

**FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.  
ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES  
BLOSSOM FESTIVAL  
CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

**APRIL 20, 1997**

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

<b>President</b>	<b>Carlos Ruling</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Barbara Bruxvoort</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Page Masson</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Melvin Mann</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Craig Blackstone</b>

**OFFICERS ABSENT**

<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Genevieve Pereira</b>
<b>Pubic Relations</b>	<b>Michael Norris</b>

**STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT:**

<b>Dance Research</b>	<b>Ruth Ruling</b>
<b>Legislative</b>	<b>Max Horn</b>
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Carlos Ruling</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Elsa Bacher</b>
<b>Calendar</b>	<b>Ed Kremers</b>

**STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS ABSENT:**

<b>Festival Advisory</b>	<b>Millie von Konsky</b>
<b>Costume Research</b>	<b>Eleanor Bacon</b>
<b>Teachers Committee</b>	<b>Bruce Wycoff</b>

**ROTATING COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT:**

<b>Bylaws</b>	<b>Frank Bacher</b>
<b>Beginners Festival</b>	<b>Laila Messer</b>

**ROTATING COMMITTEE CHAIRS ABSENT:**

<b>Finance</b>	<b>Oscar Faoro</b>
<b>Institute</b>	<b>Al Lisin</b>
<b>North/South</b>	<b>Fran Ajoian</b>

President Carlos Ruling called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.  
Laila Messer would take the minutes in Genevieve's absence.  
Craig Blackstone, Historian, welcomed members and guests.  
Elsa Bacher, Sergeant at Arms, reported there was not a quorum present.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

**President:** No report.

**Vice President:** Barbara thanked Carlos for running the Assembly meetings.

**Treasurer:** Report for period from 3-1-97 to 4-20-97

Beginning Balance		\$29,448.25
Total income	720.00	
Total expenses	1,913.96	
Income vs expenses	-1,193.96	
Total		\$28,254.29
Insurance Balance		4,421.85

**Membership:** Mel reported there has been one individual applicant and one club, the Academy of Danse Libre, which will be voted on later.

**Historian:** No report

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Dance Research:** Ruth reported the last meeting was held on March 15 and the next one will be in Stockton. The committee is working on dances for the "Let's Dance".

**Statewide:** Carlos said the location for Statewide Festival 1998 has been secured and that that the concert will be handled completely by Westwind International Folk Ensemble. The concert cost will be approximately \$1400.00 dollars, about half the cost of last year's concert. The budget last year was \$3000.00; actual cost was \$3200.00. The picnic will again be at Max Horn's. Max said there is some limited camping space available nearby.

**Insurance:** Frank reported he has sent in the application for the Beginners Festival and will be receiving a certificate.

**Calendar:** No report.

**ROTATING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**By-laws:** Frank reported the committee was unable to hold the meeting on the March 13 date and so have had to reschedule. It will be held on April 24, 1997 at 1 p.m. at Elmer Riba's daughter's house in Vacaville.

**Beginners Festival:** Laila gave a brief history of the work done by the committee. She said all clubs will be sent a copy of the dance program so new dancers can be reinforced in the enjoyment of the dances they learned at the "World Dance Fest" and be encouraged to continue folk dancing.

There ensued discussion on how best make available to new participants the names of the clubs and all pertinent information. No decision was made but following are the various ideas brought up for consideration:

- One list of all clubs,
- Council Presidents to be responsible for and provide up-to-date lists,
- Phone numbers only of key people who can be contacted,
- A combination list of phone numbers and places,
- An area representative who can be contacted for more information,
- A Web site.

Mel will contact Bruce Wyckoff and send Max the list of Peninsula clubs. Mel also suggested we provide club lists to the free Folk Festival.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Carlos brought in the latest information sent from the Art Commission in San Francisco. Any grants for which the Federation might be eligible to apply are on the fall and winter schedule so no action is necessary at this time.

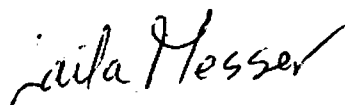
**NEW BUSINESS:**

The next Assembly meeting will be held on September 14, 1997 at the Fiesta de Sonoma in Sebastapol. The next Executive Board meeting will be held on April 27, 1997 at Genevieve's in Alameda.

**OTHER:** Max told of the collection of equipment, records, costumes, etc. he has amassed and, rather than have them gathering dust in closets, he has started lending them to various multi-cultural school events in the East Bay communities. At one such event, he lent 50 costumes from the collection which were worn by students in a Costume Parade. That particular event was voted the preferred one of the day. He will have a video tape of the parade available soon.

Carlos ordered the meeting be adjourned.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laila Messer