

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.  
ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES  
TREASURER'S BALL  
SONOMA VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BUILDING  
DECEMBER 5, 1999

President Craig Blackstone called the meeting to order at 11:27 a.m.

Treasurer Page Masson welcomed everyone to the Treasurer's Ball pointing out all the various features of the Ball: the good program, the costume sale, the coffee and cooky bar, the many raffle prizes, the silent auction and the Special Raffle of \$99.99 only for those in attendance.

Craig announced a quorum was present.

Elsa Bacher moved the September 12, 1999 Assembly minutes be approved as distributed.  
Fran Ajoian seconded. Motion carried.

About the October 17, 1999 Assembly minutes, Ruth Ruling pointed out that the third Finnish dance, *Kuuden Kolmeinen*, was omitted and that the Finnish dance *Ankeliini* is an alternate. Elsa Bacher moved to accept the minutes as corrected. It was seconded by Michael Norris. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT: Craig pointed out several Board positions remain unfilled. Because no interest has been shown from anyone to take those positions, they shall have to remain open. The Nominating Committee will be working to put together a slate for the next election.

SECRETARY: Laila Messer reported the paper lift on the Ricoh copy machine is not functioning. President Craig said to have it repaired.

TREASURER: Page Masson was happy to report a plus for the second quarter period from September 1, 1999 to November 31, 1999. (Report attached.) Frank Bacher expressed his appreciation for the work Page has done during her many years as Treasurer, a sentiment shared by many.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairperson Greg Mitchell reported there are 479 Federation members and 42 clubs have renewed their membership. Applying for Membership is the Sausalito Tango Club of 61 San Carlos Avenue, Sausalito, CA 94965 c/o Luz-Mary Harris. Greg moved the Federation accept the Sausalito Tango Club. Frank Bacher voiced a second. Motion carried.

PUBLICATIONS: Chairperson Nadine Mitchell is completing work on the Directory for Year 2000. She announced she has taken on the Editorship of LET'S DANCE, relieving Barbara Bruxvoort from that job. Deadline for material for the magazine needs to be submitted to Nadine by the 15th of the month which is two months prior to the desired publication.

Barbara Bruxvoort pointed out that increasing the magazine price by \$2.50 per subscription was proposed and passed by the Executive Board on October 2, 1999. Greg Mitchell moved and Barbara seconded that the Associate membership dues be increased from \$20.00 to \$22.50. Motion passed.

HISTORIAN: No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Chairperson Michael Norris reported that flyers advertising Statewide 2000 will be sent to clubs, teachers, interested people and groups, and to LET'S DANCE and FOLK DANCE SCENE. These flyers will be mailed, sent to Web sites, and be distributed in other appropriate ways. The first mailer will be mailed next week.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

DANCE RESEARCH: Chairperson Ruth Ruling reported the Committee had a successful meeting at the Uggla residence on November 20, 1999.

INSURANCE: Frank Bacher reported 43 clubs have applied for insurance. One club did not meet the qualifications and their check was to be returned. Greg said the matter was already tended to. Frank expressed his pleasure working with Greg.

TEACHERS COMMITTEE: Absent. Barbara Bruxvoort reported that Chairperson Bruce Wyckoff had sent her a version of the Popularity Poll which will be published in LET'S DANCE. Elsa Bacher reminded the meeting that Rosa Savage had been appointed to handle the Popularity Poll. Bill Lidicker said Bruce had told him the Popularity Poll was not an especially good idea. Carlos Ruling volunteered to talk with Bruce about the subject and get it clarified.

COSTUME COMMITTEE: Chairperson Edith Cuthbert reported that Eleanor Bacon will be submitting instructions for making a gathered skirt and that Mel (Mary) Hart will be sending in an article about a Philippine costume, both for publication in LET'S DANCE.

STATEWIDE: Chairperson Fran Ajoian reported that the amphitheater rent has gone up to \$1500.00 making it unaffordable as a place for the picnic. The Committee has decided to hold the picnic on the grass under the trees near the gym where the festival will be held. There will be no concert because of the high rent required for the Satellite Theater. Fran said the pre-registration forms are going out soon and that things in general are going along well.

STATEWIDE INSTITUTE: Chairperson Kathy Hindman reported she has one confirmation for an exhibition group, the Billy Burke "Tanza", for the Statewide festival. The Kolo Hour will have only kolos and for the selection of those kolos she had help from John Filcich and Dick Crum. An Armenian Band will perform on Saturday night and another band on Sunday evening in lieu of a Sunday concert.

ROTATING COMMITTEES:

INSTITUTE: Chairperson Kathy Hindman reported the Winter Institute will be held at the Heritage Festival, Saturday, January 15, from 1:30 to 4:30. The Institute and the Friday evening dance party on Friday, January 14 will be held in San Carlos at the San Carlos Community United Church. Suzanne Rocca-Butler will be teaching Balkan dances and Al and Teddy Wolterbeek will be teaching Finnish dances. A \$6.00 donation will be requested and includes the syllabus.

FINANCE: Absent

NORTH/SOUTH: No report.

BYLAWS: Chairperson Carlos Ruling asked about the status of the proposed bylaws. President Craig said he will be writing the necessary cover letter.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Frank Bacher announced he has called all the Council Presidents and the Committee has decided that he will be the Acting Chairperson.

