

**FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES
HARVEST FESTIVAL
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA
OCTOBER 21, 2001**

President Greg Mitchell called the meeting to order at 11:55 AM.

Since there was no quorum Greg went on with the meeting and reserved votes on issues until one was present.

On behalf of the Fresno Folk Dance Council Wilma Anderson welcomed everyone to the Harvest Festival. Mike Norris, Fresno Council President, also welcomed everyone and announced that lunch would be available immediately following the Assembly Meeting at a cost of \$2.50 per person.

Greg mentioned that the North/South Meeting was held prior to the Assembly Meeting and Irene Oxford, North/South Chairperson, would report on that later on in this meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT: President Greg explained that Nadine Mitchell would be taking the minutes in the absence of the Secretary, Laila Messer. He also explained that due to Nadine's recent health problems they would not be staying for the dance festival but would leave following the Assembly Meeting. He thanked everyone for their concern.

Greg also announced that Frank Bacher was recuperating at home after being in the hospital. He said everyone is very happy that Frank is doing well and that all folk dancers appreciate all the years of hard work and dedication he has given to folk dancing. It is hoped he will be able to attend functions soon.

VICE PRESIDENT: Vice President Manuel Castaneda reported that all positions needed to complete the Nominating Committee were filled. The Committee members are: Chairperson: Arden Pierce, Frank Bacher, Vick Vickland, Mike Norris and Joel Bruxvoort. Manuel also reported that all the current officers had agreed to continue in their offices with one exception. That individual had not yet decided on whether to continue in office.

SECRETARY: Nadine Mitchell read the minutes of the previous Assembly Meeting which was held at the Fiesta de Sonoma.

TREASURER: Treasurer Page Masson read the Treasurer's report of June 1 to August 3. (Report attached). The Grace Nicholes scholarship donations total \$170.00. This is a special account. Page said she would set up a different set of books to record donations to the scholarship fund. Greg mentioned that the Fresno Folk Dance Council had donated \$50.00 toward the Grace Nicholes fund. Several other individuals had also made donation in Grace's memory. Greg said that the Federation is losing money on Let's Dance Magazine.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairperson Sidney Messer was absent. President Greg mentioned Karen Wilson-Bell from the Federation/South had not received her Let's Dance Magazine in several months even though she was currently paid up. Greg said he would ask Sidney to check his membership records regarding this.

PUBLICATIONS: Chairperson Joel Bruxvoort was absent. No report.

HISTORIAN: Mel Mann had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mike Norris, Chairman, said he thinks folk dancers should not perform exhibitions at shopping malls due to safety concerns.

EDITOR "LET'S DANCE": Nadine Mitchell said she had no report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DANCE RESEARCH: In the absence of Chairperson Ruth Ruling, Edith Cuthbert said work was ongoing as well as on updating the index of the dance listings.

INSURANCE: President Greg said Elsa Bacher had faxed the report to him and he asked Nadine to read it. Bachers report that the Insurance Chair has submitted a bill to the treasurer for the last 9 ½ months for a total of \$240.85. For the insurance year 2002 the premium has increased 20 cents to \$3.45 per dancer of a minimum payment of \$45.00 for 23 dancers or less. The administrative fee remains \$5.00 per club. Applications will be due to the Bachers as of November 5, 2001, in order to assure coverage as of January 1, 2002. Elsa thanked everyone for the kindness and concern so warmly expressed on Frank's behalf during his recent illness.

COSTUME RESEARCH: Greg asked Edith about progress on the folk dance calendar. She said she was attempting to continue on that. Edith said the committee plans to meet the Sunday prior to the Kolo Festival.

SGT. AT ARMS: Jim Oxford said a quorum was now present.

TEACHERS: Bruce Wyckoff reminded us that he puts out the teachers list which is very useful in planning the programs for Statewide. He said he is always looking for new teachers to add to the list and would like to know if some teachers have stopped instructing and should be dropped from the list. He asked everyone to please let him know if they are aware of any information he should have.

