

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 28, 1997

Home of Genevieve Pereira, 1811 Cornell Drive, Alameda, CA

President Barbara Bruxvoort called the meeting to order at 12:45. Elsa reported a quorum was present. Carlos moved and Craig seconded the minutes of the June 8, 1997 Executive meeting be approved as distributed. Motion passed.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

VICE PRESIDENT: Absent

SECRETARY: No report.

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

Oscar explained the Let's Dance C. D. Trust. It exists to cover the cost of refunding subscribers' fees if the magazine ceases publication.

MEMBERSHIP: Greg plans to write to those who have dropped out of the Federation to find the reasons why. Genevieve has the names on file.

PUBLICATIONS: Barbara will finish the copy of the "Federation Facts" and send it to Nadine for approval. Nadine wanted to know which committees have, or will have, publications. Genevieve said some titles are running low and it should be determined which ones and how many need to be republished. Genevieve will send an inventory to Nadine. The "Pronunciation Guide" should be updated.

HISTORIAN: Craig gave a report on the new camera he has purchased. After much research he decided the Minolta with Advantix program was best for the interests of the Federation. It has a wide zoom for taking pictures of dancers in big halls. It allows different size photos on the same roll of film and is normally processed. It has other features such as dating and titling. The total purchase price was \$453.02.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Absent

STANDING COMMITTEES: Barabara said most committee chairs have been filled.

DANCE RESEARCH: Ruth reported the next meeting will be held October 4 at the home of Joyce Uggla when they expect to make more assignments.

FESTIVAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Absent

LEGISLATIVE: No report.

COSTUME RESEARCH: Barbara talked with Eleanor Bacon who will be setting the next meeting.

STATEWIDE: Carlos reported that things are progressing well. Bruce Mitchell will chair the Saturday Cool Down/Stay Limber Party. Denise Heenan will chair the Sunday afternoon party in the gym.

Other committee chairs filled are:

- Budget.... Carlos Ruling
- Callers..... Bruce Wyckoff
- Concert..... Westwind and Friends
- Dance Programs Coordinator..... Ruth Ruling
- Historian Display..... Craig Blackstone
- Hospitality..... Sharon Skorup
- Installation Bruch..... Mary Wyckoff
- Institute..... Fran Ajoian
- Syllabus..... Ruth Ruling
- Past-presidents Reception..... Carlos Ruling
- Picnic..... Max Horn
- Pre-registration..... Genevieve Pereira
- Registration..... Page Masson
- Sound System..... Frank and Elsa Bacher
- Theme Design..... Carlos Ruling
- Vendors..... Laila Messer

Statewide chairs yet to be filled are:

Sunday beginner dance in the Dance Studio,
Balkan Party,
Southern California Committee,
Decorations,
Door Control,
Equipment Set-up,
Ice Cream Social,
Invitations and MC's,
Program Production,
Publicity,
Welcoming Dances,
Country Western Party,
Door Control .

INSURANCE: Elsa reported notices will be sent out in October. Insurance will be in effect from January 1998 for those subscribers who get their dues in by the deadline. Frank said a Club would have to be approved for Federation membership at an Assembly meeting. Greg and Elsa will meet to see if the insurance committee and the membership committee could combine efforts in getting out their mailings. Max suggested that a form letter could perhaps serve both committees. They will also ask Genevieve if any mailings can be coordinated through her office.

CALENDAR: No Report. Ed presented Genevieve with a list of events to be published in the next publication of "Let's Dance", a check for one subscription, and the names of two possible advertisers.

TEACHERS' COMMITTEE: Ruth reported for Bruce Wyckoff that the committee has mailed the 1997 Dance List to all teachers.

BY-LAWS: On behalf of the committee, Frank presented each board member a copy of the final proposed changes to the By-Laws that the committee has been working on. Genevieve reminded the Board that any changes to the Articles of Incorporation have to be submitted to the Secretary of State but that any changes in the By-Laws do not. There ensued much discussion on the subject. Frank explained that the earlier changes in the By-Laws had been approved by the Board and the ones presented now were to be discussed and voted on. The Executive Board has to study all the proposed changes first and be in agreement before sending the By-Laws onto each club for voting. Barbara noted the many hours of work the By-Laws committee has done on proposed changes. It was felt there was not enough time at this meeting to do justice to the work done by the By-Laws committee. Out of respect for the committee, she suggested each Board member take the proposed changes home to study and review them thoroughly and to bring their comments

to the next Executive Board meeting. Elsa moved that the next Executive Board meeting be dedicated especially for this purpose. Craig seconded. Motion passed. The copy of the existing By-Laws dated January 24, 1988 is the one to be used for comparison.

