



Folk Dance Federation of California, Inc.

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC. ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

Fresno, California

October 17, 2004

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President Laila Messer called the meeting to order at 11:46 a.m. Fran Ajoian for Michael Norris, Fresno 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, Nadine & Greg Mitchell, Sharen Nyberg, Page Masson, Wilma Anderson, Irene & Jim Oxford, Sidney Messer, Bill & Louise Lidicker, Frank & Elsa Bacher, Craig Blackstone, Floyd Davis, Barbara Summers & Dick Rawson.

The minutes of the previous Assembly Meeting, September 12, 2004, as distributed, with one amendment, adding Bill & Louise Lidicker to the Institute Committee, were accepted (MSC Vickland; Blackstone) without objection.

Treasurer Paul Nyberg submitted his resignation. **MSC (G. Mitchell; S. Nyberg) that his resignation be accepted, with thanks for his past service.**

MSC (S. Nyberg; G. Mitchell) that Louise Lidicker be accepted as Treasurer.

KENYON RAYNER BEQUEST COMMITTEE REPORT: Sharen Nyberg presented her committee's report, with an amended motion. The final motion, after considerable discussion: **MSC (Vickland; E. Bacher) that the \$50,000 from the Kenyon Rayner Bequest shall be the initial seed money.**

1. **The money shall be invested so as to draw the maximum possible interest but that the principle(*) is not jeopardized.**
2. **Steps should be taken to expand this fund with additional donations.**

(*principal?)

There was some discussion of the charge of the committee, to explore proposals for the use of the money. It was suggested that all 21 suggestions for the use of the \$50,000 should be publicized in *Let's Dance!* Sharen Nyberg said she would prepare an article. The consensus was that the money should be put to a good investment until there is a plan for its use. **MSC (E. Bacher; S. Messer) that we charge the *Let's Dance!* editor with making the bequest fund utilization a top issue in *Let's Dance!* on an ongoing basis.**

ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

President: Laila reported that she has had many responses regarding folk dancing in schools. Nine people suggested making a video, or use existing videos, and ask folk dancers who have worked in schools what worked for them.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Paul Nyberg reported General Funds are \$53,261.19, and that the year-to-date loss is \$4084. (?????)

APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS

Editor, *Let's Dance!*: Absent

Historian: Absent

Membership: We have 366 members, an increase of 5 from last month. New members will receive a directory and by-laws. Any member may request these.

Parliamentarian: No report

Publications: Absent

Publicity: Absent

Sergeant-at-Arms: No report

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Costume Research:

Dance Research: Absent

Finance: No report

Insurance: Elsa Bacher submitted her report. Insurance costs \$4.65 per year; no prorated is available. All members of a club, as of the date of application, must be enrolled. The minimum fee for a club of 9 members or less is \$45. Beginners in a club-sponsored class will be covered while attending classes. Following graduation, coverage ceases unless they join an insured club. The policy does not cover the caller and his equipment when he is calling. Approximately 45 days lead-time is required to obtain a certificate of insurance for a particular facility not on the original policy.

Statewide 2006: Marion Earl will chair, and has a committee ready to work.

Teachers: No report

ROTATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Institute: Craig Blackstone reported on the previous day's institute. Marion Earl taught 3 Romanian dances and Campbell Miller taught Metamora Waltz. There were 23 paid dancers and 6 others attending. Total income: \$150; total expenses: \$235.16; Loss: \$85.16. Assembly consensus was that it was worth the expenditure.

North/South: No report

Scholarship: Mel Mann is putting a committee together.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS Coming Events

10-30-04: Halloween Party

11-22-04: Live Oak Park, Berkeley: Institute by Tineka VanGeel

11-26&27-04: Kolo Festival, San Francisco

1-21-05: Heritage Festival, San Carlos

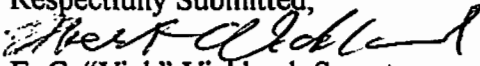
2-6-05: Festival of the Oaks, Oakland

3-5&6-05: Camellia Festival, Sacramento

4-7?-05: Blossom Festival, San Francisco CC
5-5-05: Rose Festival, Santa Rosa (& Frank Bacher's 85 birthday party)
? Sweetheart Festival, Napa

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


E. C. "Vick" Vickland, Secretary