

**FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES
FESTIVAL OF THE OAKS
OAKLAND, CA.
FEBRUARY 22, 1998**

President Barbara Bruxvoort called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

Max Horn welcomed everyone to the Festival of the Oaks, especially those long time members who were in attendance. He explained that the Greater East Bay Council started out as the Oakland Council in 1948. Because of decreasing interest and participation, this Festival of the Oaks might be the last one unless he hears otherwise. He explained that when the East Bay Council has the last meeting, its monies will be transferred to the Federation.

Max said there would be no charge for the lunch he was providing nor would there be a charge for the Festival. He also spoke briefly about "Maharica", the group of young people from Martinez, who would be performing a Philippine dance exhibition at the Festival.

Nadine Mitchell corrected the date of the Camellia Festival listed in the December Assembly minutes from March 15 and 15 to March 14 and 15. Acceptance of the minutes was put off until it could be determined a quorum was present.

President's Report: Barbara reported that among the many important Federation considerations at this time, perhaps the most important is the business of finding an Editor, a Business Manager, a mailing coordinator and an Events Editor for Let's Dance Magazine. For the moment, Nadine Mitchell, Louise Lidiker and Barbara are doing the magazine but permanent people are needed to fulfill the above positions, hopefully, by April or May. She asked that members think of people who would be able and willing to take on the responsibilities.

Michael Norris asked what the total circulation of Let's Dance is. Genevieve answered it numbers about 600. Genevieve added that the present printer of the magazine has offered to do spot color on the cover for no extra cost. She showed a sample color cover.

Vice President: No report.

Recording Secretary: Laila said she has been working on simplifying and making the Bylaws consistent in format.

Office Secretary: Genevieve agreed to take on the pre-registration for Statewide but she will not be able to help with the registration at Statewide.

Membership: Greg reported three (3) new members: the Tango Al Norte Tango Club of Fairfax, CA. as a Club member, and Christine Tso of Los Altos Hills, CA. and David Raube of Oakdale, CA. as new Associate members, Motion for acceptance was put off

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until it could be determined a quorum was present.

Greg asked for authorization for an increase in his budget expenses. Genevieve suggested he send his bills directly to, and be compensated by, the Treasurer. Barbara felt approval for an increase in his budget was necessary. (See motion below.)

Treasurer: Report for period December 1997 to February 1998:

Beginning Balance.....	\$28,450.07
Total Income.....	\$2,935.82
Total Expenses.....	5,067.06
Income vs Expenses.....	-2,131.24
Ending Balance.....	\$26,318.83
Recap of Accounts	
Checking, General.....	\$3,342.09
Checking Insurance.....	4,395.56
Savings.....	5,711.57
Cert. Of Deposit.....	7,021.11
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Insurance Ending Balance.....	\$4,395.56
Total Funds.....	\$30,714.39

Elsa reported a quorum was present.

Jim Oxford moved the minutes be accepted as corrected. Greg seconded. Motion passed.

Elsa moved the three new members be accepted. Frank seconded. Motion carried.

Frank moved and Carlos seconded that the Membership Committee's budget be increased to one hundred dollars (\$100.00). After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Greg will submit his bills to the Treasurer who will charge such bills to Office Expenses and thus there will be a record.

Public Relations: No report

Historian: Absent

Publications Committee: Nadine reported the "Federation Facts" publication is printed and copies are available. They will be put out at Festivals and mailed to new memberships. She will continue to glean information for the Council Clips section of Let's Dance. Barbara commented on the excellent job Nadine is doing on the Council Clips.

Costume Research: Absent

Legislative: No special report. He did remind everyone that in each county is an Arts Council some of which are very active. He recommended that we pay attention to our county's arts council for any help and ideas that can be used to promote folk dancing. It was mentioned that the Triple A magazine needs a two month lead time for putting in announcements. Barbara had submitted to them the notification of the last Statewide that had not been printed.

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Statewide: Carlos went over the flyers he has prepared for Statewide. These included a list of dances, a general flyer, the registration slips which will also be printed in Let's Dance, a reminder about making reservations, and a schedule of events. He needs to find a teacher to do the Country Western teaching since Millie von Kinsky is unable to do it. Joel Bruxvoort offered to fill in for Bill Links who will be unable to do the set-up for the gym and the Sunday concert. Max believes the Greater East Bay Council will hold together long enough that there will be, as usual, a Statewide picnic on his Farm.

