

**FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
August 11, 2001  
Held at the Masson home in Kenwood, California

President Greg Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

Sergeant at Arms Jim Oxford determined a quorum was present.

President Greg called for the report on Statewide 2002 so Chairperson Bruce Mitchell could leave early. Bruce distributed the proposed schedule and registration form and pointed out an error in the seven dollar Installation lunch price which should be \$17.00. Statewide items discussed at length were the pre-paid and post-paid prices for the parties, the institute and the concert.

Sharen Skorup moved that the Executive Board accept the prices suggested as discussed (see below) which, if necessary, can be amended by the Executive Board. Frank Bacher seconded. Motion passed.

1. The Friday Party would be \$10.00 pre-paid and \$12.00 post-paid and includes the Ice Cream Social.
2. The Saturday Institute (including syllabus) would be \$12.00 pre-paid and \$15.00 post-paid.
3. The Saturday Afternoon Party would be \$3.00.
4. The Saturday Evening Party would be \$10.00 pre-paid and \$12.00 post-paid.
5. The Sunday Concert would be \$10.00 pre-paid and \$12.00 post-paid..
6. The Sunday Evening Party would be \$8.00 pre-paid and \$10.00 post paid.
- 7 The Full Package pre-paid price would be \$49.00;  
the deadline for it would be May 8.
8. The reduced rate for the Full Package after May 8 would be \$59.00.

Other Statewide items explored and discussed included:

1. Whether to charge family and friends of concert performers. One idea suggested was to give a certain number of complimentary tickets to the performing group leaving it up to the group how to distribute those tickets.
2. To create a family plan with children under age 12 admitted free.
3. That the two institute teachers share each two-hour period, each teaching for one hour.
4. That the meal events should be self-supporting.

President Greg next called on Joel Bruxvoort, Publications Chairperson, because he, too, had to leave early. Joel said he had made no substantial progress on the new directory but he will work to have it ready by October.

The President next reported that Drew Herzig, who was unable to be at the meeting, had requested, as Chairperson of the Beginners Festival, that the festival be a free festival. His thinking is that this festival is to attract people to folk dancing and would be more attractive to people if free. Costs

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include a \$25.00 permit fee, room rental at \$90.00 (for three hours), a \$60.00 security (custodial) fee and a kitchen-use fee of \$25.00. Craig Blackstone moved that the Federation sponsor the Beginners Festival in Sacramento with the Federation paying costs up to \$200.00 (two hundred dollars). It was seconded by Joel Bruxvoort. Motion passed.

Secretary Laila Messer had no report.

Treasurer Page Masson read the Fiscal Year Financial Report from June 2000 to May 31, 2001. (Report enclosed.) She compared this report to the previous year's report and noted where amounts had gone down. Frank Bacher moved the Treasurer's report be accepted. With a second from Sharen Skorup, the motion passed.

Irene Oxford submitted a bill for additional badges that she had had made. Frank Bacher moved and Sidney Messer seconded that payment of \$14.98 for the additional badges be approved. Motion passed.

Membership Chairperson Sidney Messer reported there are 210 Associate members, 153 subscribers to "Let's Dance", 65 Club and 30 complimentary memberships.

He reported six new members. They are John Bear of El Cerrito, California; Polly Fischer of Anacortes, Washington; and The Bay Area Circle Dancers of El Cerrito, California as Associate members. New subscribers are Takecehi Koboyashi of Nagono, Japan; Richard Bingle of Glendora, California; and Jim Matlin of Seal Beach, California.

"Let's Dance" Editor Nadine Mitchell suggested that the advertising rates be considered. At present a full page ad in the magazine costs \$80.00. She compared that price to prices in the "Folk Dance Scene", the Southern California folk dance publication and to the "Northwest Folk Dancers" a Washington state publication, both of which have lower rates in general and offer their subscriber/members reduced rates. The committee felt no changes were necessary at this time.

Insurance Co-chairperson Frank Bacher reported 57 clubs insured this year compared to 63 last year. Renewal notices to member clubs will be sent out again in October.

President Greg reported for absent Teachers Committee Chairperson Bruce Wyckoff who had sent out lists in May and is working on tabulating the returns.

Others absent were Historian Mel Mann, and chairpersons of the following committees: Public Relations Michael Norris, Dance Research Ruth Ruling, Costume Research Edith Cuthbert, Institute Marion Earl, Bylaws Carlos Ruling, Beginners Festival Drew Herzig, Scholarship Morris Jerome.