BEGINNERS' FESTIVAL: Laila reported that follow-up is still coming in for the May 4 World Dance Fest and that as soon as she hears from Loui Tucker and Bill Lidicker she will be sending her report on the festival to Alice Stirling.

FINANCE: Oscar explained that all is in good shape. He said he would have the taxes done by October 5, 1997. He thanked Genevieve and Page for their excellent and clear reports which makes his work easier.

INSTITUTE: Ruth reported Fran Ajoian has planned an institute for the Fresno festival.

NORTH/SOUTH: Ruth reported there will be a meeting in Fresno.

OLD BUSINESS: Genevieve reported her computer has not been working properly and she has been having trouble getting out the magazine. She also reported she has asked the publisher to print fewer copies of "Let's Dance".

She has received a subscription from a person in Brazil who wants to pay with a Visa card. She has sent him a copy of "Let's Dance" and a letter explaining that the Federation does not accept credit cards.

She also has received an order from a person in Italy which she sent by "slow freight" because the shipping costs were so expensive compared to the cost of the order. She received another check from the Italian but no word as to whether the shipment was received. She is still holding the second check because she is unclear as to whether it is for a new order or what. She asked Barbara to contact the Italian by E-mail to try and clear up the matter.

On May 2 a letter and a check was received from Charles Crawford, a past president of the "Fun Club", saying the "Fun Club" has disbanded and their members had decided to send their remaining funds of \$379.27 for a folk dance teacher to attend the Stockton Folk Dance Camp. Max moved that the funds represented by the letter from Charles Crawford of the "Fun Club" be forwarded with a copy of the letter to the University of Pacific Folk Dance Camp to be distributed by Bea Mitchell and the Scholarship Committee as the "Fun Club" directed. Frank seconded. Motion passed.

Elsa asked about the new copy machine that was ordered. Genevieve explained that she has not yet been able to get the new machine and has been using a loaned machine for which the rental being paid will be applied to the purchase price. She plans to purchase the new machine next week.

Max, for the Greater East Bay, and Greg, for the Sacramento area, will send updated copies of the Where to Dance Directory to Carlos and Ruth who will then compile and copy the complete directory.

NEW BUSINESS: Greg talked about the difficulty small groups have in bearing the costs of hosting festivals and providing meeting rooms for the Federation. He wondered if the Federation could be of help.

Frank gave, as an example, the rent costs for the Sebastopol Veterans' Hall at \$25.00 an hour, and \$30.00 an hour for the room used for a Federation Assembly meeting at the same location. This extra charge made the difference between breaking even and going in the hole for the event revenue. Max pointed out that the money received from the lunches can help pay for the meeting room rental. It was pointed out that each Council gets a certain amount of money for their expenses, but the Councils are in a bind. Greg suggested that expenses for Federation business be borne by the Federation particularly at festivals where door receipts do not cover costs. Barbara suggested that Councils submit their expenses.

Max moved that any additional costs for hall rental to accomodate Federation meetings at festivals be paid out of Federation funds up to \$150.00. Greg seconded. Motion carried.

Page reminded everyone of the Treasurer's Ball on December 7. There are door prizes and raffle prizes. She has already received \$100.00 from the Federation and \$50.00 from an anonymous dancer. Also contributed are a vase, a clock, a waterfall, a bread machine and a bottle of Scotch.

Max showed a book written by Larry Miller, a compliation of over 8000 dances listing nationality of the dance, where and when taught, music source, etc.,

It was decided the next meeting would be held November 2, at Genevieve's house. It will be dedicated to the proposed By-Laws changes. Barbara encouraged everyone to do their homework and come to the meeting prepared. Board members are to gather at noon and be ready for the meeting to begin at 1 p.m.

Greg moved and Page seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laila Messer

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
ATTENDANCE

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Sept. 28, 1997

Elected Officers (6)

President	Barbara Bruxvoort
Vice President	Mel Mann*
Secretary	Laela Messer
Treasurer	Page Masson
Dir. of Publications	Nadine Mitchell
Dir. of Membership	Greg Mitchell
Dir. of Public Relations	Michael Norris*
Historian	Craig Blackstone

Appointed Officers (4)

Parliamentarian	Leona Faoro
Let's Dance Editor	Genevieve Pereira
Calendar of Events	Ed Kremers
Sergeant at Arms	Elsa Bacher

Chairmen Standing Committees (4)

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

Chairmen Rotating Committees (2)

Bylaws	Frank Bacher
Beginners Festival	Oscar Faoro
Finance	
Institute	
North/South	Dolly Barnes*