

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
HERITAGE FESTIVAL
SAN CARLOS, CALIFORNIA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by President Bill Lidicker.

Directors present: Anderson, Bacher, Brown, Bruxvoort, Heenan, B. Lidicker, L. Lidicker, L. Messer, S. Messer, Tucker, Vickland, Wenzel, Zappe.

Others present: Dick Rawson (for the ad hoc 501(c)3 Comm.), Stela Voyles, Dick Voyles, Lori Ursa, Margaret Harrison, Rosa Savage, Karen Wilson-Bell, Michel Hardbarger, John Michael Seltzer, Carol Ferraro.

SECRETARY: In the absence of Secretary Teddy Wolterbeek, Louise Lidicker, Sec. Pro-tem, read the October 18, 2008 minutes for the Board meeting at the Harvest Festival in Fresno. These were accepted as read.

REPORTS OF ELECTED OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Bill gave summaries of the two e-mail Board meetings held since the Sonoma Festival.

The first was in September and concerned Gary Anderson's proposal on behalf of the Statewide 2010 Committee to hold this event in Sonoma during the first weekend of June 2010. This was approved with 15 (fifteen) affirmative votes on October 1.

The second meeting was convened on October 26 and adjourned on December 21. The long meeting was in part necessitated by the lack of a quorum at the Fresno meeting. Topics discussed were:

1. a Statewide Committee report confirming reservation of appropriate facilities for this event;
2. dissolution of the Fresno Council accompanied by a gift to the Federation of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) to support our Institute Committee;
3. consideration of Bylaws amendments to improve our application for 501(c)3 status;
4. consideration of Bylaws amendments to establish a new membership category of Family Member;
5. consideration of a Bylaw amendment clarifying the quorum requirement for the Board of Directors;
6. discussion of dues for Family Members;
7. discussion of possible actions that might be taken in view of the crisis faced by the Nominating Committee in that it has so far not been able to come up with even one nominee for three or four of our offices.

Actions taken were approval of the three sets of Bylaw changes and establishment of \$30.00 (thirty dollars) as the dues for Family members. Dick Rawson, 501(c)3 Committee Chairperson, pointed out the necessity of minutes for the virtual meetings. Bill will file these with the secretary.

VICE.PRESIDENT Loui Tucker commented on the structure of the National Folk Organization insurance program and suggested that the Federation may want to adopt this program in the future. She also brought up points to consider about the flyer discussed at the two previous meetings designed to get e-mail addresses of members who have not so far provided them. This is especially important for the official reps of Group Members. We discussed ideas for maintaining the privacy of these addresses. Dick Rawson and Publications Chair Joel Bruxvoort suggested:

- a. the Federation have a policy in place for maintaining privacy,
- b. that members have the option about having their email address in the roster.

Vick Vickland moved, Ann Brown seconded that the Federation send out a request for e-mail addresses to those members who have not supplied them utilizing the mailer designed by the Vice President. Motion passed.

TREASURER Sabine Zappe submitted the Treasurer's Report covering the fiscal year up to December 31, 2008 (attached). In response to questions, she will, in the future, list interest income as a separate entry. She also submitted a redesigned reimbursement form. It was suggested that a place for a date be added.

EDITOR GARY ANDERSON will report later on the costs engendered by the necessary changing and replacing of parts on the printer used for *Let's Dance!* It was suggested he explore the feasibility of electronic publishing of the magazine and of placing it on our website for members only to access.

MEMBERSHIP Chairperson Sidney Messer read the names of the 8 (eight) new Individual Members and the one new Group Member. It was moved, seconded and passed (MSP) that they be elected.

It was also MSP that all Groups pay \$25.00 and all Foreign Members continue to pay \$32.50. An amendment to the above that the new prices be in effect as of February 1, 2009 was also passed.

Gary said he is ready to send the magazine digitally to *Ebesco Publishing Co.*, a company that supplies material to libraries and to online users. The Federation will receive royalty payments for any hits on our published material through this arrangement. It will also, hopefully, increase exposure of the Federation among the public.

Vick asked about the availability of the Bylaws with the new amendments. Bill responded that the new and improved Bylaws will be sent to Joel soon for posting on our website.

FINANCE Chairperson Louise Lidicker - no report. New budget proposal expected in March.

INSTITUTE Chairperson Denise Heenan reported that the financial report for the Fresno Institute is pending noting that some of the teachers have declined to be paid because of the limited turnout for the Institute. This issue will be re-addressed by the Committee in view of the gift to the Committee from the Fresno Council. Report attached.

INSURANCE: Fifty-seven (57) clubs have applied for insurance for 2009. Insurance certificates have been mailed to those whose fees have been submitted. Report by Chair Elsa Bacher attached.

NORTH/SOUTH: Laila Messer - no report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Chair Toba Goddard was absent. Bill read a written report of the Committee dated December 27. Thirty (30) people were contacted regarding being possible nominees. Only one (1) nominee (for Treasurer) has been obtained so far. Discussion tabled for later.

PROMOTION Chair Ann Brown reported that the Sacramento Council, has submitted a proposal for a Beginners' Festival. They have budgeted \$5131.00 (five thousand one hundred thirty one dollars) for expenses most of which will be for advertising and are asking the Federation for \$2000.00 (two thousand dollars). \$750.00 (seven hundred fifty dollars) of this is planned to be spent on 30-second radio spots. Several dance teachers are planned for the event which is to be followed with six classes. No action was required on this, but the discussion included much approval especially for the follow-up classes which will be in the same venue as the festival.

PUBLICATIONS Chairperson Joel Bruxvoort reported no sales of publications.

PUBLICITY: Chairperson Eileen Kopec was absent.

RESEARCH Chairperson Bill Wenzel thanked Editor Gary for his ongoing offer of four pages in the magazine for dance descriptions. Bill W. also reported on the death on December 27 of Rick Sherman, Committee member.

SCHOLARSHIP: Chairperson Davida Munkres was absent but Gary reported that there will be an announcement about scholarships in the next issue of *Let's Dance!*.

STATEWIDE: Gary reported that the Sonoma Veterans Memorial has been secured for the first weekend of June 2010.

AD HOC COMMITTEE: Dick Rawson reported there has not been much new activity since October but he has had help in writing a narrative description of the Federation. Also, at the President's request, George Frandsen of the National Folk Organization has sent us a copy of the application recently submitted by that organization for 501(c)3 status.

OLD BUSINESS: President Bill discussed the need for a second vote on the following Bylaw amendments which were passed by the Board at their e-mail meeting of October 26 to December 21. (For full text of these amendments, see the minutes of that meeting.)

1. Two amendments for improving our proposed tax exempt status:
 - a. clarification of the Federation's address,
 - b. a modification of the indemnity clause.
2. Four amendments to establish Family Membership
3. One amendment to clarify the quorum for Board meetings.

It was MS (Elsa, Gary) to vote on these collectively. The Bylaws amendments were then approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Laila Messer suggested that Federation clubs focus on providing folk dancing for children and their parents; that Federation festivals aim to provide dancing for the entire community where the festival is located; that community dancing be inclusive for young AND old; that folk dancing for folk dancers be the smaller part of such a festival; that such festivals not use the term "Beginner Festival".

Vick asked if the March Federation meeting at the Camellia Festival could be on either Saturday or Sunday. It was affirmed that Saturday, the preferred day, would be fine.

Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laila Messer, Acting Secretary