

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

Annual Assembly Meeting

May 17, 1970 - Santa Rosa, California

Elected Officers - 4

President, ERNIE DRESCHER
Vice President, ELMER RIBA
Treasurer, LEO HAMMER
Recording Secretary, Absent

Dir. of Extension, DOLLY BARNES
Dir. of Publicity, Absent
Dir of Publications, Absent
Historian, Absent
Director, BRUCE MITCHELL

Appointed Officers - 6

Office Secretary, BOBBY BURKE
Let's Dance, Editor, VI DEXHEIMER
Let's Dance, Bus. Mgr., WALT DEXHEIMER

Parliamentarian, LAWRENCE JERUE
Calendar Chairman, GAIL CLUNE
Corres. Secretary, ANN D'ALVY

Committee Chairmen - 7

Costume Research, Absent
Dance Research Rep., BERNICE SCHRAM
Festival Advisory, Absent
Legislative, LAWRENCE JERUE
By-Laws, BILL D'ALVY
Institute, FRANK BACHER

North-South, MILLIE COBURN
Scholarship, Absent
Calendar, VI DEXHEIMER
Concert, Absent
Film Producing, JULES DiCICCO
Insurance, BRUCE MITCHELL
Statewide, JULES-FLORENCE DiCICCO

Council Presidents - 3

East Bay, DOLLY BARNES

Marin, JACK FIFIELD
San Francisco, JIM WRIGHT

Past Federation Presidents - 3

1960-61, LAWRENCE JERUE

1967-68, BILL D'ALVY
1968-69, BRUCE MITCHELL

Club Delegates - 15

Berkeley Folk Dancers, ED HUSSEY
Camtia Dance Ensemble, BRUCE MITCHELL
Cayuga Twirlers, LEO HAMMER
Changs Intl. Folk Dancers, BEE DRESCHER
Circle Square, MILLIE COBURN
Gaynighters, FLORENCE DiCICCO
Marin Whirlaways, MEL MELVILLE

Novato Folk Dancers, BERNICE SCHRAM
ORD Intl. Folk Dancers, DOLLY BARNES
Pairs and Spares, ELMER RIBA
Palomanians, FRANK SOULE'
Petaluma Folk Dancers, FRANK BACHER
SSS, CATHERINE JERUE
Steptogethers of Marin, RUTH MELVILLE
Terpsichoreans, GAIL CLUNE

Associate Members - 33

Bacher, Frank
Barnes, Dolly
Burke, Bobby
Clune, Gail
Coburn, Millie
D'Alvy, Bill and Ann
Dexheimer, Walt and Vi

DiCicco, Jules and Florence
Drescher, Ernie and Bee
Fifield, Jack
Hammer, Leo and Rose
Hussey, Ed
Jerue, Lawrence and Catherine
Melville, Mel and Ruth
Mitchell, Bruce

Pauley, Bob and Mary
Pixley, Edna
Riba, Elmer and Milli
Roelofsen, Bob
Schram, Bernice
Soule', Frank and Catherine
Stoneking, Lloyd
Wright, Jim

Guests - 4

Allen, Charlie and Helen

Johansen, Marian

Ness, Til

Introduction - President Ernie Drescher called the annual meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. at the Hof Brau Restaurant following brunch.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Ferol Ann Williams, Ann D'Alvy was appointed to act as recording secretary for the meeting.

Lawrence Jerue was appointed Sergeant at Arms for the meeting.

Welcome - A communication was received from Dee Rossi and Wendell Schaal to the "Brunch Bunch" sending greetings and welcoming all to Santa Rosa. The President commended Dee on her efforts in arranging for the brunch and the Assembly meeting.

The President also welcomed all members of the Assembly and guests to this annual meeting at which time all officers and committee chairmen report on their activities and accomplishments of the year just past and indicate progress of continuing projects. He explained that the written reports submitted today will be on file and available to anyone interested, therefore brief summaries rather than the complete texts of the reports will appear in the minutes.

Vice President - Elmer Riba reported that meetings of Council Presidents were held at all Federation Festivals this past year and their discussions covered many areas of interest:

1. Recommendation that local Council directories listing clubs and schedules of classes be made available to the Federation for providing answers to questions.
2. Recommendation that a study of dance etiquette including dress and manners be made and brought to the attention of all dancers.
3. Promotion of Festival Procedure Handbooks for use by local hosting Councils.
4. Requirement for all flyer attachments to be at Federation Office a month prior to mailing of minutes.
5. Possibilities for better, cooler, facilities for dancing in hot weather.
6. Importance of wearing costumes to identify and advertise folk dancing.
7. Recommendations for scholarship committee:
 - a. Make applications available all year around so that qualifying information can be gathered over a longer period of time.
 - b. Council and Federation Executive Boards approach qualified applicants with scholarships as reward for outstanding service rather than preparatory only.
 - c. Encourage half scholarships to accommodate more dancers.
 - d. Stress the responsibility of scholarship winners to give something in return.

