

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.  
ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES  
FESTIVAL OF THE OAKS  
BERKELEY, CA.  
FEBRUARY 21, 1999

President Barbara Bruxvoort called the meeting to order at 12:11.

Mel Mann welcomed everyone to the festival and expressed his appreciation for the hard work of his committee.

There were no comments or changes suggested for the minutes of the December meeting. No action was taken there being no quorum.

Barbara reported board positions still to be filled include Legislative Chairperson and the Editor and Business Manager for LET'S DANCE. She asked everyone to give thought to finding people for these positions.

Barbara introduced Naomi Lidicker and expressed gratitude to her for taking on the Federation phone and fax. The new number is 510-558-6862. Naomi said calls started coming in the first day of installation. They included requests for teachers and where to find specific kinds of dancing.

Barbara expressed her pleasure that the Festival of the Oaks had found a way to be continued after many years in Oakland.

VICE PRESIDENT: Craig Blackstone reported that the Nominating Committee has yet to find a nominee for the position of Vice President. Anyone with a suggestion should call Joel Bruxvoort, Nominating Committee Chairperson.

TREASURER: Absent.

SECRETARY: Laila Messer said there has been no need to send a bulk mailing since the Alameda account was closed. Therefore she has waited to open the new bulk mailing account at the Sausalito Post Office when these minutes are ready for mailing.

OFFICE SECRETARY: President Barbara reported that all the transferring of supplies, publications, equipment, etc. has been completed from Genevieve Pereira's home.

MEMBERSHIP: Greg Mitchell suggested that it is time for the Board to be thinking about developing a new computer program to handle the Federation business.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Absent

HISTORIAN: No report

PUBLICATIONS: Nadine Mitchell found some errors in the new directory and mailed out the corrections at her own expense.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

DANCE RESEARCH: Absent

INSURANCE: Absent

TEACHERS COMMITTEE: Absent

COSTUME RESEARCH: Edith Cuthbert reported there will be a meeting on the coming Sunday to take photographs of Winnie Green's costumes. The meeting will be held at the Green residence.

ROTATING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: Oscar Faoro reported he had contacted the accountant to consider how to handle, in financial terms, the donated Ed Kremers materials, (records, tapes, etc.). He was advised that the Federation has no tax obligation but to carry it on the books as inventory. It was recommended the Federation write a letter to the Kremers's family asking their accountant to insert the value figure.

Oscar had also investigated the requirements to qualify for Non-profit mailing. He found it to be a complex, detailed, and expensive process. To be submitted are copies of the bylaws, an IRS letter of exemption, a financial statement, and other such items. He feels it entails a lot of work and cost and perhaps not worth the trouble. Laila offered, with the next mailing of minutes, to make a comparison of the cost of our present bulk mailing and what it would be if the Federation were to qualify for a non-profit status.

INSTITUTE: Absent

NORTH/SOUTH: Absent

OLD BUSINESS: Barbara expressed her deep appreciation to Louise Lidicker for all the work she does for the Federation, especially in getting LET'S DANCE mailed. Mel Mann also expressed his appreciation for the wonderful program that Louise and her husband, Bill, had written for today's festival. Mel remarked again on his hard working committee and the spirit with which tackled the last minute unexpected problems when they found the hall dirty and not at all ready for the festival.

Irene Oxford enthusiastically told of the efforts being done to encourage people to attend the Camellia Festival in Sacramento which will be held March 6 and 7, 1999 in the Sacramento Memorial Hall. There is an Institute on Saturday, and a pageant of 14 ethnic groups performing on Sunday with international folk dancing after. She brought promotional items of T shirts, bags, and pins to sell. There is a broad appeal because the Sacramento Arts Committee and the Friends of the Auditorium are helping and many of the performing groups are from outside the Federation. The City of Sacramento is hoping this event can become an annual affair.

There will be an Assembly meeting at 11:30 on Sunday. It is encouraged you buy your lunch from the vendors in the Hall since they have been guaranteed a minimum gross and any short fall will have to be met by the Sacramento Council. You may, of course, bring your own lunch if you prefer.

Craig reported the San Francisco Blossom Festival will be held April 25 in a new location, that being the City College North Gym which has a wood floor. The Dance Concert will take place from 1 p.m. to 2 with dancing from 2 to 5:30.

Barbara reported that Bobi Ashley has scheduled the Beginner's Festival to be held

on August 29, 1999 in Sunnyvale. The City of Sunnyvale will be a co-sponsor and will advertise it on their Roster of Events as a workshop. Mel Mann, Audrey LaPell, and Laila Messer made a point of describing the beauty of the Sunnyvale location.

NEW BUSINESS: Barbara talked of the difficulty of getting quorums for meetings. Business coming up requiring a quorum is that of having the Assembly approve the last changes for the Bylaws. If approved, new copies of the Bylaws will be sent to all the clubs for approval.

Stockton Folk Dance Camp has asked the Federation to have a special scholarship for Kathy Hindman. Kathy is already working on Fresno Statewide 2000. The Camp has offered to pay half if the Federations will cover the other half. Barbara explained that the Federation Executive Board has voted in principle to do so. A straw poll of the members present indicated their agreement. Leona Faoro suggested that the Federation pay it all saying that it is important to support and encourage people who encourage and support folk dancing. Laila agreed. It was decided to discuss this further at another meeting.

Audrey LaPell suggested that people planning to attend the Camellia Festival consider taking the train to Sacramento. Oscar suggested calling Sacramento people for rides.

Mel said since the Berkeley Veterans Auditorium does not have kitchen facilities, Sarah Matthews, a Berkeley Folk Dance Club member, had put together delicious bag lunches which were available for \$2.50.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laila Messer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Laila Messer, Recording Secretary

# ASSEMBLY MEETING

Location: Berkeley  
Date: Feb 21-99

ASSOC. MEMB.  
PAST PRES.  
COUNCIL PRES.

## Elected Officers

		[at least 2]			
1.	President	Barbara Best			
2.	Vice President	Wing Bladston		X	
3.	Secretary	Karla McCoy		X	
4.	Treasurer				
5.	Dir. Membership	Gary Mitchell		✓	
6.	Dir. Publications	Nadine Mitchell		✓	
7.	Dir. Pub. Rel.				
8.	Historian	Melvin Mon			

## CLUB DELEGATE (one per club)

or Alternates [at least 10]  
Delegate

CLUB	Delegate			
1. JIM OXFORD	FIRST & LAST DANCERS		✓	
2. Gary Mitchell	Pair & Spares		✓	
3. RON BUENO	PHIL OMARIS		✓	
4. S.F.C.C.	Sela McCoy		✓	
5. Kolo Festival	Elmer L. Cuthbert		✓	
6. BED	Red Mon			
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## OTHERS

1.	Quora Taoro	FINANCE		X	X
2.	Gene Taoro	Sgt AT ARMS		✓	✓
3.	Dolly Bawee			✓	2
4.	Gene Oxford			X	X
5.	Elizabeth Bawee			✓	
6.	Robert Bawee				
7.	Naomi Lidicker				
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