

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Treasurer's Ball  
Sebastopol, California  
December 7, 1997

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Laila Messer.

Sergeant at Arms, Elsa Bacher, declared a quorum was not present.

Laila Messer said that Nadine Mitchell, Sacramento, had volunteered to take the minutes.

Page Masson, Federation-North Treasurer, welcomed members and guests to the Treasurer's Ball and thanked them for coming in the rain. She reported that there were nice door prizes and raffle tickets and a good dance program.

The minutes of the last Assembly Meeting held at Fresno were read by Nadine Mitchell.

**REPORTS:**

1. Ruth Ruling said that the minutes were not complete regarding the **Dance Research Committee**. The first sentence under that heading is correct. The portion of that paragraph that speaks about the office copier should be in capital letters under the heading of **Office Secretary** and should be high-lighted. That matter was decided on previously at the Executive Board Meeting.

Regarding the Dance Research Committee, Ruth said she could not have done the work without all the Committee members' help.

2. Irene Oxford mentioned that the minutes should be corrected under the "membership" portion to reflect that the **Sacramento Viennese Waltz Dancers** have officially changed their name to **Vienna Rhythm** due to the fact that they were being confused with other groups.

3. Under "Insurance" the following correction should be made: "Club rates for 12 dancers or less will be \$40.00" (instead of 13 dancers).

PRESIDENT: Laila asked if there were any other corrections and also said that she did not know of any corrections that Barbara may have had.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Absent. No report.

**SECRETARY:** Laila is typing the By-Laws and Craig Blackstone is proofreading them. They will be ready to send to Genevieve for copying and distribution at the next Executive Board Meeting to be held on January 11, 1998.

**TREASURER:**

Report for period from 10/20/97 to 11/30/97:

Beginning Balance:		\$ 26,890.78
Total Income	\$ 1,661.80	
Total Expenses	2,101.65	
Income vs. Expenses	-439.85	
Ending Balance		\$ 26,450.93

**RECAP OF ACCOUNTS:**

Checking	3,521.21
Savings	5,664.55
Certificate of Deposit	7,021.11
Certificate of Deposit (2)	10,244.06
	\$17,265.17

\$ 26,450.93

**INSURANCE BALANCE:** 2,110.95

**TOTAL FUNDS:** \$ 26,450.93

Page said she would probably be able to make the second quarter report which will be sent out.

**OFFICE SECRETARY:** Absent.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Greg Mitchell apologized for not knowing about some of the new clubs that were announced at the Fresno Assembly Meeting and hoped that in the future he and Genevieve will continue to improve the communication between them so this will not reoccur. Some discussion followed with comments made that timing is important and eventually things will fall into place. Other than the comments stated, Greg had no report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Absent.

**HISTORIAN:** No report.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Nadine Mitchell reported that she had received the final finished draft of the revised FEDERATION FACTS. She has approved them and will inform Genevieve that she should proceed with getting them printed. Ruth suggested that the new ones be made a different color. Nadine asked Ruth about the Index and Pronunciation Guide. Ruth reported the Committee is working on the following:

1. Syllabus for the Peninsula Institute in January, 1998.
2. Updating the Index & Pronunciation Guide.
3. Providing Dance Descriptions for Let's Dance.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**DANCE RESEARCH:** Reported above.

**FESTIVAL ADVISORY:** Absent.

**LEGISLATIVE:** Max Horn reported that he attended a meeting on December 5 with the Contra-Costa Arts Council. There was discussion on how to get publicity information to the people as inexpensively as possible. Max garnered information that he feels might be valuable to the Federation in the future.

He also mentioned that there will be dancing at his farm during the summer as there has been in past years.

Max reported that the Festival of the Oaks will be held on February 22 at the Redwood Recreation Center in Oakland.

**COSTUME RESEARCH:** Absent.

**STATEWIDE:** Carlos Ruling reported that the program is still being worked on and the few problems with it will be overcome. The committees are all set up, with one committee that will be revised.

**INSURANCE:** Frank Bacher received information from 58 clubs this year. There are fewer clubs than prior years as some clubs have dropped out. He also had a club name change that required some special handling regarding the insurance in order for them to qualify and use the facility requested.

**CALENDAR:** Absent.

**TEACHERS COMMITTEE:** Absent.

**ROTATING COMMITTEES:**

**BY-LAWS:** Frank Bacher reported that the By-Laws are in limbo at the moment. No report.

**FINANCE/BUDGET:** Absent.

**INSTITUTE:** Ruth Ruling reported that the following dances will be taught at the Peninsula Institute to be held January 17, 1998:

1. Bialy Mazur - Polish couple dance.
2. Walc Sadecki - Polish couple dance.  
(Both taught by Al and Teddy Wolterbeck).
3. Maitli Schottisch - Swiss non-partner dance.
4. Indijski Cocek - Macedonian Gypsy non-partner dance.  
(Both taught by Denise Heenan).

**BEGINNER'S FESTIVAL:** No report.

**NORTH/SOUTH:** Absent.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Frank Bacher reported that the Vice President had not notified all of the Council Presidents to see who would represent their respective councils. However, a Council President's Meeting was held today and Sacramento Council President Irene Oxford accepted the position of Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. He thanked Irene for accepting that responsibility.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Max Horn reminded everyone of his BBQ/Dances held on July 4 and Labor Day. The picnic following Statewide will again be held at Max Horn's farm. He has old costumes that he has been loaned out to high schools for multi-cultural events and parades. He also has some 78 records and will be making a library of these. Elsa Bacher mentioned a San Jose folk dance group has records that possibly could be given to Stockton UOP Library. Ruth said costumes are auctioned off and proceeds given to the Scholarship Fund. Records are sold also.

Laila again mentioned that there was not a quorum present and thanked Nadine Mitchell for taking the notes for the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Irene Oxford, Sacramento Council, invited everyone to attend Sacramento's Welcome 98 Party to be held January 10. She has flyers and tickets.

Nadine Mitchell mentioned an incorrect date in the last LET'S DANCE regarding Sacramento Council's Camellia Festival. It says the Festival is March 4 when in fact, it is March 15 and 15, 1998.

Laila reported she attended the recent Waltz-Tango Cotillion held in Jackson and had a very enjoyable time.

The meeting ended at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nadine Mitchell*

NADINE MITCHELL

Secretary pro-tem