

Assembly

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
~~EXECUTIVE BOARD~~ MEETING MINUTES
FESTIVAL OF THE OAKS, OAKLAND, CA
February 29, 2004

President Laila Messer called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

The Assembly was welcomed by Mel Mann of the Berkeley Folk Dancers

Sgt.-at-Arms, but a quorum was present. Attendance: Laila Messer, President, E.C.

“Vick” Vickland, Secretary, Paul Nyberg, Treasurer, Gary Anderson, Editor, Toba Goddard, Sidney Messer, Mel & Esther Mann, Edith Cuthbert, Bill & Louise Lidicker, Joel Bruxvoort, Sharen Nyberg, Max Horn, Laura Rice-Hall, Timothy Hall, Max Horn, Barbara Summers and Floyd Davis.

The minutes of the previous Executive Board Meeting, October 19, 2003, were accepted (Goddard;Mann)without objection.

ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

President: Laila reported receiving compliments about *Let's Dance!* Which was met with agreement by others at this meeting.

Secretary: Vick reported that 9 people who would not normally receive the minutes of Assembly meetings have requested to receive them, either by mail or e-mail. The minutes will also be sent to all Executive Board members, plus those in attendance at the meeting.

Treasurer: Paul presented his report (see attached), which was accepted without objection.

APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS

Business Manager: Vacant. Laila stressed the need for someone to fill this position.

Editor, *Lets Dance!*: Gary returned the Federation's camera, purchased some years ago, for which he has no use. He wants members to submit stories of interest, along with their pictures. He is not able to accept digital prints, unless they are submitted as high-resolution prints on photo paper. He also indicated that advertisers are needed to help defray costs. He asked that members consider asking businesses in their areas, related to folk dance (record stores, dance shoe stores, etc.) to consider advertising in our magazine.

Historian: Vacant. Laila expressed the need for someone to fill this position.

Membership: Sidney reported a total of 365 members, including 219 Associate members, 139 subscribers and 64 clubs. New clubs are Greek Feet of Oakland, and Humboldt Tango of Blue Lake. A new member is Lila Tahti of Palo Cedro. Country Dance Club changed its name to Downright Country Dance Club.

Office Secretary: Vacant

Parliamentarian: Absent

Public Relations: Joel reported sales of over \$200 from the website. There are lots of items available, including baseball caps with the Federation logo.

Publicity: Mel reported that he is working on getting articles for *Let's Dance!*, and that he has contacted 4 local college campuses, trying to get students and faculty to attend Festival of the Oaks. He raised the question of people's interpretation of “folk

dance,” and whether it is a too confusing term. We might consider using ”World Dance,” or “Ethnic Dancing.” Max Horn said that he has always defined folk dancing as “what the folks done back then.”

Sergeant-at-Arms: Absent

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Costume Research: Edith had no report.

Dance Research: Absent

Finance: No report.

Insurance: Absent. Frank and Elsa Bacher sent a report indicating that 57 clubs, representing 1969 dancers, are insured. These include 8 “small” clubs with less than 8 dancers. \$9155 has been paid in to cover premiums and administrative fees; \$8784 has been paid in premiums. Two accident reports of falls have been filed. Any addition to a club membership roster during 2004 will require additional enrollment fee to be paid for each dancer. Beginners in a club-sponsored class will be covered while attending classes. Their coverage ceases after graduation from class unless they join an insured club. Coverage ceases when a member leaves a club and fails to join another insured club within 30 days. No one is covered while attending a dance sponsored by a private individual or group.

Statewide 2004, Modesto: Co-chairpersons, Barbara Summers and Floyd Davis report that everything is set for the concert and institutes. The estimated cost was \$7801; the actual cost has been \$6207. They have been having difficulty hiring a band at a reasonable price for Sunday evening. If persons calling the hotel for reservations are told that there are no vacancies, they should ask staff to re-check.

Teachers: Absent.

ROTATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Institute: Absent

North/South: Absent

Scholarship: Absent. Morris Jerome sent a report that there is one applicant for the scholarship, and one pending. Treasuere confirmed there was sufficient money for 2 scholarships.

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

Fresno: Absent

Peninsula: Absent. Al Lisin sent fword of 2 dance concerts to take place on the peninsula. The Brigham Young University International FD Ensemble (<http://alumnievents.byu.edu>) will perform March 16 in San Jose. On April 25, a concert of Polish, American and Mexican dances will be performed in Palo Alto (www.redthistledancers.org/RTEvents).

Sacramento Council: Toba Goddard reported that there was some doubt as to whether Atanas will be able to make it on 3-13-04 (Subsequently reported that he will be there.) She reported that publicity has been excellent. Fourteen groups will be performing on Sunday, 3-14-04.

San Francisco: Joel Bruxvoort reported that the Blossom Festival will be on 4-25-04, and will have a good program.

OLD BUSINESS

Web Sites: Dick Rawson sent a report that downloadable flyers will be available at www.Folkdance.com.

Assembly Minutes: As decided at the 10-19-03 meeting, Assembly minutes will be distributed to Board members, those in attendance and those who have requested to receive them. A summary will be published in *Let's Dance!*

NEW BUSINESS

Folk Dance Center. Teddy Wolterbeek has proposed using the Kenyon Rayner funds to establish a building fund for developing a folk dance center, which could be a place to dance, as well as an archival repository. Max Horn, who has been teaching since 1940, has a large collection of costumes, records & books, plus 8 boxes of *Let's Dance!* Magazines, for which he would like to find a home. Sharen Nyberg has been appointed committee chairperson to explore possible uses for the \$50,000 Kenyon Rayner funds. Committee members at present include Barbara Bruxvoort, Teddy Wolterbeek, Don Vernon, Bill Lidiker, and Laila as ex-officio member. Ideas and proposals should be submitted to the committee members by May 15, 2004.

One-time dance event: Bruce Wykoff has proposed a course for those who would like to teach one-time events. He will try to get it certified as continuing education for schoolteachers.

By-laws and Directory to be sent to new Associate Members: Consensus was for Laila and/or Sidney to go ahead with this project. There was no discussion of this proposal.

Welcome Letter to New Members: Laila proposed sending a welcome letter to new members with one complimentary admission to a Federation festival event. Three Councils have indicated that they would be willing to honor such passes.

Dropping "subscriber" category: The question was raised as to whether this would be a problem for libraries who do not want to be members of organizations, but want to have their publications. Sidney indicated that this would not be a problem, as they do not receive the publications directly, but through distribution organizations. No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Coming Events

March 13/14	Camellia Festival, Sacramento (Rancho Cordova 3-13)
March 27	Balkan Plus, San Rafael
April 2 – 4	Arcata Folk Dance Festival
April 4	Cherry Festival
April 25	Blossom Festival, San Francisco
May 28 – 30	Valley Fever (Statewide), Modesto
September 18	Lee Otterholt Workshop, Sacramento (Orangevale)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. C. "Vick" Vickland, Secretary