

**FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.**  
**ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**FIESTA DE SONOMA**  
**SEBASTOPOL, CALIFORNIA**  
**SEPTEMBER 14, 1997**

President Barbara Bruxvoort is away for a family wedding in Japan.  
Vice President Mel Mann called the meeting to order at 11:49. He welcomed everyone and asked Frank Bacher to issue a welcome as well.  
Secretary read the minutes of the April 27 assembly meeting. After it was determined there was a quorum present, Greg Mitchell moved the minutes be approved as read. Frank seconded. Motion carried.

**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:** No report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Greg reported there are five new individual members and two new club members. They are: Gary Anderson, Raymond McDowell, Hal Rohlring, Marsha Guarascio, and Yaqi Zhang. The two clubs are the Academy of Danse Libre, and Does Ballroom, Vintage and Country Western Dancing. (List attached.) It was moved, (Frank), seconded, (Carlos) and passed they be approved for membership.

**TREASURER:** Report for period from 6-1-97 to 8-31-97:

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	\$29,687.61
Total income.....	\$1,409.26
Total expenses.....	\$2,685.48
Income vs Expenses.....	--\$1,276.26
ENDING BALANCE .....	\$28,411.39
INSURANCE BALANCE.....	\$ 4,042.12

**RECAP OF ACCOUNTS:**

Checking .....	\$ 5,491.28
Insurance.....	\$ 4,042.12
Savings.....	\$ 5,654.94
Cert of Dep.....	\$10,244.06
C.D. Trust Let's Dance.....	\$ 7,021.11

**TOTAL FUNDS.....**\$32,453.51

Frank moved and Elmer seconded the treasurer's report be accepted. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Absent

**HISTORIAN:** Absent

**PUBLICATIONS:** Nadine reported the Federations Facts should be ready to be accepted by the next Executive Board meeting.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**DANCE RESEARCH:** Ruth reported that the meeting held in Stockton was a short one because "everyone knows where they're heading". The next meeting will be held on October 25, at the home of Joyce Ugla. Greg Mitchell reported that he made and sold a few copies of the video he took of the dance exhibitions at the March Camelia festival. All proceeds were donated to the Sacramento Council.

**FESTIVAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Absent

**COSTUME RESEARCH:** Absent

**STATEWIDE:** Carlos said the location for the festival and the motels have been selected and most of the committees have been appointed. Westwind will be doing the program at the cost quoted originally. Elsa asked about the parking situation. Carlos said that the manager of the Russian Center will be checking with both the garage across the street and the new garage on the corner to see what arrangements can be made.

**INSURANCE:** Elsa said in October they will be mailing a letter to all clubs telling about the 1998 year.

**CALENDAR:** Absent. Irene Oxford made reference to the calendar listing that the listings do not say if an event is Federation or club sponsored and whether or not events include meetings. It was received as a good suggestion and will be passed on to the Calendar committee.

**TEACHERS' COMMITTEE:** Ruth reported the list is close to being finished.

**BY-LAWS:** Frank reported the meeting of April 24 was held. He has compiled the suggestions and has sent them to the other committee members requesting that they check them over. The final report is to be presented at the next Executive Board meeting after which they will be mailed to each club for approval.

**FINANCE:** Absent. Ruth explained there is nothing that needs to be done now.

**INSTITUTE:** Ruth reported for Fran Ajoian who was absent that one more person is needed on the committee. Teachers for the Fresno Festival Institute have been set up. Notes not finished.

**BEGINNERS' FESTIVAL:** Alice Stirling of Chula Vista, California has asked for information about the May 4, 1997 World Dance Fest. She and others in Southern California are working in promoting folk dancing and attracting new people into folk dancing. Laila has prepared a report to send to Alice. She showed the survey sheet developed by Loui Tucker for follow-up on the World Dance Fest. She also pointed out that the addresses

shown in the directory of where to dance in Northern California are the addresses of the contact people and not of the dance club location. This might be confusing to those looking for location information.

Max Horn spoke of the importance of up-dating the information on dance directories and publications. He felt the federation should explore "lots of things we can do" to attract people to folk dancing. He mentioned that some newspapers in his area print a list of interesting things to do. His "Dancing on the Farm" will be featured later this fall in one of the local papers. Mel mentioned that there is held in Berkeley the "Solano Stroll" in which folk dancers take part thereby exposing folk dancing to other attendees. Frank mentioned that he had received a call from someone wanting to know when "Max will be calling a contra on Max Horn's Farm". Stela said she had received more than 12 calls from people wanting to know where beginning groups are dancing in the evenings. Millie Riba mentioned an idea, a "High Tea", used in the Mother Lode country to attract dancers. The general consensus of the group was that there are many ideas that can be explored in order to get word out about folk dancing.

NORTH/SOUTH: Absent.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Frank said that there were four out of 6 councils represented at the Council meeting. Elmer reminded every one of the Grand Ball on November 1 and the Treasurer's Ball on December 7. He also wanted all to know that on November 30 there is a festival, a Waltz Tango Cotillion, in the Jackson senior center from 1 to 5 p.m..

Next meeting will be held in Fresno at the Fresno Festival.

Lunch was offered for \$2.50.

Frank moved and Elmer seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laila Messer, Secretary

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ASSEMBLY MEETING  
ATTENDANCE

Sept. 14, 1997  
Sonoma Festival  
Sebastopol, CA

\*denotes absent

<u>Elected Officers</u>	(5)	<u>Federation Past Presidents</u>	(3)
President	Barbara Bruxvoort*	Frank Bacher	
Vice President	Melvin Mann	Carlos Ruling	
Recording Secty	Laila Messer	Elmer Riba	
Treasurer	Page Masson		
Dir. of Membership	Greg Mitchell		
Dir. Publications	Nadine Mitchell		
Dir. of Pub. Rel.	Michael Norris*		
Historian	Craig Blackstone*		

<u>Appointed Officers</u>	(1)	<u>Council Presidents</u>	(4)
Parliamentarian	Leona Faoro*	Fresno FDC	Michael Norris*
Office Sect'y and		Gter East Bay	Max Horn
Let's Dance Ed.	Genevieve Pereira*	Peninsula	Arden Pierce*
Calendar of Events	Ed Kremers*	Sacramento	Irene Oxford
Sergeant at Arms	Elsa Bacher	San Francisco	Carlos Ruling
		Redwood	Frank Bacher

<u>Chairmen Standing Committees</u>	(4)	<u>Member Club Delegates</u>	(11)
Dance Research	Ruth Ruling	Santa Rosa FD	Elsa Bacher
Costume Research	Eleanor Bacon*	Petaluma FD	Frank Bacher
Insurance	Frank & Elsa Bacher	Palomanians	Ruth Ruling
Festival Advisory	Millie von Kinsky*	Changs	Carlos Ruling
Teachers Committee	Bruce Wyckoff*	Novato FD	Page Masson
Legislative Committee	Max Horn	SF Womens Club	Stela McCoy
Statewide Committee	Carlos Ruling	Berkeley Folk D	Mel Mann
		Gateswingers	Chas Crawford
		Pairs & Spares	Jo Loverde
		First & Last D	Jim Oxford
		El Dorado FD	Elmer Riba

<u>Chairmen Rotating Committees</u>	(2)
Bylaws	Frank Bacher
Finance	Oscar Faoro*
Institute	Al Lisin*
North/South	Fran Ajoian*
Beginners Festival	Laila Messer

<u>Associate Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>
(not listed elsewhere)	
Mabel Doss	
Sidney Messer	
Milli Riba	