ROTATING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STATEWIDE: In the absence of Chairperson Bruce Mitchell, President Greg reported that work is still ongoing for Statewide 2002 being held in Rocklin in May. He reviewed the prices for the various events, i.e., the total package will cost \$81.00 if paid before May 1. The lecture by Dick Krum, National Folk Organization, will be \$10.00 and the Installation Brunch will be \$17.00. The barbecue is from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Sunday. Greg said he could provide advance registration forms to people if requested.

NORTH/SOUTH: Irene Oxford reported that a very productive meeting was held immediately prior to the assembly meeting. The main item discussed was a Teachers Training Class. Plans are to hold this training class at next year's Harvest Festival in Fresno in place of the usual Saturday institute class. She emphasized that this will be a **teachers training session, not an institute**. She hopes this class will attract new people to begin teaching. The teachers training class times would most likely be from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon and from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. If this teachers training class is approved it will probably be announced at the next North/South meeting. The dates of Statewide in Rocklin are May 17, 18 and 19, 2002. A flyer will be made which will provide all pertinent information including the class teachers. President Greg asked Fran Ajoian if she could check to see if Fresno University would agree to that change in the usual events. Fran also recommended that we not make the prices too high for the teachers training class, something under \$50.00. That amount would be too high. She also mentioned that whenever the Federation sponsors an activity of this kind, expenses for the teachers are paid, such as transportation, etc. Of course, these amounts can be negotiated with the teachers involved. If these teachers could be housed locally at homes of folk dancers it would help keep expenses down. She said she did that for this year's institute teachers for the Harvest Festival. Fran will check into details and let Greg know what she has found out.

INSTITUTE: Absent. Treasurer Page Masson said she needs the bills from Marion Earl and Al and Teddy Wolterbeek who taught at the Fresno Harvest Festival. Fran Ajoian reported that the institute was well attended and received, with approximately 20 people in attendance.

NOMINATING: Absent.

FINANCE: Absent.

BYLAWS: Absent.

SCHOLARSHIP: Oscar Faoro reported the committee has prepared an article, which will appear in the December Let's Dance Magazine. The application form to be used by those wishing to apply for a scholarship will appear in a future issue. The recent donations for a scholarship in the memory of Grace Nicholes was explained. All donations for Grace Nicholes will go into the general scholarship fund and this money will go towards scholarships for Stockton Folk Dance Camp. Morris Jerome, committee chairperson, proposed that two scholarships be granted. That will depend on how much interest is earned on the total amount in the scholarship fund. Earnings on interest only will be used towards scholarships.

OLD BUSINESS: President Greg reported on the beginners festival, "Welcome to World Dance," held in October in Sacramento. He thought it was well received with 86 people in attendance. It was evident that everyone enjoyed themselves. Treasurer Page Masson asked if there was any interest from prospective new dancers. Morris Jerome reported that one new person attended a recent beginners class in Sacramento and four people were interested. Drew Herzig, chairperson of this dance, also has a list of people expressing interest in folk dancing. Drew is attempting to conduct a class in an accessible location in Sacramento for beginner dancers.

NEW BUSINESS: Treasurer Page Masson reported that the Treasurer's Ball will be held in Sonoma on December 2. Greg asked that all clubs respond to Page regarding the raffle tickets she sends to them each year. Page explained that the Treasurer's Ball is a fundraiser and the Federation needs everyone's support. She said costumes would be for sale and refreshments available.

UPCOMING FESTIVAL: Treasurer's Ball, Sonoma, December 2, 2001.

Mike Norris moved and Jim Oxford seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

NADINE MITCHELL
Acting Recording Secretary

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM Sept 1, 2001 TO Oct 14, 2001

Beginning Balance		<u>\$ 33,818.60</u>
Total income	\$ 899.26	
Total expenses	\$ 1,604.59	
Income vs Expenses	- \$ 705.33	
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 33,113.27</u>

RECAP OF ACCOUNTS

Checking	\$ 2,407.05	
Savings	\$ 3,353.39	
Savings (Lets Dance)	7,021.11	
Savings U.D. Business Account	\$ 12,331.72	
Treas. Bill	8,000.00	
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 33,113.27</u>

Ins. Bal 5,154.58