Director of Extension - Dolly Barnes reported that between June 1, 1969 and May 17, 1970, fifty-seven new associate members and six new clubs have been welcomed into the Federation. She thanked the many people who had helped her and particularly Theda Mary Armentrout who will be filling the office of Director of Extension next year. She turned in her Standard Operating Procedures and hoped that the revised procedures will streamline operations in the future.

Director of Publicity - Ray Kane was absent and sent no report.

Director of Publications - Gordon Deeg was absent but sent a report which was read by Bruce Mitchell. The highlight of the year's activities was publication of Volume D-1, the non-partner volume introduced at the Kolo Festival in the fall. However, sales so far have been disappointing.

Federation publications have been on sale at each Federation Festival not requiring a special sales license and special thanks were extended to Walt and Vi Dexheimer for their handling of the materials and sales.

Twelve large boxes of old issues of Let's Dance Magazine were made available by Pearl Preston and it was originally planned to group them into yearly volumes, but so many missing issues made the plan unfeasible. They were then made available at all festivals and will be in San Jose for anyone interested. It was suggested that at that time a supply be sent south for distribution as publicity during Camera Day at Universal Studios.

Calendar Chairman - Gail Clune reported that the year started by sending letters of request to Councils for calendar information to be sent to her directly. She then typed a monthly calendar and sent copies to the President, Let's Dance Magazine Editor, Office Secretary, Director of Publicity, Rose Hammer's Answering Service and Folk Dance Scene. Letters are now ready to go out again for the coming year and it is hoped cooperation will continue to be good.

Treasurer - Leo Hammer submitted a list of routine duties of the Treasurer involving weekly ledger entries, paying of bills, transferring to three Morris Plan Accounts, quarterly tax forms, withholding tax, social security, unemployment insurance, sales tax, etc.

He then gave a detailed and informative breakdown of the current budget as compared with actual figures for the year.

He made a final recommendation that a committee of members perform the required annual audit inasmuch as the cost is increasing and several auditing firms have been disinterested because of the small size of the account. It was decided that the newly created Finance Committee review and consider the problem and make a recommendation.

Let's Dance - Business Manager - Walt Dexheimer reported that when all receipts are in for advertising in the magazine, totals will show that the magazine is just holding its own. Advertising brought in \$1,854.56 of the total receipts of \$5,086.55. An additional \$485 was taken in at the display tables at local festivals which was entirely due to their own individual efforts. He attached to his report a monthly breakdown of income from the various sources.

Let's Dance - Editor - Vi Dexheimer reported that her only realistic report is Let's Dance Magazine itself. It is the only true evidence of what she has done during the year's period. When she commenced her term as editor in 1957-58, she knew nothing about putting a magazine together and was very naive about the problems involved. During these 13 years she has learned a lot and done a lot to improve the magazine.

She thanked her regular contributors, Audrey Fifield, Suzy Vails, Dorothy Tamburini, Claire Tilden and the Council Clips reporters Vera Jones, Cliff Nickell, Fred Sweger, Jean Mooers, and Bee Whittier as well as all the dancers who provide ads for the magazine. The members of the Assembly expressed special appreciation to Vi for her fine job and the human touch so much enjoyed by all.

Legislative - Lawrence Jerue reported that legislative amendments are now available and he will start investigating them next week. This past year has been lucky and there have not been any serious problems to cope with.

Parliamentarian - Lawrence Jerue commended President Ernie Drescher for avoiding all problems and keeping action moving along smoothly.

Dance Research - Dorothy Tamburini sent a report which was presented by her representative Bernice Schram. The work of the committee began in Stockton at University of the Pacific Folk Dance Camp with the usual meetings with faculty members, attending classes, poll of campers, and selection of dances to be written up. Two general meetings were held during the year.

Initial steps were taken to produce a volume for 4-6 grade children, but production was postponed because of the financial situation following printing of the non-partner volume. A tabulation totaling 20 dances was included showing the number of dances written by nationality as well as formation. Millie Coburn has done the typing of all stencils for the year's institute sessions, Ruth and Larry Miller are doing descriptions for the summer's new Scottish dances by C. Stewart Smith and Ruth Ruling is doing those for Anatol Joukowsky. During the year she answered fifteen letters from various areas of the country requesting information on dances and descriptions. She extended thanks to all her committee members for attending meetings and for excellence in completion of assignments.

