FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC. ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES TREASURER'S BALL, SONOMA, CA. DECEMBER 6, 1998

President Barbara Bruxvoort called the meeting to order at 11:57 a.m. While waiting for a quorum, Barbara asked if any corrections or changes needed to be made to the October 18 Autumn Harvest Festival Assembly minutes. There were none but since there was not yet a quorum, she continued with her comments.

She discussed briefly the first item on the agenda, that of the purpose of the Federation. She has explored the topic with various people. One person had commented that the bottom line is if dancers are happy. She said there will be more formal discussions in the spring and asked everyone to be thinking about the subject.

Board positions not yet filled include an editor and a business manager for Let's Dance magazine. She thanked Nadine Mitchell and Craig Blackstone for their efforts in submitting the Council Clips and the calendar information. Laila reported Naomi Lidicker needs more information about the telephone and fax before she can determine if she will be able to take over those duties.

Vice President: Craig Blackstone reported that the Council Presidents meeting did not have enough members present to elect a Chairperson for the Nominating Committee. Frank Bacher was appointed as a temporary Chairperson. Craig said the deadline for submitting information to LET'S DANCE has been changed to the 15th of each month, which means a six week period before publication of an issue. He also said that he is identifying upcoming festivals even if all the details of times, etc. are not available so that people can at least note that a festival is in the offing.

Irene Oxford expressed concern about getting in the information for the March Camellia Festival since it is taking place a week earlier than usual.

Treasurer: Page Masson welcomed everyone to the Treasurer's Ball and was pleased to report a profit in her second quarter financial report. (Report enclosed.)

Secretary: Laila Messer reported on the details and costs needed in order to change the Bulk Rate Mailing Permit from the Alameda post office to one closer to her home in Sausalito. She suggested that it be determined whether or not we, as a non-profit organization, are eligible for that category of bulk rate mailing. Oscar Faoro will investigate.

Membership: Chairperson Greg Mitchell reported he will be getting the names of the clubs from Frank and that he has investigated to determine which libraries are interested in receiving the LET'S DANCE magazine and/or the Assembly minutes. He will be putting a notice in LET'S DANCE that there will only be a one-month grace period instead of a two-month grace period, for payment of dues, the feeling being that the membership needs to be responsible for getting their dues in on time and by eliminating sending a second notice, the Federation will be saving money. Whether or not to send the LET'S DANCE

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to libraries was discussed the general feeling being that it is important that the magazine be at least in California libraries. Greg said Clubs are asking him why they do not receive a copy of the magazine for their group membership. Discussion was postponed for lack of a quorum.

Historian Mel Mann: No report.

Publications: Chairperson Nadine Mitchell has sent out some publications, and pointed out that the address needs to be changed on LET'S DANCE pages. She will be purchasing an area code book. She needs to know how many directories to get printed and to whom they will be sent.

Dance Research: Absent. Barbara reported that this committee is faithful in getting dance descriptions into LET'S DANCE.

Insurance: Frank reported there are about 80 clubs and 73 have paid for insurance for this year.

Teachers Committee: Absent.

Statewide: Barbara reported that Fresno will be hosting the Year 2000 Statewide Festival. The U C campus in Fresno is already reserved and there will be no rental fee. More than one person is interested in being Chairperson. At this time Kathy Hindman is already working on Institute details.

Finance: Chairperson Oscar Faoro is surprised and pleased that the second quarter financial report shows a profit. He feels optimistic about the future but feels we need to do some study about the future of LET'S DANCE magazine.

Institute: Absent. Barbara reported that the next Institute will be at the Peninsula Heritage Festival in January in Redwood City. Barbara Bevan and Bill and Louise Lidicker will be teaching.

North/South: Barbara reported that the meeting held in Fresno was very interesting with good discussion about teaching people to be good dance teachers. The next North/South meeting will be in San Diego at the Statewide Festival in May.

Old Business: Upcoming festivals include the Heritage Festival in Redwood City on January 15 and 16, 1999; the Sweetheart Festival on February 14 in Napa; and the Festival of the Oaks in Berkeley on February 21. Mel Mann reported on the progress of the Festival of the Oaks. An emphasis will be on promoting folk dancing. Beginner dances will be scheduled right after the concert to encourage people to experience the pleasure of folk dancing. Mel reported that he has put down a deposit on the hall but needs the full amount of \$400.00 (four hundred dollars). Max said the East Bay Council treasury will underwrite the cost, temporarily at least.

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Irene Oxford reported that there will be a "Hello Happy '99" party in Sacramento at the Babcock School on January 9, 1999. This is a fund raiser for the Memorial Hall that has been rented for the Camellia Festival. She also reported on the Camellia Festival which will be

held March 6 and 7, 1999. Many groups will be exhibiting, there will be the Institute, kolos and of course, international folk dancing. The City of Sacramento is hoping that this can become an annual affair. She encouraged everyone to come and give support.

Max reported that he has completed cleaning out Ed Kremers' basement and has packed and moved many, many boxes of records and other materials. He has insulated and covered with plywood the walls, floor and ceiling of the storage place on his property and installed an air conditioner so the materials can be kept good condition. He estimates there are over 40,000 records now in that storage place. He also has inherited three other collections of folk dance materials. Out of all the material he now has, he hopes to put together a collection like what exists in Stockton and keeps looking for a place where a multi-cultural center can be created. He has talked with a person who is hopeful of starting such a place in El Cerrito. He will continue to investigate and hope that his dream of a multi-cultural center where people can go and do research, find music, and get information will someday materialize.

The meeting lacked a quorum Meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Laila Messer, Recording Secretary

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Signed Page Masson, Treasurer

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