Discussion ensued about the Institute Committee and its functions. Elsa Bacher said there has been some misunderstanding about where and when the committee is to function. Frank pointed out that in the past there has been an Institute coordinator. Secretary Laila will send the Institute Chairperson Marion Earl a copy of the Federation Bylaws.

Finance Chairperson Sharen Skorup said she will add the Statewide figures to the budget and

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should be ready to present the budget at the September Fiesta de Sonoma.

North/South Chairperson Irene Oxford announced the next meeting will take place at the Fresno October Festival details to be announced later. She also presented some of the items given to officers at the Las Vegas Statewide Festival to those who had been absent.

President Greg reported on the good times at Statewide Las Vegas and thanked Laila for researching bus information and Irene for handling the North Federation Installation ceremonies there. Elsa Bacher said she would remain responsible for storing the banners.

Craig Blackstone was pleased that the Executive Board had been empowered to make scholarship selections for Stockton Folk Dance Camp. Two California teenagers were selected from the several applications. They were Traso Summers of Park and Ashley Turner from Rescue. President Greg was also pleased to announce that a Scholarship Committee had been formed with Morris Jerome of Sacramento as Chairperson. Serving with him on the committee are Dorothy Jerome and Oscar and Leona Faoro.

The next meeting will be held at the Masson residence in Kenwood on October 14. Members to bring something for a pot luck lunch at noon; meeting to begin at 1 p.m.

Upcoming festivals:

|                    |                                 |               |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| August 19          | Little Festival of the Redwoods | Guerneville   |
| September 9        | Fiesta de Sonoma                | Sonoma        |
| October 7          | Beginners Festival              | Sacramento    |
| October 20 & 21    | Harvest Festival                | Fresno        |
| November 23, 24,25 | Kolo Festival                   | San Francisco |
| December 2         | Treasurer's Ball                | Sonoma        |

Meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laila Messer, Recording Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT: Fiscal year QUARTER - From June 2000 To May 31, 2001

GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE \$ 30,277.96

| <u>Income</u>             |                     | <u>Expenses</u>    |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Federation dues           | \$ <u>1,994.00</u>  | Let's Dance        | \$ <u>8,075.55</u>  |
| Let's Dance Subscriptions | \$ <u>5,266.50</u>  | Social Events      | \$ <u>1,346.56</u>  |
| Advertising               | \$ <u>901.60</u>    | Educational Events | \$ <u>266.15</u>    |
| Publications              | \$ <u>575.00</u>    | Publications       | \$ <u>272.67</u>    |
| Social Events             | \$ <u>2,037.30</u>  | Taxes              | \$ <u>60.00</u>     |
| Educational Events        | \$ <u>240.09</u>    | Office             | \$ <u>1,471.53</u>  |
| Interest                  | \$ <u>1,332.17</u>  | Telephone          | \$ <u>331.99</u>    |
| Misc.                     | \$ <u>196.25</u>    | Misc.              | \$ <u>2,254.38</u>  |
| Donations + Memorials     | \$ <u>8,297.90</u>  |                    |                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | \$ <u>20,840.81</u> | <b>TOTAL</b>       | \$ <u>14,078.83</u> |

NET GENERAL FUND (+/-) \$ 6,761.98      ENDING BALANCE \$ 37,039.94

INSURANCE BEGINNING BALANCE \$ 4,897.20

| <u>INCOME</u>              |                    | <u>EXPENSES</u>                                |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| Premiums & Admin. fees-FAX | \$ <u>8,049.00</u> | Insur. Premiums                                | \$ <u>7,320.95</u> |
|                            |                    | Admin. costs (dupl. tele, postg, FAX, refunds) | \$ <u>335.17</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | \$ <u>8,049.00</u> | <b>TOTAL</b>                                   | \$ <u>7,656.12</u> |
| <b>NET INSURANCE (+/-)</b> | \$ <u>392.88</u>   | <b>ENDING BALANCE</b>                          | \$ <u>5,290.08</u> |

RECAP OF ACCOUNTS

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Checking - General      | <u>6,763.33</u>  |
| Checking - Insurance    | <u>5,290.08</u>  |
| Savings                 | <u>3,205.71</u>  |
| CD - Lets's Dance Trust | <u>7,021.11</u>  |
| CD - BUSINESS           | <u>12,049.79</u> |
| Treasury Bill           | <u>8,000.00</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <u>42,330.02</u> |

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Treasurer