The President told of his meeting with this group and pointed out that these committee members are the least familiar to the average dancer and are truly the un-sung workers in the organization who deserve special commendation for their excellent service to the Federation.

Institute - Frank Bacher submitted a tabulated financial report for the four institute sessions held this year. The totals indicated an attendance for the four sessions of 242 persons for a net profit of \$69.50. Only one session did not show a profit because of conflicting events on the same day.

He called attention to the questionnaire recently sent with the April Assembly meeting minutes asking for an indication of what dancers would like to see offered by the Institute Committee at coming sessions. He asked that the forms be returned promptly in order for tabulation of results and an attempt by the Committee will be made to offer what is requested.

Frank recalled his own reluctance at accepting appointment to this office and indicated his indebtedness to his committee members and to the help he had received from many individuals including Dorothy Tamburini, Leo Hammer, Millie Coburn and Bobby Burke and especially one special gracious lady, Bernice Schram.

Ernie commended him on his accomplishments and assured him that we are all looking forward to the climax of activities at the institute session in San Jose during Statewide.

Statewide - Jules and Florence DiCicco gave an up-dated report on the progress of Statewide and again enumerated the activities taking place:

1. Ruth Melville reported that 438 registrations were received through Thursday, May 14 for a total of \$2,141.25.
2. Publicity will now go into high gear in San Jose to reach the general public and Ernie Drescher has volunteered his assistance.
3. Vi Dexheimer was commended for the great job she had done on layout of the general dance program which is now being completed at the printers after numerous changes and revisions.
4. The Concert program is a compromise to get the best appearing and most informative product for the budgeted amount. For this reason the former souvenir program was replaced with an enlargement of the Concert section from the general dance program placed in covers provided by the City of San Jose at no cost.
5. Millie von Kinsky is working today with the narrator of the Concert and it is expected that it will be an outstanding event.
6. The picnic scheduled for Friday is for the entire family. Florence urged everyone to be there and bring a potluck, ice cream freezer, table service, and lots of enthusiasm.
7. Dolly Barnes requested that any one having room in a car who would help transport guests to the picnic, to please see her. The hospitality table will be open at the hotel at 8:00 a.m. to coordinate

Film Producing - Jules DiCicco reported that it had been a year of experience and learning and that the up-coming year will reap the results of what has been gained thus far. Polish Mazur, the first film produced, had fair color, but the sound was not synchronized properly. Kolomaka and Hopak, filmed since that time, successfully synchronized the sound, but color was poor. Conclusion is that since professional lighting is not available, he anticipates filming in the outdoors in hope of alleviating that problem.

Corresponding Secretary - Ann D'Alvy reported that her job has been very simple with her main responsibility being that of doing what she is told to do--writing letters, sending out announcements of meetings, etc., which, according to the President, has been accomplished in a satisfactory manner.

Office Secretary - Bobby Burke reported that the office duties are mainly routine and that the biggest project each month involves getting out the minutes of the Assembly meeting. By enlisting the assistance of the entire family, she has been able to get them out in less than three days in all cases. She thanked Millie Coburn and Ann D'Alvy for their help in typing and urged cooperation of all clubs in getting in the information sheets for the new up-coming Federation directory. Ernie Drescher indicated his satisfaction at the smooth functioning of the office during the past year and the cooperation of all involved.

By-Laws - Bill D'Alvy reported the objective of the By-Laws Committee to revise as completely as possible the current By-Laws and then carry on a continuous revision at all times as the responsibility of the newly created rotating By-Laws Committee. He reviewed the procedure of presenting and explaining the proposed changes and eventual approval by the Executive Board, the Assembly, and member clubs. He again stated his disappointment at the small percentage of response and wished that the communication problem between the Federation and clubs and members could be improved. He thanked his committee members Lawrence Jerue, Frank Bacher, and particularly Millie Coburn who typed stencils for the revised By-Laws. Bobby Burke had completed running and assembling the revised copies and they were distributed to those present.

North-South - Millie Coburn reported that two meetings had been held during the year--one in San Diego in May and one in Fresno in October. Many items came under discussion including:

1. Use of Federation membership cards by the South
2. Experience with bulk mailing
3. The Photo file
4. Teacher Training Programs
5. Publicity and attempting to interest new dancers
6. Permanent Federation badges for membership
7. Folk Dance Scene in the South
8. Costume Calendar
9. Procedure for filing for tax exempt status
10. Clarification of appointments of members and length of terms
11. Appointment of Valerie Staigh as committee secretary

The next meeting will be held in San Jose on Saturday morning, May 30. One item on the agenda is awarding of Madelynne Greene Memorial Scholarship under cognizance of the Committee.

