

**Folk Dance Federation of California, Inc
Assembly Minutes**

**Veterans Hall
Sebastapol, CA
December 1, 1996**

Meeting called to order by President Carlos Ruling at 11:55 A.M

Sergeant at Arms, Elsa Bacher declared that a quorum was present.

Page Masson welcomed members and guests.

The minutes of the Fresno assembly meeting, dated October 20, 1996 were approved.
(Moved by Fran Ajoian, seconded by Stella McCoy)

Reports:

President: No report

Vice President: No report

Treasurer: read statement of accounts, moved by Frank Bacher and seconded by Elsa Bacher to accept this report.

Public Relations: Michael Norris reported he is investigating methods of getting the word out. Mel Mann suggested that we should educate doctors about the health benefits of folk dancing, and perhaps having a doctor write an article about it for the general public. Max Horn mentioned that he plans to have a mailing list for folk dance events.

Membership: No new clubs to vote on. Mel Mann reports six new associate members--two from the Internet.

Standing Committees:

Research Committee: Ruth Ruling reported that they met on 11/16. They are reviewing dance writeup format and preparing for the January Institute on the Peninsula.

Statewide: The Russian Center is reserved for 1998 and requires a \$1,000 deposit. It was moved by Elsa Bacher that such a deposit be made, and the motion was seconded by Mel Mann. Carlos also noted that parking will be improved in 1998 as there will be an additional lot available.

Insurance: Information from 48 clubs was received by the deadline out of a total of 82 clubs.

Calendar: There was some discussion of upcoming Federation events, including:
January 17th & 18th--Peninsula Festival
February 9th--Sweetheart Festival
February 23--Festival of the Oaks
March 8 & 9--Camellia Festival
April 6th--Cherry Blossom Festival
April 20 or 27 (still tentative, depending on City College)--Blossom Fest
May 18--Rose Festival

Rotating Committees:

Bylaws: Frank Bacher received 7 copies back with a total of 71 suggestions. He will be meeting with the committee to discuss the suggestions.

Beginners Festival: Possible dates for the festival are April 13 or May 4.

New Business:

Nominating Committee to meet and report back to executive board at their January meeting.

Mel Mann reports that the "Federation Facts" sheets are all gone--Barbara Bruxvoort is working on a revision.

Max Horn mentioned a book that might be of interest to Folk Dancers: They Came Singing: Songs from California History. This book contains songs, music and dance descriptions from early California and is geared to grade-school teachers. A CD is also available of the music. The publisher is Calicanto Associates (510-339-2081)

At 12:50 it was moved by Frank Bacher and seconded by Michael Norris that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bruxvoort, Acting Secretary

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
ASSEMBLY MEETING
ATTENDANCE

Dec 1, 1996
Sebastopol

*denotes absent

Elected Officers

(5)

President Carlos Ruling
Vice President Barbara Bruxvoort
Recording Secty Genevieve Pereira*
Treasurer Page Masson
Dir. of Membership Melvin Mann
Dir. of Pub. Rel. Michael Norris
Historian Craig Blackstone*

Federation Past Presidents

Fran Ajoian
Frank Bacher
Leona Faoro
Oscar Faoro

Appointed Officers (2)

Parliamentarian Leona Faoro
Office Sect'y and Let's Dance Ed. Genevieve Pereira*
Calendar of Events Ed Kremers*
Sergeant at Arms Elsa Bacher

Council Presidents (5)

Fresno FDC Michael Norris
Gter East Bay Max Horn
Peninsula Arden Pierce
Sacramento Greg Mitchell*
San Francisco Joel Bruxvoort
Redwood Frank Bacher

Chairmen Standing Committees (3)

Dance Research Ruth Ruling
Costume Research Eleanor Bacon*
Insurance Frank & Elsa Bacher
Festival Advisory Millie von Vonsky*
Teachers Committee Bruce Wyckoff*
Legislative Committee Max Horn

Member Club Delegates (10)

Santa Rosa FD Elsa Bacher
Gate Swingers Chas. Crawford
Palomanians Ruth Ruling
Changs Mabel Doss
Novato FD Page Masson
Petaluma FD Frank Bacher
Berkeley FD Mel Mann

Chairman Rotating Committees (3) CAFY

Bylaws Frank Bacher
Finance Oscar Faoro
Institute Al Lisin*
Beginners Festival Laila Messer*
North/South Fran Ajoian

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Fresno Int'l Michael Norris
SFWDC Stela McCoy

Associate Members

(not listed elsewhere)

EJ Wagner