

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Sacramento, CA

March 9, 2005 = 6

President Laila Messer called the meeting to order at 11:02 p.m. Toba Goddard welcomed the Board to the Camellia Festival. A quorum was present. Attendance: President Laila Messer, Secretary E.C. "Vick" Vickland, Treasurer Louise Lidicker, Sgt. At Arms Jim Oxford, Parliamentarian Greg Mitchell, Let's Dance! editor Gary Anderson, Sidney Messer, Bill Lidicker, Irene Oxford, Nadine Mitchell, Wilma Anderson, Sandra Kesler, Doug Schwilk, Toba Goddard, David Thomson and Ann Brown.

ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

President Laila has been continuing to work on "folk dance in schools," and has had several people working with her on this item.

Secretary Vick Vickland read the minutes of the February 13, 2005, Assembly meeting. They were accepted (Goddard; L.Lidicker).

Treasurer Louise reported income (6-1-04 to 2-13-05) of \$13,523, expenses of \$8,934.77. Our net worth, effective 3-1-05 is \$92,142.34. The Finance Committee's budget was presented, but not accepted.

MSC (G. Anderson; Goddard) that the treasurer develop a budget and get it to the Finance Committee for approval at the next meeting (4-17-05).

APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS

Let's Dance editor Gary Anderson reported that he has been making copies of current Let's Dance! available free.

Membership chair Sidney Messer reported that we are continuing to transfer "subscribers" to "Associate Members." This month we have 14 new members. We have 250 Associate Members and 64 Clubs. He issues 7 complimentary issues of Let's Dance! to certain libraries.

Publicity: Donna Frankel did not send a report, but she has been writing for Let's Dance! The Berkeley Folk Dancers have been advertising at farmers' markets. Ann Brown has developed a "family dance" program and wants to take it to places where families are, saying that we "need constant visibility."

Publications: The committee requests somebody to take responsibility for bringing publications to Federation events. Sometimes groups have surplus syllabi after institutes. It was noted that John Filcich would buy them to sell in his shop.

ROTATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Statewide 2006: Marion Earl e-mailed her report. The theme will be, "Dance Your Way to San Jose." Cristian Florescu and Sonia Dion have confirmed to teach. Chubritza will definitely play. The committee proposes having a wine tasting before the banquet and wonders if there are any objections. Their website is under construction, and will be up and running by Statewide 2005. Dancing is planned for Friday & Saturday nights and Sunday afternoon, a concert on Sunday and institutes all day Saturday, followed by wine tasting and a banquet.

OLD BUSINESS

Directory and by-laws availability: These have been sent automatically to new Associate Members. The by-laws will be available on our website. The question was raised as to whether

everybody would necessarily be interested in receiving the directory and by-laws; it is expensive to send them. Therefore:

MSC (I.Oxford; G. Anderson) that the Directory and by-laws be made available free to any members on request.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Lidicker submitted the following proposal:

\$50,050 is currently in the Kenyon Rayner Fund, which should now probably be known as the Rayner Folk Dance Promotion Fund.

Our feeling is that Kenyon Rayner would rather have had the money from her bequest used promptly rather than wait until interest is built up to a sum that could be used effectively. Interest rates are low, and, without jeopardizing the capital, we don't see that much more than \$1000 a year could be earned currently. Of course, if other bequests or donations are made to the Federation, these could be added at any time. Once the Fund is perceived by the folk dance community as a working asset, it should be possible to attract continuing donations. An inactive savings account, on the other hand, seems less likely to appeal to potential donors.

Therefore, we would like to propose that this Fund be made available for grants to member clubs, Federation committees, or Associate Members for use in promoting international folk dancing. Non-members of the Federation would not be eligible.

A five-member Grants Committee should be established, composed of three Board members and two other Associate Members from different areas served by the Folk Dance Federation of California. This committee would establish application procedures, subject to Board approval. Individuals and clubs would then be encouraged to submit requests to this committee including specific proposals for use of the money and the amount required. If a grant of more than \$2000 is approved by the committee, the full Board should give the final authorization for that amount. A maximum of \$6000 is to be allocated in any fiscal year unless the Board authorizes greater expenditure. Grantees would be required to submit a final report, including a budget summary, at the conclusion of their projects.

In summary, this proposal provides for an immediately working fund (the need is now), with safeguards against misuse of the money, flexibility allowing for responses to unanticipated opportunities, mechanisms for accountability, and good prospects for encouraging continuing contributions to the Fund. We think Kenyon Rayner would approve.

MSC (B. Lidicker; G. Mitchell) that this proposal be accepted.

The following have been nominated as next year's (2005-06) officers:

President: E. C. "Vick" Vickland

Vice-president: Marion Earl

Secretary: Ann Brown

Treasurer: Louise Lidicker

MSC (B. Lidicker; S. Messer) that the nominations be closed. The election will take place at the April meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wilma Anderson reported that Fresno's Harvest Festival would be held on the 4th weekend of October, as they were not able to acquire the space for the 3d weekend.

Irene Oxford urged everyone to attend the Installation at Statewide in Palm Springs.

COMING EVENTS:

April 2, 2005	Balkan Plus Folk Dance Party, San Rafael
April 17, 2005	Blossom Festival, San Francisco
June 3 - 5, 2005	Statewide, Palm Springs, "Dancing Under the Palms."

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. Vickland, Secretary

Subj: **Re: minutes**
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Hi Vick,

I don't know if you are receptive to receiving suggestions for the minutes of the Assembly meeting on March 6, but here are some comments - mostly suggested clarifications.

Parag. 1 – As a non-Board member, I was disappointed to note that Toba's welcoming remarks were directed only to the Board, and not to the other Federation members who were attending the meeting. That is not the way I remember her remarks.

Appt. Officers, parag. 1, line 2 – Suggest adding to sentence: ".....free for distribution to potential new members."
Publicity, line 4 – This comment about visibility does not make sense to me, but maybe that is what Ann actually said.

Publications – My recollection is that this should read: "The Assembly requested that somebody in the hopefully enlarged Committee would take responsibility for ..."

New Business – The proposal was moved and seconded as stated, but it also passed by a substantial majority. Is that what is implied by "MSC"?

Announcements – Should "installation" be "installation brunch" or some such phrase?

Hope these comments will be helpful.

Bill