OLD BUSINESS: President Craig reminded the group that a question of videotaping had come up at the September 12 Assembly meeting. Dave Thomas of Napa presented research he had done on the topic. Items that came up in discussion included:

1. Copyright issues on dance steps,
2. Copyright issues on the music for a dance,
3. Cases where the music is not under copyright rules but the dance is;
4. When public domain includes music of earlier times,
5. An example of a lawsuit in Israel about choreographed dances,

6. The Federation's interest in preserving dance for teachers,
7. The Federation's interest in preserving dances for future generations,
8. That there are limits to what the Federation can do,
9. That music should be acquired in a way that doesn't conflict with copyrights,
10. That expired rights are sometimes purchased,
11. That there are people who check on the use of music to ensure royalties are paid,
12. That some people would like to see the Federation make dance music available,
13. That videotaping dancers should be done with their consent,
14. Some videotaping may be considered to be of an event,
15. Some videotaping may be considered to be of an educational purpose,
16. That there is a difference in acquiring videos if you are a teacher versus a student,
17. That teachers can sell videos of themselves that they have made and keep the funds,
18. That this is sometimes the case at Stockton camp,
19. That the Federation is not in a position to be involved in videotaping,
20. That discussion of this topic is planting seeds for the future fruit of it,
21. The importance of discussion to broaden ways to present folk dancing to others.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Max Horn wanted everyone to know he has in storage on his property the surplus materials that used to be stored at Genevieve Pereira's home. He is also storing the materials from Ed Kremers store. He is hopeful the Federation will decide to find a permanent home to house the above mentioned materials.

Mel Mann reported the Festival of the Oaks will be held February 27 at Live Oak Park Recreation Center in Berkeley. English Country Dances will be taught by Bob and Ruth Fraley. He encouraged all members to attend and to take the available flyers to their clubs.

Irene Oxford reported dates March 11 and 12 for the Camellia Festival. It will be held at the Sacramento State College.

Barbara Bruxvoort reported that all teachers are confirmed for 2000 Stockton Camp. The first week will take place July 23 to 29; the second week from July 30 to August 5.

Frank Bacher reminded everyone of the Sweetheart Festival on February 13 in Napa.

Barbara Bruxvoort moved to adjourn the meeting. Frank Bacher seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:59.

Respectfully submitted,



Laila Messer, Recording Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT: 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER - From Sept 1 '99 To Nov 31 '99

GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE \$ 24,624.47

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Federation dues	\$ <u>2,035.00</u>	Let's Dance	\$ <u>2,101.33</u>
Let's Dance Subscriptions	\$ <u>1,132.00</u>	Social Events	\$ _____
Advertising	\$ _____	Educational Events	\$ <u>211.72</u>
Publications	\$ <u>243.00</u>	Publications	\$ <u>8.63</u>
Social Events	\$ <u>5.00</u>	Taxes	\$ <u>10.00</u>
Educational Events	\$ <u>95.00</u>	Office	\$ <u>94.00</u>
Interest	\$ <u>76.95</u>	Telephone	\$ <u>78.40</u>
Directory	\$ <u>1.00</u>	Misc.	\$ <u>245.00</u>
	\$ _____		
TOTAL	\$ <u>3,587.95</u>	TOTAL	\$ <u>2,749.08</u>

NET GENERAL FUND (+/-) \$ 838.87 ENDING BALANCE \$ 25,463.34

<u>INSURANCE</u>		<u>BEGINNING BALANCE \$ 4,554.14</u>	
<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Premiums & Admin. fees-FAX	\$ <u>5,428.95</u>	Insur. Premiums	\$ <u>5,084.05</u>
		Admin. costs (dupl, tele, postg, FAX, refunds)	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ <u>5,428.95</u>	TOTAL	\$ <u>5,084.05</u>
NET INSURANCE (+/-)	\$ <u>344.90</u>	ENDING BALANCE	\$ <u>4,899.04</u>

# RECAP OF ACCOUNTS

Checking - General	<u>4,862.73</u>
Checking - Insurance	<u>4,899.04</u>
Savings	<u>2,815.50</u>
CD - Lets's Dance Trust	<u>7,021.11</u>
CD BUSINESS	<u>10,764.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>30,362.38</u>

Page Masson

## ASSEMBLY MEETING

*A quorum shall consist of at least 2 elected officers and at least 10 club delegates or alternates.*

Date: December 5, 1999

Location: Senoma  
Treasurer's Ball

**ELECTED OFFICERS** (*at least 2*)

**ASSOC.  
MEMBER**

**PAST  
PRES.**

**COUNCIL  
PRES.**

## OFFICE

**OFFICER**

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

Craig Blackstone  
Laila Mosser  
Page Marston  
Cecilia Metcalf  
Daphne Metcalf  
Michael Morris  
Melissa Zuercher  
Bob White But

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**CLUB DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE** (*at least 10*)

## DELEGATE

## CLUB

1. Pope Masson
2. Yvile Haden
3. Lucy Mitchell
4. Leche Clifford
5. Fray Ayoran
6. Michael Parker
7. Frank Bacher
8. Elsa Bacher
9. Charles Crawford
10. Mabel Doss
11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Charles Ruling
13. \_\_\_\_\_
14. \_\_\_\_\_
15. \_\_\_\_\_

Norrto  
 Ben  
 Robert & Alice  
 First & Last Names  
 Central Valley  
 Fresno I.F.D.  
 Pitkin I.F.D.  
 Santa Rosa  
 Gatewingers  
 Chang  
 Orange Pilot

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## OTHERS

1. Kathy Henderson
2. Marlene
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6. David Thomas
7. Audrey LePell
8. Kristin Kulwig
9. Carlos Kulwig
- 10.

Fresno Calif  
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