

# MINUTES OF FOLK DANCE FEDERATION BOARD MEETING

February 25, 2012

Live Oak Park Community Center (Festival of the Oaks)

## Board members:

Lucy Chang, President  
Denise Heenan, Vice President  
Loui Tucker, Secretary  
Sabine Zappe, Treasurer  
Gary Anderson, Editor  
Adony and Becky Beniares, Archives  
Connie Hull, Scholarship  
Bill Lidicker, Parliamentarian  
Ken McGreevy, Nominating  
Luiselle Yakas, Institutes

## Members and Visitors:

Trudy Baltz  
Kaila Fine  
Richard Graham  
Robert Null  
Burt Levy  
Louise Lidicker  
Linda Milhoan  
Judy Robinson  
Emily Stoper  
Angel Tam  
Vic Vickland

The meeting was called to order at 12:23 PM. A quorum was present. Luiselle Yakas was introduced as the new chair of the Institutes Committee. Judy Robinson was thanked for her years of work as head of the committee.

Approval of the Minutes. The minutes of the January 14, 2012 meeting in San Carlos were read by Loui Tucker. Vic Vickland made a motion to approve the minutes. Bill Lidicker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Job Descriptions. Lucy reported on the status of updating the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Promotion and Scholarship Committees. In some cases there is conflicting language in the existing SOP; in some cases the SOP does not reflect current conditions. She is working with the chair of each committee.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report (see attached) was presented by Sabine Zappe. Data in the spreadsheet is as of February 20. We are still running a deficit, but we're closer to being in the black. We received targeted donations for the New Dancers Festivals and that will be added to the report once the deposits are made. There were no questions.

Membership Report. Lucy presented the Membership Report (see attached) on behalf of Marion Rose. There are 13 new members made up of nine (9) individual memberships and two (2) family memberships (4). Four members were listed to be dropped. Current membership (including libraries and compensatory membership) is 417.

The report included a list of people who are due to be dropped for failure to pay for membership. Those present were asked to get in touch with any of them whom they know and encourage them to renew. They may be dropped at the next meeting. A motion was made by Bill Lidicker to approve the changes in the membership rolls; the motion was seconded by Sabine Zappe. The motion passed.

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Promotion Committee. The San Francisco City College group that is planning the next New Dancers Festival in April requested \$130 for paid advertising in the National Dance Week publication listings. The grant was made and Sabine will be forwarding a check. When asked, Sabine reported that the total in the Promotion Fund is \$46,489.68.

Finance Committee. Lucy provided an update on the progress in creating a budget for the next year. She reminded the committee chairs that they need to match any request for funds with a proposed source of income, and we need to try to live within our income. Even though the Federation writes the check, the committees need to budget for the expense (example – room rental for an event).

It was noted that many committee chairs and members contribute extensively out of their own pockets. We really should include those contributions in the budget such as “Item A costs \$X” and then show that the amount was donated (Example: CDs for music provided at Heritage Festival Institute, \$X, gifted by the Beniaries).

Nominating Committee. Ken McGreevy reported that the officers standing for election are Lucy Chang for President, Hollis Radin for Vice President, Loui Tucker for Secretary, and Sabine Zappe for Treasurer.

Ken also reported that he contacted 24 people and although nobody responded that they were interested in running this year, one person responded that s/he might be interested in serving next year. He posted the announcement about the elections on both the BBMDE and IFD email lists. He did not receive a response from either group, but it might be beneficial to post reminders at various times during the year to keep the concept in front of local dancers. Ken was directed to put announcements on both email groups on a quarterly basis.

Ken talked about Hollis Radin and her qualifications for the position of vice president.

Institute Committee. Judy Robinson, the past chair of the Institutes Committee, presented her report on the Heritage Festival Institute (see attached). Lucy used this report as an example of how we all need to budget for real expenses. Even though the Federation wrote the check for the room use during the Institute, the cost should be included in the Institutes Committee’s budget. If there is a cost for producing the CDs and the printed syllabus, that should be in the budget and then show “donated” if the cost was not reimbursed. Items that are donated in this year’s budget may not always be donated in the future, and therefore we need to know the true cost of events.

Statewide Committee. Razzmatazz is scheduled for the same weekend as Statewide 2012. One person inquired about the conflict in trying to decide which event to attend based on what dances are being taught, but that information is available at a later date. While it is nice to have so many events happening, it is unfortunate when they compete on major events for a limited pool of dancers. Dancers want to attend both and we should encourage leaders to avoid scheduling conflicting events.

Sabine reported that approximately 50 dance clubs were mailed a manila envelope with a half-dozen Statewide 2012 fliers with the registration form on the reverse. Seven people have

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registered as of Friday afternoon, and it is hoped that we will begin to receive registrations during the next month. Another article is planned for *Let's Dance!* that will highlight the host hotel, the local restaurants, other things to do in the area (for non-dancing family members), as well as an invitation to attend the party on the Thursday before Statewide at Loui Tucker's dance group in Saratoga.

Maypole Celebration Committee. Nancy Kaye is working on the Maypole Celebration for late spring or early summer. Changs International Folk Dance and Mad Mollys have offered to help.

New Dancers Festival Update. Lucy reported that the Turlock New Dancers Festival took place as planned on February 10, and Judy Kropp has submitted a report. The San Francisco New Dancers Festival is planned for Sunday, April 22, 2012, as a lead-in to the Blossom Festival. The dancers in the Livermore area have tentatively scheduled their New Dancers Festival for October 21, 2012.

Lucy will be scheduling a New Dancers Festival Ad Hoc Committee meeting for June/July to discuss venues, format, evaluating effectiveness, etc., with respect to the second round of New Dancer Festivals.

Announcements. Future Board meetings have been scheduled. Please mark your calendars so you can attend the following meeting (a quorum is 50% attendance by Board members): Saturday, March 10, 2012 before the Camellia Festival in Sacramento and Sunday, April 22, 2012 before the Blossom Festival in San Francisco which will also be the annual Assembly meeting.

Board members should also calendar for and plan to attend the Installation Luncheon that is part of Statewide 2012 on Sunday, May 20, 2012.

Denise Heenan made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Bill Lidicker. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 PM.