

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)  
General Assembly and Board Meeting  
Sunday, April 28, 2019  
at San Francisco City College, San Francisco, California

In attendance:

Marian Snyder (Vice President)  
Clem Dickey (Secretary)

Board members

Craig Blackstone (Nominations)  
Lucy Chang (Finance)  
Bill Lidicker (Parliamentarian)  
Marija Hillis (Promotions)  
Lon Radin (Institutes)  
Marcia Rosenblatt (Membership)  
Loui Tucker (Editor)

Members

Adony Benaires  
Becky Benaires  
Cindy Blackstone  
Helen Brown  
Richard Graham  
Judy Keswick  
Memo Keswick  
Louise Lidicker  
Linda Milhoan  
Ulrike Narins  
Yale Rosenblatt  
Vick Vickland  
Todd Wagner

Vice President Marian Snyder called the meeting to order at 10:35 am. A quorum was present.

- Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on February 10, 2019, were provided in advance. Craig made and Lucy seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

- Election of Officers

Craig announced the Nominating Committee's slate. All current officers were nominated for another term: President Joe Croco, Vice President Marian Snyder, Treasurer Laura Douglass, and Secretary Clem Dickey. Marian opened nominations to the floor. Craig moved, and Marija seconded, that nominations be closed and Committee's nominees accepted. The motion carried unanimously. Marija thanked those willing to serve.

- Sale of items for the Federation: Help Wanted

Loui has informed President Joe Croco that she will no longer handle the sales of Federation items, a task which she has done single-handedly for the last five years. The items have included donated items (clothes and dolls) and custom-made fund raising items (t-shirts, tote bags, and water bottles). Items currently available to sell include 43 water bottles (from an initial order of 144), a few t-shirts, and about 600-750 dolls from the various collections donated to the Federation. Items are stored with the Federation Archives. Loui, Joe, and Kevin Greek each have a key; any of them can open the archives to someone willing to transport items to a festival and sell them. Lucy noted that sales responsibility should be assumed by the developer of a specific item (e.g. water bottles). Loui noted that the work could be split by event. Vic suggested selling the

dolls on eBay, but Loui replied that even eBay sales take effort. We could send some of the dolls to the Willits dancers, and offer some at Stockton. But Loui noted that the dolls were not a good fit at the Stockton auction two year ago; only about ¼ of the set we sent then were sold.

- 2019 Officers Ball

Loui suggested “Around the World in 80 Dances” as a possible theme. Loui asked whether we should again use local teachers or search for a “name” teacher. Lucy noted that the last two attempts to schedule “name” teachers (Erica Goldman, Steve Kotansky) had been unsuccessful. Craig noted that as the only sole-Federation (not Club or Council) event, it was good to use Federation teachers.

- 2018 Statewide

Marian reported on behalf of Joe that Bruce Mitchell sent the Federation a check for \$618.39 to cover Federation expenses and a portion of the profit.

- 2020 Statewide

Loui reported on behalf of Marina Troost. Marina is uncertain which weekend to pick: Memorial Day weekend, or the weekend before or after. None is perfect. Bruce Hamilton will teach; Ahmet Lüleci and Gergana Panova have also been contacted about teaching. Marina would like to have Chubritza as the band, but they cannot make one of the possible dates. The venue is Hermann Sons Hall in Petaluma. It is a classic 1930s hall similar to Veterans Memorial halls. Parking may be an issue.

- Bay Area Dance Week

Kevin Greek was absent, but submitted a written report.

- Treasurer (Laura) – absent, written report included

Lon noted that the report showed only \$11 in interest on roughly \$100,000 on deposit. He suggested that we might want to put some money in a Certificate of Deposit.

- Membership (Marcia) – written report included

Vick asked the total number of members. We have 209 single memberships and 73 family memberships (representing at least 146 people) in the database. This does not include libraries or complimentary memberships. On a motion by Craig, seconded by Clem, the membership report, which included four new members, was approved unanimously.

- Editor (Loui)

Loui reported that Joyce Clyde won the most recent embedded *Let's Dance!* contest, correctly identifying Yves Moreau. Loui solicited ideas for future contests.

- Institutes (Lon)

The annual Stockton dance survey is the next project for the Committee. Letter grading, instituted last year, will continue.

- Scholarships (Lucy for Sabine)

Responding to a question from Marian, Lucy said that the deadline for scholarships is 60 days before an event, to allow for time to register. The deadline for Stockton is therefore about the end of May.

- Archives (Kevin) – absent, written report included

The written report included a request from Cheryl Fuller for guidance on placing the remainder of the Gene Fuller dance collection (books and records). Loui suggested referring Cheryl to Ron Houston, who curates a Folk Dance Archive in Austin, Texas. Loui noted that Ron has been generous in sharing material from the collection when asked.

- Insurance (Key Kaye, absent)

Loui reported that a written report was sent to Joe. The current work is sending an annual survey to insured clubs activity regarding frequency and durations of meetings, and number of dancers, to submit to insurers. Two insurance companies receive premiums, one for liability coverage and the other for medical.

- New items

Craig suggested establishing a Folk Dance “passport,” stamped by clubs, to encourage visits to Federation clubs. Susan Gregory is willing to work on the graphics if the Federation is interested. Response was generally positive, with a few concerns. Loui noted that we would need to buy-in from club leadership. Marija noted that a lot of our members are elderly, or physically limited. Lucy suggested a prize for a level of achievement. Vick suggested including credit for mileage to be fairer to outlying clubs. Loui will put an announcement regarding the proposal in *Let's Dance!*

- Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 28, 2019, in Grace Covell Hall, University of the Pacific, Stockton, California.

- Adjournment

On a motion by Loui, seconded by Clem, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am. The Federation thanks Changs International Folk Dancers for the ensuing lunch.