

## ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

### SAN FRANCISCO

April 25, 2004

President Laila Messer called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Joel Bruxvoort and Craig Blackstone of the San Francisco Council welcomed the Assembly.

Sgt.-at-Arms Jim Oxford, reported a quorum was present. Attendance: President Laila Messer, Secretary E.C. "Vick" Vickland, Treasurer Paul Nyberg, Irene & Jim Oxford, Stela McCoy, Mabel Doss, Charles Crawford, Nadine & Greg Mitchell, Joel Bruxvoort, Craig Blackstone, Gary Anderson, Sidney Messer, Frank & Elsa Bacher, Mel Mann, Sharen Nyberg, Edith Cuthbert, Floyd Davis and Barbara Summers.

Clubs represented included Changs, San Francisco Dance Circle, First & Last Dancers, BBKM, Pairs & Spares, Balkan Dancers, Novato Folk Dancers, Santa Rosa Folk Dancers, Berkeley Folk Dancers, & Modesto Folk Dancers.

The minutes of the previous Assembly Meeting, March 14, 2004, were accepted with one amendment (**Vickland; S. Messer**): **under "New Business", strike the sentence, "One requirement of club membership is to have a representative attend at least one Assembly meeting per year. The possibility was raised of enforcing that requirement, and terminating membership of clubs that do not meet it."**

#### ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

President: Laila has sent messages to all Assembly members and others interested in the topic, calling attention to the *Let's Dance!* articles about teaching folk dancing in schools, urging the development of plans to provide folk dancing in schools, as "a kind of mission for the Federation."

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Because of a computer crash, Paul presented a hand-written report. Year to

date (end of March) profit: \$1868.41. **Report accepted (E. Bacher; S. Nyberg)**

#### APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS

Editor, *Let's Dance!*: Gary reported printing 425 copies of *Let's Dance!* He has available a small 10" stand which can be used to encourage businesses to advertise in the magazine. The magazine needs a sales person. He may be contacted for more information on both matters. A Northwest Folk Dance Magazine has requested to use art from old Federation calendars to use on their magazine covers, giving credit to the Federation. Consensus of the Assembly was to give permission without recompense.

Historian: Absent

Membership: Sidney reported an increase of 13 members, to 234, and 64 clubs. Two new clubs applied for membership, The Armenians of Petaluma, and Rancho Folclorico, a Portuguese group of Newark, CA. **MSC (M. Mann; E. Bacher) that these 2 clubs be accepted to Federation membership.** Country Dance Club of Fair Oaks has changed its name to "Down Right Country Dance Club."

Five libraries are in arrears for Federation membership. Some have said that they cannot afford ongoing membership. **MSC (M. Mann; Anderson) that California Libraries who cannot afford Folk Dance Federation of California, Inc. membership, be given complimentary copies of *Let's Dance!* for one year.**

Parliamentarian: No report

Publications: Joel reported that the flyers process is in place. Groups can post their events on the web page, and send flyers to Dick Rawson or Joel, by paper or e-mail (.pdf files).

Publicity: Mel is soliciting articles from a health point of view and about teaching folk dance to children.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Reported attendance (see above), and the presence of quorum.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Costume Research: Edith Cuthbert reported that there is a new museum evolving in San Francisco, devoted to women's items. She met with a museum person, discussing the possibility of including folk dance costumes. Laila reported that Mel Harte offered to write costume articles for *Let's Dance!*

Dance Research: Absent. Joel reported that there might be some coordination with Stockton Folk Dance Camp with this committee. Dance descriptions are in *Let's Dance!* each month.

Finance: No report

Insurance: No report

Statewide 2004, Modesto: Barbara Summers reported that the syllabi are ready for printing. The registration for Statewide is not as large as hoped. There have been some housing

problems, but they seem to have been worked out.

Teachers: Absent. Laila mentioned that Bruce Wyckoff is planning his one-time-event training for January 16, 2005.

## ROTATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Institute: Absent

North/South: Irene reported the next meeting would be at Statewide, Modesto, after the installation lunch.

Scholarship: Absent. Morris Jerome sent his report that the Assembly authorized 2 scholarships, and an anonymous donor made a third one available. The recipients are Toba Goddard, Sacramento Folk Dance Council President, Beverly Johnson of Berkeley Folk Dancers, and Wade Kelley, a student with Tance Eldorado.

## OLD BUSINESS

Kenyon Rayner Fund: Sharen reported that few proposals have been submitted. There were general suggestions to "promote folk dancing." The group will meet at Stockton Folk Dance Camp, and hope to have a final report by November 2005.

Laila reported that Max Horn called her, that Stanford University has expressed interest in records and dance descriptions, and that the Performing Arts Library in San Francisco may have space for archival materials.

The Federation camera is being loaned to Edith Cuthbert, who wants to take pictures of costumes at folk dance events.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Camellia Festival will be held on the first weekend of March, beginning in 2005. The question was raised as to whether either the February or March Assembly meeting should be cancelled, as they are so close together. No action was taken.

Teaching in Schools: Laila has received several interesting comments and ideas about this subject, which need to be developed.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**The following nominees for Federation officers for the fiscal year, June 1, 2004**

**through May 31, 2005 were unanimously elected: President, Laila Messer; Secretary, E. C. "Vick" Vickland; Treasurer, Paul Nyberg.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Annual Executive Committee meeting: Saturday June 19, 2004, time and location to be announced.

#### **Coming Events**

May 28 – 30                      Valley Fever (Statewide), Modesto

September 18                      Lee Otterholt Workshop, Sacramento (Orangevale)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. C. "Vick" Vickland, Secretary