

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)  
General Assembly and Board Meeting  
Saturday, November 23, 2019  
at All Saints Episcopal Church, Palo Alto, California

In attendance:

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

Board members

Craig Blackstone (Nominations)  
Kevin Greek (Past President)  
Lon Radin (Institutes)  
Marina Troost (Statewide 2020)

President Joe Croco called the meeting to order at 3:54 pm. A quorum was not present.

- Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on September 28, 2019, were provided in advance.

- 2019 Officers Ball

Laura reported that the Officers Ball earned about \$1000. We have not yet received the cleaning deposit; Joe will ask the Veterans Hall about it.

- 2020 New Dancers Festival

Joe reported that the Peninsula Council, via Adony Beniares, has invited the Federation to participate with the Council in a New Dancers Festival in July. The Festival would replace the Council's July monthly party. Clem noted that the Council was not looking for funding, just co-sponsorship. Joe noted that we could ask Carolyn Cole-Sayre to bring new dancers.

- 2020 Budget – Laura, for Lucy Chang

Not everyone has responded to Lucy's request for 2020 budgets. Laura volunteered to step in and add missing items to the budget. Laura will use 2018 and 2019 actual expenditures for guidance. If we do not have a meeting in December then we will need an email vote to approve the budget.

- Golden Gate Park Anniversary – Joe, Craig

Craig has a form which needs to be signed and returned to the City of San Francisco. It will register the Federation for participation in the park's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Changs plans a Maypole dance in May; we could piggyback on that. Any Federation club could participate in an event at the park.

- 2020 Statewide – Marina

Marina has produced flyers, which include a registration form. The convention hotels are Hampton Inn in Rohnert Park and Motel 8 in Rohnert Park; Petaluma hotels were not affordable. The Days Inn in Novato is also affordable.

Electronic registration, via eventbrite (<https://eventbrite.com>) will be live December 1. We could not use Brown Paper Tickets because they do not support the sale of merchandise, e.g. t-shirts. Kevin reported that information is available at <https://statewide.folkdance.com>.

Bill Cope's availability for the kafana is uncertain; he may have an engagement in San Diego that weekend. The Willits dancers will perform an English dance. They will receive free entrance in return for help, but are looking for lodging funds.

A Past Presidents reception may be difficult to fit in as the schedule is already quite full. Laura noted that the reception might be scheduled for ½ hour before or after dinner. Depending on location, we may need to check with the Hall for permission to serve alcohol, and with Insurance Chair Michael Giusto to ensure that our insurance covers it. Craig noted that most Past Presidents events have been held in a hotel room, and that the immediate Past President supplies the wine and food. Marina chose to hold the reception right after Saturday dinner, in the barroom at Hermann Sons Hall.

- Treasurer (Laura)

Laura reported that Chase Bank currently pays 1.73% APR for 6 to 8-month CDs. Longer term CDs have lower rates. Our savings account has about \$64,000, and our promotions account has about \$41,000. Lon suggested putting ¾ of the money into staggered CDs. Laura will approach Loui Tucker about meeting at a Chase branch to purchase CDs.

Laura suggested that a second Board member compare the Treasurers reports against our bank statements. Lon volunteered to do so.

- Nominations (Craig)

Craig reported that Ulrike Narins will be a candidate for Vice President. We still have no candidate for President.

- Membership (Marcia Rosenblatt) – absent, written report submitted

Clem noted that the Board neglected to approve the September membership report. In the absence of a quorum, the Board will need to approve the September and November membership reports, as well as the September minutes and the budget, at a later date - perhaps by email.

- Announcements

Craig announced that the Blossom Festival is tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in April at San Francisco City College. The City College has eliminated Folk Dance from its curriculum, but Jeanne Marie Hughes will act as sponsor. Availability of City college facilities beyond 2020 is uncertain.

Kevin announced that Bay Ara Dance Week will be held in April 2020.

- Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020, in conjunction with Festival of the Oaks in Albany.

- Adjournment

On a motion by Lon, seconded by Laura, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.