

## **Folk, Round and Square Dance Federation of North Carolina Executive Board 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, Lesley and Clinton Green were thanked for their great contributions.

Ron Ingano, our Federation Chaplain, lead us in prayer. Please continue to keep all those in need, in your prayers.

**Square Dance Program:** 48 invitations were sent to callers. 19 callers are on the program.

**Round Dance Program:** Sharon reported 4 are on the program.

**Line Dance Program:** Sharon reported 5 are on the program.

**Publications:** Pam Becker reported 28 clubs submitted articles to go in the Promenade. There is a possibility to put the Promenade pages to be displayed by laptop. This will raise visibility for the dancers that would like to see the Promenade and hopefully encourage sells. Please send all comments and feedback to [NCpromenade@gmail.com](mailto:NCpromenade@gmail.com) and they will be carried forward.

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

**Publicity:** Jerry Locke asked people to send him your flyers and he will distribute, if he receives them before the dance dates. Sharon agreed and said Jerry has been making sure a lot of good information has been distributed to all the email addresses he has.

**Parliamentarian:** Ed and Beverly Dickinson reported all is well.

**President's Charity Ball:** Jack and Linda Cauble said the 2014 Hospice was a great success. He thanked all the Regional Directors. They made a great difference in the success of our Hospice fund raiser. A total of \$35028.99 was raised. Over 1 million has been given to Hospice, from this Federation during the 1979 to 2014 campaigns.

**Web Page:** Patty Greene reported the website is up-to-date. Please let her know if you have any problems.

**Advertising Editors:** David and Christina Atkins couldn't be here but the ads are selling and in the Promenade. Great job.

**Research:** Minnetta Morgan reported nothing new. Make sure to come February 21<sup>st</sup> to Thomasville, spring dance will be hosted by the Chair City Squares. May 16<sup>th</sup> will be at the Lindley Recreation Center, hosted by the Swinging Stars. August 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> will be the State Convention in Raleigh. Need an invitation for the November 2015 fall dance. Please let her know if your club is interested in hosting.

**Selection Committee and Regional Directors:** Roger Routh meetings have gone smooth. All nominations for both Golden Slipper and Hall of Fame are due by May 2015. Remember, the Executive Board doesn't make the nominations, club members do. Please submit early.

**Constitution and By Laws:** Betsy Wallace reported all is fine.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Willis announced all insurance packets had been sent out the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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. Tom Morgan seconded and the motion carried. Ed thanked Curtis for the great job he and Braxton did for many years.

**Promotional:** Pat Stewart reported nothing new.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Sharon asked for a motion to accept the Executive Board minutes as received. Lesley Green made a motion and Bob Walker seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report is in the new Promenade, and was approved as stands.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Curtis Buchannan addressed all attendees and thanked everyone for all the cards, phone calls, prayers and love sent to he and Braxton. They had walked a hard path. The support of so many people, particularly from our Square Dance community, made it easier. He concluded in the name of Jesus Christ thank you and love to you all.

Sharon directed everyone to pick up a Promenade before leaving and reminded, if you haven't signed up for USDA insurance, please email Ed and Lynda Willis and take care of this.

Motion "to adjourn" was made by Beverly Dickinson and seconded by Judy Kennedy. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Pat Bierley