

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.  
ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES  
FIESTA DE SONOMA  
SONOMA, CA.  
SEPTEMBER 12, 1999

President Craig Blackstone called the meeting to order at 11:50.

Frank Bacher welcomed everyone to the festival.

Craig thanked the Redwoods Council for organizing the festival and the lunch and asked Elsa Bacher to act as Parliamentarian and Sergeant at Arms. He also expressed his pleasure at serving as president and pointed out positions still open.

No changes were suggested for the minutes. No action was taken there being no quorum.

Craig reported that, since there is no Vice President at this time, he talked to the Council Presidents about meeting to appoint a president for the Nominating Committee, and that those Council presidents in attendance decided to hold off until the October Assembly meeting.

Past President Barbara Bruxvoort reported she has her hands full being the Editor of "LET'S DANCE" and cannot take on the position of Business Manager for the magazine. It was suggested everyone give thought to finding a person to be Business Manager.

SECRETARY: Laila Messer had no report except to introduce the new sign-in form. Members suggested some minor changes be made.

TREASURER: Page Masson gave the First Quarter Treasurer's report. (Attached.)

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON: Greg Mitchell reported there are 490 members of the Federation of which 170 are Associate members, 36 are Complimentary memberships, 74 are Club memberships, and 210 are magazine subscribers. The Sacramento Cape Breton Step Dancers have applied for membership. No action could be taken because of lack of a quorum. (Report enclosed.)

Greg feels it will be necessary to up-grade the computer program. He also discussed the subscriptions to libraries and wondered if there could be savings if done in some other way. Greg encouraged the Federation to advertise in "Latest Steps", the Sacramento Council's folk dance publication, and suggested Page place an ad in it for the Treasurer's Ball.

PUBLICATIONS CHAIRPERSON: Nadine Mitchell reported she has mailed out three directories and 2 copies of the History of the Folk Dance. She said she will be happy to prepare a directory for the year 2000. Mel Mann suggested that E mail addresses and Web sites for clubs be included.

HISTORIAN: No report

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Absent.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

DANCE RESEARCH: Absent.

INSURANCE: Co-chairperson Frank Bacher reported he has been notified that there will be a five cent increase from \$3.20 to \$3.25 and that clubs will be notified.

TEACHERS COMMITTEE: Absent

COSTUME RESEARCH: Absent.

Edith Cuthbert had phoned President Craig and asked him to report that she needs to get more photos for the Year 2000 Costume Calendar.

STATEWIDE: Absent.

Barbara reported for Fran Ajoian that the location at Fresno State is secure and that the head quarters and the After Party will be in the Ramada Inn which is also the location for the October Autumn Harvest After Party. She pointed out that the Ramada Inn has been advertising in "LET'S DANCE" for a long time.

REPORTS OF ROTATING COMMITTEES:

BEGINNERS FESTIVAL: Absent.

Craig read Bobi Ashley's written report of the August 29 Beginners Festival. There were 70 paid participants at \$5.00 each. Of the \$350.00 proceeds, \$165.00 went to the city of Sunnyvale for hall rent. The five instructors, (Denise Heenan, Loui Tucker, Marcel Vinokur, Ned Gault, Bobi Ashley), and the four members of the Vecernica Band, were paid \$20.00 each. Bobi sent the Federation a check for the remaining \$5.00. (Report attached.)

It was considered to be a fun and successful festival and that it was good planning to hold it soon before beginner classes begin.

General discussion ensued about Beginners Festivals. Specifics included suggestions that each community hold a "preview" of folk dancing so people could learn about it, that the Councils sponsor such festivals, that the Councils consider putting their energies into doing this kind of festival in lieu of regular festivals, that these festivals be held just prior to the start of beginning classes, that clubs be encouraged to hold beginner classes.

Craig said he will write Bobi a thank you letter.

INSTITUTE: Absent.

Barbara had talked with Kathy Hindman to learn that for the October Festival, Joyce Uggla will teach the English Country dances, and Jean Faulkner, a teacher from Santa Cruz will do the Balkan dances. For the Winter Institute which will be the January Redwood Festival or the February Festival of the Oaks, Finnish and Turkish dances will be featured. The Statewide Institutes are not all lined up yet.

FINANCE: Absent

NORTH/SOUTH: Irene Oxford reported she attended the meeting at the San Diego Statewide and that the Festival for 2001 will be held in Las Vegas prior to the Memorial Day Weekend. A third member is still needed on the committee. Barbara encouraged people to attend the North/South meetings which are interesting meetings with good information and that one need not be a member of the committee in order to attend.

BYLAWS: Absent

Mel Mann reported that Berkeley is planning to hold the Festival of the Oaks, and is exploring dates and teachers and that all will be coordinated with the Institute Committee.

Page encouraged people to attend the Treasurer's Ball on December 5. There will be a costume sale and a surprise drawing.