Committee members from the South are Chairman Elizabeth Ulrich, Henry Ruby and Alice Hauserman; those from the north are Chairman Ken Wight, Eldon Kane and Dolly Barnes.

Costume Calendar - Vi Dexheimer had no report other than that all was hopefully progressing as planned.

Historian - Bee Mitchell sent a report which was read by Bruce Mitchell. She reported an increase in pictures since having a Federation photographer, but that there are still "holes" in the record of past years which no one has been able to fill. This year following Statewide, five boards will probably be added. She thanked the President and others who had sent materials to her.

There was brief discussion and arrangements were made for an historical display in San Jose at Statewide.

Insurance - Bruce Mitchell reported that the committee will continue with carry-over consideration of the same insurance problems into the next year.

Recording Secretary - Ferol Ann Williams was absent and sent no report

Costume Research - Phyliss Kane was absent and sent no report

Festival Advisory - Millie von Kinsky was absent and sent no report

Scholarship - Gil Kundert was absent and sent no report

New Business

Director of Extension - Dolly Barnes, Director of Extension, presented names of new associate members to the Federation as follows:

Mrs. Gerald John Cavanaugh	1516 Henry Street, Berkeley, 94709
Al and Rose Flaxman	1626 - 22nd Avenue, San Francisco, 94122
Nick and Norma Lagos	1659 - 43rd Avenue, San Francisco, 94122
Mrs. Bert Person	4799 - 16th Street, San Francisco, 94114

* It was moved by Bill D'Alvy, seconded by Jim Wright, and approved unanimously that associate members as presented be accepted for membership in the Federation.

One club was presented which will be approved at the next meeting of the Assembly in July in Kentfield:

Leigh High Folk Dance Club	Leigh High School, 5210 Leigh Avenue, San Jose
Advisors: Sharon Gailey, Ned Gault	

Statewide - Jules DiCicco reported that he had been contacted by Sunni Bloland requesting a table at Statewide for display and distribution of materials pertaining to Peace and the Stop-the-War movements. He had told her that the Federation was a non-political organization and could therefore not commit itself to any side of an issue. Bruce confirmed the fact that as a faculty member at University of California she is working with peace groups and would like to use the folk dancers as a link between adults and young people.

Jim Wright reviewed the experience of the San Francisco Council when a peace march was held on the same day as the Federation Festival in April, 1967 and the name of the Federation was used without permission on some of the flyers. The dangers of such involvement were discussed.

* It was unanimously agreed that the Federation go on record to refuse support and deny use of the Federation name for any and all political issues or activities.

Announcements

1. July 4 - Regional Festival, Oakland
2. July 11-12 - Federation Festival, Fun in Marin Silver Anniversary, Kentfield
Saturday - Afternoon, Institute Session; Evening, Warm-up Party
Park School, East Blithedale, Mill Valley

Sunday - Noon, Assembly Meeting

Faculty Lounge, Redwood High School, Larkspur

Afternoon, Festival on the Lawn, College of Marin, Kentfield

Evening, Festival in the Gym, College of Marin, Kentfield

Jack Fifield, President of the Marin Dance Council, stressed that since the Student Union Building will not be available for the Assembly meeting, arrangements have been made to hold the meeting at the Faculty Lounge at Redwood High School in Larkspur. It is located just off of the Freeway #101 near the College.

3. August 23 - Regional Festival, Stern Grove, 198 Sloat Blvd., San Francisco

President's Report - Ernie Drescher concluded the reporting by thanking officers and committee chairmen for their reports and the sharing of their behind-the-scenes activities and plans for the future. He congratulated the outgoing officers and acknowledged their efforts for the past year. On behalf of himself and the other outgoing officers, he thanked members for the confidence in the administration and extended best wishes and warm welcome to incoming President Elmer Riba and his officers.

Elmer thanked Ernie and expressed appreciation for the confidence placed in him and his new officers and promised to do their best to retain the high level of performance evident in the past.

Adjournment - It was moved by Bruce Mitchell, seconded by Bill D'Alvy, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D'Alvy, Acting Secretary

BOUND VOLUMES

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PRINTED MATTER

John & Burnel Moore
3915 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95819



Ann D'Alvy, Acting Secretary
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