Insurance: Frank reported there are now sixty nine (69) member clubs. He stated that insurance is for non-profit clubs only and those clubs have to have eight (8) dance activities per year. He suggested a statement be included in the Bylaws that a group have at least eight (8) dance activities per year. Barbara suggested the topic of insurance groups and insurance requirements be brought up at an Executive Board meeting.

Irene Oxford asked if a member of an audience at a Federation dance is insured. Frank explained that if a member of an audience gets hurt, that person has to sue and we are then covered.

Calendar: Absent. People asked after the health of Ed Kremers. Max reported that he has had to cut back on his activities. Louise Lidiker is taking care of the calendar needs.

Teachers' Committee: Absent.

Festival Advisory Committee: Millie von Kinsky presented the Dancer Popularity Poll that covers dances of 1997. She pointed out that this list differed from other polls in that few composed dances were included and the dances were listed alphabetically rather than by popularity. The poll from the Peninsula Council had the fewest composed dances. She especially thanked the Bachers, Fran Ajoian, and Max Horn for their consistency in sending reports to her and appreciated the efforts of all Councils.

She reported the Festival Advisory Procedure manual is ready for typing.

She stated she wished to resign as Chairperson of the Festival Advisory Committee effective as of this date. She has been active in Federation activities since 1942 and in teaching dancing for many years. In 1946 she had a performing group called Oakland Recreation Dance Arts which was sponsored by the City of Oakland. In 1947 she was forced to incorporate and her group was renamed The von Kinsky Dancers International, Inc. The last performance was in October 1997; she will not be taking out new insurance. She has travel plans.

Bylaws Committee: No report.

Finance Committee: Absent

Institute Committee: Fran reported there were 22 people at the Fresno October Institute and that after expenses there was a deficit of \$50.00. The Redwood City Institute had 40 attending and a deficit of about \$30.00. Both Institutes were well presented and enjoyable

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but did not turn a profit.

North/South Committee: Absent

Old Business: Chairperson Irene Oxford announced she has candidates for all elected offices and that at the March meeting there will be nominations from the floor. Irene also encouraged everyone to attend the Camellia Festival in Sacramento.

Carlos moved the meeting be adjourned. Greg seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laila Messer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Laila Messer, Recording Secretary

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ASSEMBLY MEETING
ATTENDANCE

Feb. 22, 1998
Oakland Festival
Oakland, Ca.

*denotes absent

<u>Elected Officers</u> (7)		<u>Federation Past Presidents</u> (3)	
President	Barbara Bruxvoort	Frank Bacher	
Vice President	Melvin Mann	Carlos Ruling	
Recording Secty	Laila Messer	Millie von Konsky	
Treasurer	Page Masson		
Dir. of Membership	Greg Mitchell		
Dir. Publications	Nadine Mitchell		
Dir. of Pub. Rel.	Michael Norris		
Historian	Craig Blackstone*		

<u>Appointed Officers</u> (3)		<u>Council Presidents</u> (5)	
Parliamentarian	Leona Faoro	Fresno FDC	Michael Norris
Office Sect'y and		Gter East Bay	Max Horn
Let's Dance Ed.	Genevieve Pereira	Peninsula	Arden Pierce*
Calendar of Events	Ed Kremers*	Sacramento	Irene Oxford
Sergeant at Arms	Elsa Bacher	San Francisco	Carlos Ruling
		Redwood	Frank Bacher

<u>Chairmen Standing Committees</u> (4)		<u>Member Club Delegates</u> (11)	
Dance Research	Ruth Ruling*	Santa Rosa FD	Elsa Bacher
Costume Research	Eleanor Bacon*	Petaluma FD	Frank Bacher
Insurance	Frank & Elsa Bacher	Palomanians	Carlos Ruling
Festival Adv.	Millie von Konsky	Changs	Joel Bruxvoort
Teachers Committee	Bruce Wyckoff*	Novato FD	Page Masson
Legislative Committee	Max Horn	Berkeley Folk D	Mel Mann
Statewide Committee	Carlos Ruling	Fresno Int'l	Michael Norris
		CAFY	Fran Ajoian
		First & Last Dan	Jim Oxford
		Pairs & Spares	Irene Oxford
		von Konsky D	M. von Konsky

<u>Chairmen Rotating Committees</u> (2)	
Bylaws	Frank Bacher
Finance	Oscar Faoro*
Institute	Al Lisin*
North/South	Dolly Barnes*
Beginners Festival	Laila Messer

Associate Members
(not listed elsewhere)
George Pavelka
Philomina Pavelka
Genevieve Pereira
Carol Wheeler

Guests
Stan Valentine
George Marks
Sharon Marks
Wes Honeyman