OLD BUSINESS: Greg raised the question of increasing the subscription price of LET'S DANCE magazine due to operating losses from publishing the magazine. Due to the lack of a quorum, no action was taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Thomas was scheduled to talk about video taping of folk dances but failed to appear.

President Craig declared the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laila Messer, Recording Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT: 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER - From June 1999 To Aug 31 1999

GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE \$ 25,099.12

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Federation dues	\$ <u>683.50</u>	Let's Dance	\$ <u>1,046.73</u>
Let's Dance Subscriptions	\$ <u>435.00</u>	Social Events	\$ _____
Advertising	\$ _____	Educational Events	\$ <u>66.85</u>
Publications	\$ <u>13.25</u>	Publications	\$ <u>2.26</u>
Social Events	\$ _____	Taxes	\$ _____
Educational Events	\$ <u>1.50</u>	Office	\$ <u>363.89</u>
Interest	\$ <u>80.10</u>	Telephone	\$ <u>72.88</u>
Misc.	\$ <u>3.34</u>	Misc.	\$ <u>138.73</u>
	\$ _____		
TOTAL	\$ <u>1,216.69</u>	TOTAL	\$ <u>1,691.34</u>

NET GENERAL FUND ~~(21-)~~ \$ 474.65 ENDING BALANCE \$ 24,624.47

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Premiums & Admin. fees-FAX	\$ <u>22.80</u>	Insur. Premiums	\$ <u>22.05</u>
		Admin. costs (dupl, tele, postg, FAX, refunds)	\$ <u>243.78</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>22.80</u>	TOTAL	\$ <u>265.83</u>
NET INSURANCE <del>(41-)</del>	\$ <u>243.03</u>	ENDING BALANCE	\$ <u>4,554.14</u>

# RECAP OF ACCOUNTS

Checking - General	<u>4,031.09</u>
Checking - Insurance	<u>4,554.14</u>
Savings	<u>2,808.27</u>
CD - Lets's Dance Trust	<u>7,021.11</u>
CD - BUSINESS	<u>10,764.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>29,178.61</u>

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## Federation Report for 1999—Membership Chairperson

The membership for the Folk Dance Federation are as follows:

Associate members ----- 170

Complimentary copies ----- ~~344~~ 36

Clubs -----74

Magazine Subscriptions-----210

**Grand Total ----- -490**

1 club has applied for membership in the Federation  
Sacramento cape Brenton Step Dancers  
C/o Gail Erwin  
1078 Beaver Park Way  
Galt Ca. 95632-8102  
Phone 209-745-9063

Lets Dance Subscriptions with subscription companies  
Dawson 1 ebsco 24 Faxon 10 Blackwell 5 Karger 1

11 Universities

27 Libraries

1 Journal

2 Japan Individuals — not Assoc member?

41 subscriptions total

Gregory Mitchell  
Membership Chairperson

Dear Craig,

The enclosed check is our profit for the Beginner's Festival you attended last Sunday, August 29th. This is a brief report of the financial situation for our festival.

There were 70 paid dancers at \$5 ea. = \$350.<sup>00</sup>

The agreement with Sunnyside was that they would get half of whatever we took in for the use of the hall, minus a reasonable amount for expenses. We deducted \$10 to give them a total of  $-\$165.<sup>00</sup>$   
our balance =  $\$185.<sup>00</sup>$

The band had 4 members, and 5 teachers came to the event. It seemed fair to pay each of the 9  $\$20$  ( $9 \times 20$ ) =  $-\$180.<sup>00</sup>$   
 $\$5.<sup>00</sup>$   
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Note: The teachers were not expecting to be paid, and the band was willing to accept whatever - based on how much we took in.

It was a very successful day because of the contributions of the band and teachers. This seemed the fairest distribution of the funds. I hope you agree.

Respectfully, Deti Ashby.

## ASSEMBLY MEETING

Date: Sept 12, 1999

Location: Sonoma

ELECTED  
OFFICERS (at least 2) ✓

## OFFICE

## OFFICER

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Dir. Membership
6. Dir. Publications
7. Dir. Public Relations
8. Historian

Craig Blackstone  
Laila Fessler  
Peggy Mason  
John Mitchell  
Debra H. Mitchell  
Neil Green

ASSOC.  
MEMBER

PAST  
PRES.

COUNCIL  
PRES.

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**CLUB DELEGATE** (*one per club*)  
**OR ALTERNATE** (*at least 10*)

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CLUB

## DELEGATE

1. Novato
2. Berkeley
3. San Francisco
4. Fresno
5. San Mateo
6. Monterey - S.F.
7. Orange
8. O. N. Talanga (CT)
9. Santa Rosa
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.
- 15.

Pop Warner  
Jack Moran  
Fast & Fast Drivers -  
Steve & Jeff Bane  
Steve McCoy  
Mabel Ross  
Frank Becker  
Elsa Bacher

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## OTHERS

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Barbara Buxton  
Ted Buxton  
Paul & Joan  
James Waddingham  
Marilynn Taylor

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