

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC

ASSEMBLY MEETING, JUNE 19, 2004

FULTON, CA

President Laila Messer called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. Elsa & Frank Bacher welcomed the Assembly to their home.

Sgt.-at-Arms Jim Oxford reported a quorum was present. Attendance: President Laila Messer, Secretary E.C. "Vick" Vickland, Treasurer Paul Nyberg, Past president Greg Mitchell, Sidney Messer, Jim and Irene Oxford, Edith Cuthbert, Elsa & Frank Bacher, Barbara Summers, Sharen Nyberg and Floyd Davis. Clubs represented included Tuesday Dancers (Sacramento), Pairs & Spares (Sac), Changs (SF), Kolo Festival, Santa Rosa & Petaluma. (Sign in on file, appendix 1)

ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

President: Laila brought up the issue of people saying that they don't like meetings. After some discussion about the repetitiveness between the Executive Board and Assembly meetings, it was suggested that Executive Board meetings be held on the same day as Assembly meetings as much as possible.

MSC (G. Mitchell, S. Nyberg) that Executive Board Meetings and Assembly meetings be held on the same date, in accordance with the By-laws.

Laila further reported that 23 letters have been sent to new members and new clubs, with certificates for free attendance at Federation festivals. These included 6 certificates to new clubs, which may be used as door prizes or however clubs want to use them.

As the price of listing the Federation telephone number has gone up (\$12.50/mo.), and that there had been only 4 calls regarding folk dance since October 2003, the listing was removed.

Secretary: Vick's report (on file, appendix 2) listed some innovations and changes of procedure: 1) sending assembly minutes only to Board members and those expressing interest in receiving them; 2) advising membership of decisions made, in *Let's Dance!* under the heading, "What's Happening"; 3) suggesting that reports be accepted "without objection," rather than requiring a motion and vote, unless there is an objection.

Treasurer: Paul reported that we had a net loss of \$741 for the year.

APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS

Editor, *Let's Dance!*: Absent. (Report on file, appendix# 3) Gary Anderson has been able to get the magazine out on time each month. He reports that the best way to reduce costs is to increase subscriptions. His goal for the next year is 100 new subscriptions. He urges members to get their clubs

and members of the clubs to join the Federation. Clubs could give complimentary Federation membership to new members or beginning dancers. Wildwood Press is donating 75 additional copies of the magazine to be given as complimentary copies at Stockton Folk Dance Camp. He urged members to submit photos and articles to make for interesting issues.

Historian: Absent

Membership: Sidney reported a 12% increase in memberships, but a 16% decrease in subscriptions.

Parliamentarian: (Report, appendix # 4). Greg reported that he and Nadine have not been able to attend Federation events for health reasons. He recommended better order of the meetings, with people waiting to be recognized, rather than just speaking out.

Publications: Absent (Report, appendix #5). The web site now has an automatic calendar to keep track of events. Corrections and questions can be addressed to joel@folkdance.com. He urges groups to get their events, including club parties, listed. Publications can be purchased on the site using PayPal service. Since February 2003 we have sold \$414 worth of publications on the web, plus additional sales by mail. Joel Bruxvoort would like someone to assist him in getting to more festivals with publications to sell. The index and pronunciation guide is completed, thanks to the help of Joyce Ugglia and the Dance Research Committee. Joel urges making this available to Federation clubs. Dance descriptions (>3000) are on the web to view, but not to download.

Publicity: Absent. Mel Mann will no longer chair this committee, but will chair the scholarship committee. Donna Frankel will write articles for *Let's Dance!* on publicity ideas. She will not be able to attend meetings.

Sergeant-at-Arms: (Report, appendix 6). Jim reported that there has been enough interest in Federation activities to register a quorum, sometimes just barely, at every assembly and Executive Board meeting. More participation is encouraged to transact Federation business.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Costume Research: No report.

Dance Research: Absent

Finance: Sharen reported no new information. The committee to recommend the expenditure of the Kenyon Rayner Fund will meet at Stockton Folk Dance Camp and develop recommendations. The committee report will be due in December 2004.

Insurance: (Report, appendix #7). Elsa reported that 2030 dancers are insured. One hundred dance locations were represented. There have been 2 accident reports, but no claims. The insurance fund has received \$9,429, and has paid \$9,055 in insurance premiums, a \$374 gain.

Statewide 2004, Modesto: Barbara Summers reported that 135 people registered for Statewide. Expenses were \$9,424, income \$11,798, for a total profit of \$2,374. The Balkan party was declared "disaster" because of the noise from a senior prom in a nearby room. This was balanced however by the teens leaving their party, joining the dancers and reporting that it was much more fun than the prom.

Teachers: Absent

ROTATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Institute: Absent

North/South: (Report on file, appendix #7&8). Irene reported that Nadine Mitchell has been appointed as permanent recording secretary. The NFO sponsored Teachers Training Seminar, taught by Dick Oakes and Richard Duree, held recently in Las Vegas, was well attended.

Scholarship: Absent. Morris Jerome sent his report (appendix #9) Three scholarships have been authorized for Stockton Folk Dance Camp 2004, including one anonymous donation. Scholarships included one for a student from Tance Folk Dancers in El Dorado County. After 3 years service, Morris would like to be replaced as committee chair.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Sacramento: Toba Goddard, absent, sent a report that she had surveyed many clubs of the Sacramento Council, regarding what is important to local dancers. The least important was offering street dancing. Kolo Koalition used to offer dancing in Old Town, Sacramento on Friday evenings in the month of June. This was dropped for lack of someone to continue to coordinate it.

Peninsula: Al Lisin, absent, e-mailed his report (On file, appendix #10). He reports that there is a decrease in the number of clubs supporting the Federation, and an increase in those who do not. The number of parties is declining, as clubs are losing money due to poor attendance. Non-Federation classes and parties run from 40 - 100 people. Many seem to have a strong distaste for the Federation, reason unknown. The Peninsula Council has held 8 parties to fill in the gaps. The January Heritage Festival was successful, with ~160 attending.

OLD BUSINESS

Teaching in schools. Laila requests those with ideas come up with a plan and present it.

NEW BUSINESS

The office of Vice President is vacant. There are 2 candidates who have expressed some interest, Sharen Nyberg and Marion Earl.

Federation materials storage: It was suggested that interest from the Kenyon Rayner fund be used to rent storage for Federation materials, including banners, old records, etc. Information on resources may be forwarded to Joel Bruxvoort.

Festival attendance: How can this be improved?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Events

September 12	Fiesta de Sonoma
September 18	Lee Otterholt Workshop, Sacramento (Orangevale)
October 16, 17	Autumn Folk Dance Festival, Fresno
November 19 - 21	Ragtime Festival, Sacramento
November 26 - 28	Kolo Festival, Sacramento
December ??	Treasurer's Ball
January 14 - 15	Heritage Festival

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. C. "Vick" Vickland, Secretary