

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)
General Assembly and Board Meeting
Saturday, February 8, 2020
at Veterans Memorial Building, Albany, California

In attendance:

Joe Croco (President)
Marian Snyder (Vice President)
Laura Douglass (Treasurer)
Clem Dickey (Secretary)

Board members

Craig Blackstone (Nominations)
Kevin Greek (Past President)
Bill Lidicker (Parliamentarian)
Marcia Rosenblatt (Membership)
Marina Troost (Statewide 2020)
Loui Tucker (Editor)
Sabine Zappe (Scholarships)

Members

Steve Ayala
Judy Keswick
Memo Keswick
Chris Lang
Walter Lang
Louise Lidicker
Lothar Narins
Ulrike Narins
Yale Rosenblatt
Emily Stoper

President Joe Croco called the meeting to order at 12:13 pm. A quorum was present.

- Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of the previous meetings, held on September 28, 2019 and November 23, 2019, were provided in advance. On a motion by Craig, seconded by Kevin, minutes of the September 28, 2019 meeting, not earlier approved due to lack of a quorum, were approved unanimously. On a motion by Laura, seconded by Bill, minutes of the November 23, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

- 2020 Officers Ball

Joe will check into availability of the Hayward Veterans Hall for October 17 or 24. Board members will be expected to help with the event as they have in past years.

- 2020 New Dancers Festival

Clem reported that the Peninsula Council has decided not to hold a New Dancers Festival in 2020.

- 2020 Budget – Laura, for Lucy Chang (written report included)

The proposed budget was amended to include \$10,000 income from Statewide 2020, and to correct the storage monthly rental amount from \$340 to \$223. The changes reduced the expected deficit for 2020 from about \$20,000 to about \$10,000. On a motion from Loui, seconded by Clem, the budget was approved unanimously.

- Golden Gate Park Anniversary

Craig reported that the opening date of the 150th anniversary celebration is April 4. Changs plans a Maypole dance on that date. Luiselle Yakas is working on an article for *Let's Dance!*

- 2020 Statewide - Marina

Marina has obtained the artist's permission to use the Statewide design on t-shirts. Music from Ahmet Lüleci and Bruce Hamilton has been sent to Chubritza; we are waiting for music from Gergana Panova. Chubritza's dance list is finalized; they will play three 50-minute sets.

Adony Benaires will bring a new sound system. He has also agreed to emcee, but could use some help.

We have 45 people signed up so far, 37 of whom are full-time attendees. There are no attendees yet from Sacramento; we should publicize Statewide at the Camellia Festival.

- Water Bottles

Loui noted that we still have about 40 to 50 unsold water bottles. Joe suggested that we offer them as premiums to new Federation members, and he offered to pay the cost.

- Treasurer (Laura) - written report submitted

Laura and Loui attempted to purchase \$80,000 in staggered CDs from Chase, but there was a mismatch between the titles we and those accepted by Chase. For instance, we have a Treasurer but Chase expects a CFO. Laura and Loui are sorting that out.

- Past President (Kevin)

Kevin thanked Berkeley Folk Dancers for providing our meeting location.

Facebook now recognizes the Federation as a non-profit organization, which allows the Federation and others to organize fund raisers for it on Facebook. Kevin ran a trial fundraiser, which brought in \$300. The duration of fundraisers is set by the organizer. Facebook passes all monies received to the Federation by direct deposit. We should send donation acknowledgements by email.

Bay Area Dance Week is scheduled for April 24 to May 3. Events will be scheduled through Eventbrite. There will be no printed guides this year; all events will be listed on line.

- Membership (Marcia) - written report submitted

Marcia asked if there is a formal procedure to be followed before dropping lapsed members. Loui replied that the recommended practice is to pass the names by the Board, in case anyone knows the lapsed member and wishes to contact them. Joe noted that the Membership chair could also email a list of lapsed members to the Board for review prior to dropping the memberships.

Clem noted that we have unapproved membership reports from November (due to lack of a quorum) and possibly also September (due to oversight). On a motion by Clem, seconded by Kevin, the current report and any previous unapproved reports were approved unanimously.

- Editor (Loui)

After discovering five instances of *Let's Dance!* ads for which payment had been neglected, Loui instituted a process to ensure that all ads are paid for.

- Scholarships (Sabine)

We have one applicant, for a Stockton scholarship.

- Parliamentarian (Bill)

Bill noted that committees should have Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and should review and update them as appropriate.

- Insurance (Michael Giusto, absent)

Louise Lidicker reported that Mike is working on a claim submitted by Berkeley Folk Dancers for a member who fell.

- Nominations (Craig)

Craig reported that we have a slate of officers: for President, Marian Snyder; for Vice President, Ulrike Narins; for Treasurer, Laura Douglass; and for Secretary, Clem Dickey. Joe noted that his recent President's Message invited nominations from the floor at the General Assembly meeting.

- Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2020, at San Francisco City College, in conjunction with the General Assembly meeting and the Blossom Festival. Craig noted that the status of the Blossom Festival in future years is uncertain, as SFCC has eliminated Folk Dance from its curriculum. For 2020, Jeanne Marie Hughes will still act as faculty sponsor.

- Adjournment

On a motion by Craig, seconded by Clem, the meeting adjourned at 1:19 pm.