

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)  
Board Meeting  
Saturday, December 8, 2018  
at First Baptist Church of Palo Alto, Palo Alto, California

In attendance:

Joe Croco (President)  
Laura Douglass (Treasurer)  
Clem Dickey (Secretary)

Board members

Craig Blackstone (Nominations)  
Lucy Chang (Finance)  
Kevin Greek (Past President)  
Loui Tucker (Editor)  
Sabine Zappe (Scholarships)

President Joe Croco called the meeting to order at 1:24 pm. A quorum was not present.

- Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on September 8, 2018, were provided in advance. There was no motion to approve due to the lack of a quorum.

- Budget

Lucy presented a written budget proposal for 2019, including the 2018 and 2017 budgets and actual expenditures (to date) for reference.

The proposed budget total was \$31,465 including a \$6145 transfer from General Funds to make revenue match expense. As was the case last year, the shortfall is mostly due to increased printing expense for *Let's Dance!* Loui made inquiries of two other printers, but both quotes were higher than what our current printer charged.

The Board reviewed each item. The scholarship expense was increased from \$2100 to \$4000, as Scholarship had requested and was granted a mid-year increase in 2018. Donations revenue was increased from \$0 to \$2000.

As a quorum was not present, Lucy agreed to send a revised budget proposal to Joe later in December for an email vote.

- 2018 Statewide

Statewide made about \$1000, but we still do not have an accounting from Bruce Mitchell.

- 2018 Officers Ball

The Officers Ball made some money. We are not yet certain how much, as Laura has not yet totaled all the expenses.

- 2020 Statewide

The Board hopes to bring Statewide to the North Bay. Joe will contact Jerry Duke, as he has experience running the Kolo Festival.

- New Insurance Chair (Joe)

Loui has two candidates in mind, but has not yet broached the subject with either.

- Survey of non-insured clubs (Joe, Alicia LaFetra)

Loui reported that Alicia has requested membership numbers from ten non-insured clubs and has received about eight responses. One of the clubs is The Land Dancers, which has a large but indeterminate attendance. Loui and Alicia estimate that the non-insured clubs represent at least 200 extra dancers.

- Treasurer (Laura)

Laura was traveling last week, and will email a Treasurer's report in the coming week.

- Nominations (Craig)

Craig does not yet have a nominee for Vice President, but does have a candidate in mind. Loui noted that she would still like more out-of-peninsula representation.

- Archives (Kevin)

Laura reported receiving a membership solicitation from the Society of Folk Dance Historians, and asked whether we should be more active with them. Loui responded that we should, and that President Ron Houston curates an amazing archive. Loui recommended that Kevin contact Mr. Houston and tell him about our archive.

Kevin reported receiving a record collection from Gail Barton. Many of the records are discards from the City College of San Francisco. He will offer the ballroom dance records to Richard Powers. Loui suggested that we sell some of the records at the Heritage Festival.

- Editor (Loui)

Loui reported that it is sometimes difficult to keep *Let's Dance!* to the planned 20 pages. An extra ad requires either cutting content or expanding an issue to 24 pages.

- Finance (Lucy)

The 2019 budget was covered as a separate item above.

- Scholarships (Sabine)

Sabine reported that the Committee has about \$300 left over, as no one applied for a Kolo Festival scholarship.

- New Business

Joe asked whether we should consider running meetings electronically - either partially or fully as a teleconference - to make attendance easier for out-of-area members. Loui noted that in her teleconference experience with Stockton Folk Dance Camp meetings it has been harder for people to interject over the phone than in person. Teleconferences work better for single-issue meetings than for our multi-topic Board meetings. Loui noted that during Bill Lidicker's presidency East Bay meetings made it easier for Sacramento people to attend.

- Next BOD meeting

The next meeting will be Saturday, January 19, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Heritage Festival. The location is to be determined, but may be either Alana's Cafe or Milagros Latin Kitchen.

- Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 pm.