

Folk, Round and Square Dance Federation of North Carolina Council Meeting – November 15, 2014

The North Carolina Folk, Round & Square Dance Federation Council Meeting was held at the Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Statesville, N.C. on November 15, 2014. President, Sharon Baldwin called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone and thanking the Spinning Moors for hosting the fall dance. Ann Riggs was thanked for her great contributions.

Ron Ingano, our chaplain, led us in prayer for the many sick and injured.

Square Dance Program: 48 invitations were sent to NC Federation callers. 19 callers were the program.

Round Dance Program: Sharon reported for Ken Birkett, 4 were on the program.

Line Dance Program: Sharon reported 2, she and Minnetta were on the program.

Constitution and By-laws: Tom and Betsy Wallace reported all ok.

Membership: JD and Kathy Quinn couldn't be here today. No new applications have been made to the Federation.

Publications: Pam Becker couldn't be here today but reported 48 clubs submitted articles for the Promenade.

Publicity: Jerry Locke had to leave but asked everyone to please send electronic copies of flyers announcing dances to him, and he will get them out to everyone.

Web Page: Patty Greene said the form is online at the website. Please fill out and submit back to her when you vote in new club officers. Send Patty an email if you are having problems and she will help you.

Advertising Editor: David and Christina Atkins couldn't be here today but many ads have been sold and are in the Promenade because they are doing a great job as Advertising editors.

Parliamentarian: Ed and Beverly Dickinson reported nothing new.

Historian: LaTrelle Batten couldn't be here today. Tom Morgan reported nothing new.

President's Charity Ball: Jack and Linda Cauble reported \$35,028.99 given to Hospice. This position is open for next year. Please let Sharon know if you are interested in leading this very important program for the Federation.

Research: Minnetta Morgan reported the upcoming February 21, 2015, Spring Dance, the Chair City Squares has invited everyone to in Thomasville, N.C. On May 16, 2015, the Swinging Stars will host the Federation in Greensboro, N.C. The NC State Convention will be on August 15 and 16, 2015 in Raleigh, N.C. at the North Raleigh Hilton. Minnetta asked everyone to go back to their clubs, and plan to host the November 2015, Winter Federation dance. Let her know your plans.

Selection Committee: Roger Routh announced applications for Golden Slipper and Hall of Fame awards are being taken from the clubs now. These applications are due by May 16, 2015.

Regional Directors: Roger Routh reported meetings for Regional Directors will start back up in January 2015.

State Convention: Lesley Green reported having 750 people, the most since having the dance in Raleigh at the 2014 August State Convention. The financial statement is in the Promenade. The 2015 26th NC State Convention, will be on August 14 and 15, 2015 at the North Raleigh Hilton. The theme for next year is *Black Beard's Ball*. The schedule will be very similar to last years, early Rounds and Lines with Caller-rama in the evening. Sign up early for the best room pricing. Room rate is \$97 per night.

USDA: Ed and Lynda Willis reported insurance packets were sent out about one month ago. We used the addresses that Pam Becker has to send these out. Please keep your information current for this reason. Every packet that we receive is checked and forwarded to Pat Stewart who combines and sends to Pat English, the person responsible for all 50 states. Insurance runs from January 1st through December 31st. We've gotten 8 in for insurance, which is good. Any classes started need to all have this service for everyone's safety and are insured for free until they graduate. One club, Land of Sky, has 40 in their class. We recently learned at a USDA insurance meeting that the Federation can insure the officers and I propose we do this for our officers. Ed made a motion that this Federation buy insurance for our officers. Sharon seconded and the motion carried. Ed and Lynda have been newly elected to USDA as Regional Directors. We all congratulate them and wish them continued success.

Promotional: Pat Stewart reported nothing new.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sharon said those that have Promenades please take these back to your clubs and discuss all the information inside. Each club has dues that need to be in by December 31st. \$30 per club needs to be paid promptly by giving Pat Stewart the money today or putting a check in the mail to her very soon.

Roger Routh made a motion to accept the Council minutes. Ed Dickinson seconded and the motion carried.

Please review the Treasurer's Report in the Promenade. With no questions, we approve these as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

Curtis Buchannan came to thank everyone for your support during his wife's illness and passing. He had to leave but wanted all to know how much your kindness has meant.

Ron Ingano introduced his father, Aldofo Ingano. Earlier, Curtis had suggested and Ed moved to make Aldofo an Honorary Member of the Federation. He has come to many dances and Ed made the motion. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Ed said the USDA has an award for members or dancers 100 years or more. This makes him eligible for this, we will submit his name for this award.

The Secretary casts one vote to accept the officers as presented at the August Federation dance. They are:

Sharon Baldwin for President,

Roger and Vicki Routh for Vice President,

Pat Stewart for Treasury,

Pat Bierley for Secretary.

A motion was made, Ed Willis seconded and the motion carried.

Chuck Hicks made a motion to adjourn, Harry Morgan seconded. The motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Pat Bierley