federation website. Elsa will forward the updated documents to Bruce Morgan for this purpose.

21. New Business

- Val & Charlie Newsome received an e-mail regarding handbooks for square dancers. She asked if anyone had any available. The Federation voted a while back to not re-print these handbooks because of the cost. It was suggested that they be instructed to go to the USDA website for any publications they need. Any copies that are available are to be used until they are gone.
- Committee assignments were read aloud with room numbers and all meeting are to convene at 1:30 p.m.

22. Announcements – Next meeting will be held Sunday, February 27, 9 a.m.

23. Motion to Adjourn – George Knapp moved that we adjourn; Ray Huddleston seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack & Barbara Hoffman
FL Federation Secretaries - 2011