

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.  
ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES  
FESTIVAL OF THE OAKS  
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA  
FEBRUARY 25, 2000- 2001

Mel Mann welcomed all to the Festival of the Oaks..

President Craig Blackstone called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.  
He asked the Secretary to read the minutes of the December 3, 2000 Assembly meeting.  
Sergeant at Arms Susan Kitazawa announced a quorum was present.  
President Craig asked for corrections or changes to the minutes. There being none,  
Nadine Mitchell moved and Susan Kitazawa seconded the minutes be approved as read.  
Motion passed.

**REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT:** President Craig mentioned that he always appreciates the feedback he receives on his "President's Message" column in "Let's Dance". He would very much like to get some input on topics that others think would be of interest to the readership.

Craig is also looking for volunteers to serve on the Scholarship Committee.

He thanked Vice President Greg Mitchell for chairing the January Executive Board meeting when he was unable to attend.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Vice President Greg Mitchell had no report.

**SECRETARY:** Secretary Laila Messer reported she had called three bus/tour companies for estimates for a bus trip for 14 people to and from Las Vegas for the Statewide 2001 Festival. Prices ranged from \$3250.00 \$3900.00 plus motel costs for the driver and in one case an \$80.00 per day gratuity for the driver. It was quickly decided flying is cheaper.

Laila also reported receipt of the Institute Report from Institute Chairperson Barbara Bevan for the January 13, 2001 Peninsula Heritage Festival Institute.

**TREASURER:** Treasurer Page Masson read the third quarter Treasurer's report. (Report enclosed.) She said the Treasury Bills have been renewed and will be renewed again in March.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Chairperson Sidney Messer reported seven new Associate members, one new subscriber, and one new complimentary subscriber making a total of 222 Associate members which includes 67 club memberships, 171 subscribers to "Let's Dance", and 29 who receive complimentary copies.

He moved that the letter designation of "M" for "Magazine" be changed to "S" for "Subscriber". Motion was seconded and passed

He also said the "Let's Dance" magazine has a magazine renewal form but no membership for joining the Federation. The group quickly suggested he design such a form.

Asked if he sent out renewal notices, he emphatically replied in the affirmative.

Sidney also reported that he has not received any monies for library subscriptions. Discussion focused on complimentary issues to libraries. President Craig said the topic had been discussed at an Executive Board meeting and, that as a form of advertising, it was felt important to have copies "out there". Greg Mitchell, former Membership Chairperson, said he had received his information from Genevieve Pereria, the former Office Manager. Joel Bruxvoort, Publications Chairperson, explained that many libraries are charged by the magazine clearing houses. Joel volunteered to work with Sidney to make the committees function better.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Chairperson Joel Bruxvoort said there is no new update on the status of the Pronunciation Guide. It had been scheduled to be out early in the year 2001 and so is still on schedule. The Dance Research Committee will be meeting on April 7 to continue work on the Guide.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Absent.

**EDITOR "LET'S DANCE":** Editor Nadine Mitchell had no report.

**HISTORIAN:** No report.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**DANCE RESEARCH:** Edith Cuthbert reported for Chairperson Ruth Ruling that the next meeting will be held on April 7.

**INSURANCE:** Co-chairpersons Frank and Elsa Bacher reported that sixty (60) clubs are now insured and that they have telephoned ten who have yet to send in their insurance/dues payments. Asked about how many dancers are included, Elsa said about three thousand.

**TEACHERS:** Absent

**COSTUME RESEARCH:** Chairperson Edith Cuthbert reported that her committee had met recently to photograph costumes. The next meeting will be to evaluate the photos.

**ROTATING COMMITTEES:**

**NOMINATING:** Chairperson Frank Bacher reported he has nominees for all offices except Vice President. The Nominating Committee will report at the next Assembly Meeting at the Camellia Festival.

**INSTITUTE:** Absent

**FINANCE:** Chairperson Sharen Skorup reported she has been working with Treasurer Page Masson to set up the next fiscal years' budget and appreciates all the help received. She hopes to have it ready by the March Assembly meeting but certainly for the April Blossom Festival meeting.

NORTH/SOUTH: Absent

BYLAWS: Absent

STATEWIDE: Vice President Greg Mitchell reported he had attended the last Sacramento Statewide committee meeting where a name for the festival had been discussed. He also reported that the committee had looked at sites in Folsom where one place is very nice but the floor is vinyl composition tile over concrete. One solution would be to borrow the masonite floor from Stockton Folk Dance camp, or build one like it. Folsom also has a nice place to hold the Installation lunch and a nearby motel would guarantee prices for folk dancers.

Mel Mann reported that he had just returned from a trip to Las Vegas where he met with the folk dance group which is hosting Statewide 2001. He was impressed with their friendliness and that it was such a small club to be hosting a Statewide festival.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

#### UPCOMING FESTIVALS:

The Camellia Festival in Sacramento, March 10 and 11, 2001

The Cherry Blossom Festival in Sonoma, April 1, 2001

The Blossom Festival in San Francisco, April 29

"Out-Of-State Statewide" in Las Vegas, May 18 - 20, 2001

The Rose Festival in Santa Rosa, May 20, 2001

Kolo Festival in San Francisco in November 2001

Max Horn announced that the "Down On The Farm" flyers for 2001 summer events at his Martinez farm were available.

Mel Mann said a hot lunch was ready for \$2.50.

Sharen Skorup moved and Susan Kitazawa seconded that the meeting be adjourned.  
Meeting adjourned 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laila Messer, Recording Secretary

GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE \$ 36,068.78  
Expenses

Income

Federation dues \$ 285.00  
Let's Dance Subscriptions \$ 1,509.00  
Advertising \$ 305.00  
Publications \$ 59.00  
Social Events \$ 813.30  
Educational Events \$ 225.09  
Interest \$ 767.99  
  
Tax Refund \$ 10.00  
Donations \$ 125.00  
TOTAL \$ 4,099.38

Let's Dance \$ 1,973.30  
Social Events \$ 382.30  
Educational Events \$ 261.40  
Publications \$ 272.67  
Taxes \$ 40.00  
Office \$ 159.94  
Telephone \$ 74.25  
Misc. (Bank Charges) \$ 36.60

TOTAL \$ 3,200.46

NET GENERAL FUND (+/-) \$ 898.92

ENDING BALANCE \$ 36,967.70

INSURANCE BEGINNING BALANCE \$ 5,394.28  
EXPENSES

INCOME  
Premiums & Admin. fees-FAX

\$ 484.00

Insur. Premiums \$ 864.20  
Admin. costs (dupl. tele, postg, FAX, refunds) \$ 55.25

TOTAL \$ 484.00

TOTAL \$ 919.45

NET INSURANCE (+/-) \$ 435.45

ENDING BALANCE \$ 4,958.83

RECAP OF ACCOUNTS

Checking - General 6,793.52  
Checking - Insurance 4,958.83  
Savings 3,103.28  
CD - Let's Dance Trust 7,021.11  
CD - BUSINESS 12,049.79  
TREASURY BILL 8,000.00  
TOTAL 41,926.53

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Treasurer