

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)
Board Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2020, via Zoom Teleconference

In attendance:

Marian Snyder (President)
Ulrike Narins (Vice President)
Sabine Zappe (Treasurer)
Clem Dickey (Secretary)

Board members

Craig Blackstone (Nominations)
Joe Croco (Past President)
Laura Douglass (Finance)
Michael Giusto (Insurance)
Kevin Greek (Archives)
Marija Hillis (Promotions)
Lon Radin (Institutes)
Cricket Raybern (Research)
Marcia Rosenblatt (Membership)
Marina Troost (Statewide 2021)
Loui Tucker (Editor)
Ellie Wiener (Scholarships)

President Marian Snyder called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm. A quorum was present.

- Election results

Craig reported that 83 votes were cast, all in favor of the slate candidates: President Marian Snyder, Vice President Ulrike Narins, Treasurer Sabine Zappe, and Secretary Clem Dickey. We need to update our California Secretary of State registration. The incoming Treasurer, Sabine, needs a list of payment transactions. New officers may want email addresses listed in *Let's Dance!* The Federation has officer addresses such as VicePresident@fokldance.com to avoid publishing personal email addresses.

- Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on April 13, 2020, were provided in advance. On a motion by Craig, seconded by Marija, the minutes were approved 12-0 with two abstentions.

- 2021 Officers Ball

Loui reported that we still have a hall and a date. We need a theme and a registration form by August 1 for publication in the September *Let's Dance!* We need a list of teachers by September and a list of dances by October. An online Statewide would not be practical as not all teachers are prepared to teach online. Lon noted that we might consider streaming the ball. Sabine noted that we should figure out how to charge for the stream. Lon will look into streaming.

- Financial help for clubs with canceled events

We have received no additional requests for help since our April previous meeting. Loui made and Cricket seconded a motion to grant the Peninsula Folk Dance Council the full amount requested for Heritage Festival, which was roughly \$900. The motion passed 14-0. Loui will note in *Let's Dance!* that the offer is now closed. And we thanks those who made designated donations for this purpose.

- Fewer *Let's Dance!* issues

Marian asked whether we should reduce the frequency of *Let's Dance!* Issue during the Covid-19 shutdown. Loui noted that there were almost no ads, but that ads brought only a small of revenue. We did not reduce frequency during World War II, and do not have a clear advantage in doing so now. Loui has no shortage of material. Kevin noted that the web site offers a blog, should we wish to utilize it. The consensus was to retain the current publishing schedule.

- President (Marian)

Marian thanked Joe, and all those who have taken positions, for their work.

- Vice President (Ulrike)

Ulrike is excited to be part of the Board.

- Treasurer (Laura, for Sabine) – written report included

The reported annual amount for storage needs to be adjusted to \$2676. Most people who registered for Statewide 2020 have not requested refunds and are registered for Statewide 2021. The income will be recorded for 2020, as we operate on a cash accounting basis. We have less scholarship expense this year, and no Statewide expense.

- Past President (Joe)

Joe proposed that the Board create a committee for the website manager. Clem noted that the Communications committee could be assigned to the website manager. Loui noted that we have two applicable committees: Publicity for external outreach and Communications for internal matters. Cricket moved to make the web site manager a member of the Communications committee. Loui seconded. The motion passed 15-0.

- Membership (Marcia) – written report included

Loui moved that we make Gary Anderson a Life member. Sabine seconded. The motion passed 17-0. Clem moved to accept the membership report. Craig seconded. The motion passed 17-0.

- Editor (Loui)

We still need more members, especially from the North Bay, East Bay and Sacramento. Craig suggested that the Federation offer a one-day attendance coupon to a Federation-sponsored festival as part of a new membership. "New" members would be those who have not been members in the past five years. Marija noted that the offer should not include the Saturday of Statewide, due to its extra cost. Ellie noted that reimbursement to the other festival sponsors should be made from the promotions fund. Ellie moved that the Federation offer the one-day attendance coupons. Craig seconded. The motion passed 16-0.

Cricket moved to send a physical flyer advertising the membership offer to our 67 member clubs. Craig seconded. Marcia agreed to develop the flyer. Loui noted that we could also publicize the offer on the IFD Google group. The motion passed 15-0.

- Institutes (Lon)

Loui noted that loss of Lucy Chang has left the committee with only two members, it would be good to have additional help.

- Statewide 2021 (Marina)

We received a refund for Gergana Panova's airfare, leaving us with no expenses for 2020. We may want to buy cancellation insurance in the future. Everyone who was going to be part of Statewide 2020 has agreed to schedule for 2021. The new 2021 date will be a week before Memorial Day, so hotels will cost less. Registration fees will increase by \$5.00. Marina will send revised budget to Sabine. Loui will run an announcement in *Let's Dance!* that we offer Statewide refunds.

- Scholarship (Sabine, for Ellie)

All events are cancelled; no scholarships have been granted.

- Research (Cricket)

In addition to writing notes for Stockton dances, the committee will notate dances from Folk Arts Center of New England workshops and other master teacher workshops.

- Archives (Kevin)

Joe wishes to join the Archives committee, and will obtain a storage key from Loui or Sabine.

- Insurance (Michael)

We have no quote from insurance company yet. Normally we get the quote about mid-July. Insurance starts July 1. Laura noted that we normally pay premiums promptly, and it can take three months to get payments from clubs. Therefore the insurance account may need a temporary infusion of money.

- New business

Loui congratulated Craig on the very successful online vote.

- Next meeting

The next meeting will be held 3:00 pm Sunday, August 2, 2020. The location is to be determined, and will be on Zoom if necessary.

- Adjournment

On a motion by Ellie, seconded by Craig, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.