

**FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES
CAMELLIA FESTIVAL
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 11, 2001**

President Craig Blackstone called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Teddy Wolterbeck, President of the Sacramento International Folk Dance and Arts Council and Chairperson of the 2001 Camellia Festival, welcomed everyone and wished all an enjoyable time.

Sergeant at Arms Susan Kitazawa announced a quorum was present. President Craig asked for corrections or changes to the minutes of the February 25 Festival of the Oaks Assembly meeting. There being none, Jim Oxford moved and Edith Cuthbert seconded that those minutes be approved as submitted. Motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: No report.

VICE PRESIDENT: No report.

SECRETARY: No report.

TREASURER: Treasurer Page Masson reported an additional thousand dollars, (approximate) since the last meeting of February 25 making the total in the checking account \$7536.70.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairperson Sidney Messer reported the deaths of two Associate members, Larry Getchell and Vi Dexheimer, and the addition of one new member, making a total of 221 Associate members of which 67 are clubs and 198 "Let's Dance" subscriptions of which 29 are complimentary.

He has written the California State Library in Sacramento asking them to join as a paying library, it being the only library receiving complimentary issues other than the Library of Congress.

HISTORIAN: No report.

PUBLICATIONS: Absent

PUBLIC RELATIONS: No report

EDITOR OF "LET'S DANCE": Editor Nadine Mitchell thought that the \$20.00 estimate she got per badge for incoming Federation officers was too costly. Board members agreed.

Laila will report back with prices from where she had had one made.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DANCE RESEARCH: Chairperson Ruth Ruling said the next meeting is scheduled for April 7. She also wanted to clarify comments in the February minutes that though there never was a definite date for the completion of the Pronunciation Guide, it will most likely be finished this fall, not this spring.

INSURANCE: Co-chairperson Elsa Bacher wanted to correct the impression left at the February Assembly meeting when she answered the question of how many dancers are insured through the Federation. The correct figure is 2090, not "...around 3000...".

A question was asked if any claims have been made on our policy. Co-chairperson Frank Bacher told of a medical claim which prompted a discussion of safety. A common hazard is wetness on the dance floor. Susan Kitazawa said that in her work as a nurse, she is often made aware of injuries and the need for raising safety consciousness and offered to write an article for "Let's Dance" on the importance of basic dance safety issues.

STATEWIDE: Chairperson Bruce Mitchell first thanked the Federation for its support for Pourparler and presented a refund, as was done to all attendees, because the scheduled teacher, Mr. Glen Bannerman, was unable to attend.

Next he reported that the Statewide Committee is looking into facilities at Folsom. He reported that the National Folk Organization is joining with the Federation and will be sharing some costs.

He suggested that it is important for the Institute Committee to get the institute teachers committed. He recommended Steve Kotansky and Richard Powers as two possibilities.

The Statewide dates are confirmed for May 17, 18, and 19, 2002.

The budget for Statewide 2002 needs to be presented by the date of the April Blossom Festival.

The Executive Board issued a vote of thanks and confidence to Bruce and his Committee.

COSTUME: Chairperson Edith Cuthbert reported that the Costume Committee now has a lot of information gathered but has had difficulty agreeing on a date for the committee to get together.

TEACHERS: Absent

ROTATING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NOMINATING: Chairperson Frank Bacher read off the names of the nominees: Greg Mitchell for President; Laila Messer for Secretary; and Page Masson for Treasurer.

President Craig suggested Frank continue looking for a vice president. Frank hopes to have that nominee by the April meeting at the Blossom Festival.

Frank moved that the Secretary make a white ballot to accept the nominees. Fran Ajoian seconded. Motion passed. The slate for the three offices was accepted.

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NORTH/SOUTH: Chairperson Irene Oxford announced that the North/South meeting will take place at the Las Vegas "Out-of-State" Statewide Festival on May 19 from 2 to 3 p.m. immediately after the Installation Brunch at the Charleston Heights Arts Center.

Fran Ajoian suggested contacting the Greyhound Bus Company about getting to Las Vegas. She reported there are "Gambler Specials" from Fresno. Laila will call San Francisco Greyhound Bus Company.

BYLAWS: No report.

UPCOMING FESTIVALS:

The Cherry Blossom Festival in Sonoma, April 1, 2001

The Blossom Festival in San Francisco, April 29

The Rose Festival in Santa Rosa, May 20, 2001

The Autumn Harvest Festival in Fresno, October 20 and 21.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Laila Messer, Recording Secretary