

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
June 3, 2000  
Held at the Messer home in Sausalito, California

The meeting was called to order at 1:29 p.m. by President Craig Blackstone. The sign-in sheet showed a quorum was in place.

Carlos Ruling moved to approve the April 1 Executive Board minutes as submitted. Edith Cuthbert seconded. Motion passed.

**OFFICE MATTERS:** Secretary Laila Messer reported the old Ricoh copier had successfully printed the April 1 Executive Board minutes. She will continue to use the Ricoh for such small jobs until the machine totally gives out.

**PRESIDENT:** President Craig acknowledged all who attended the Installation brunch at the Fresno Statewide Festival.

He reported the following people had agreed to accept chairperson positions of the corresponding committees:

Frank and Elsa Bacher as Insurance Committee Co-chairpersons,  
Edith Cuthbert as Costume Research Committee Chairperson,  
Ruth Ruling as Dance Research Committee Chairperson,  
Sharen Skorup as Chairperson of the Finance Committee,  
Carlos Ruling as Chairperson of the Bylaws Committee,  
Irene Oxford as Chairperson of the North/South Committee.

Mel Mann moved to accept the above named chairpersons. Motion passed.  
The position of Sergeant at Arms remains to be filled.

Discussion of Statewide Fresno followed with positive comments about the dance programs, the Institutes, the spacing of events, the live music and the Ice Cream Social. It was felt attendance could have been better.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** President Craig announced that the Board now has a Vice President and welcomed Greg Mitchell to that position. Craig explained the duties of Vice President, in addition to acting as an aide to the President and assuming the duties of President whenever necessary, include responsibility for the Calendar of Events, calling a meeting of the Council presidents to form the Nominating Committee, and following up the activities of the Nominating Committee once it has been formed.

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Secretary Laila Messer reported on the Bulk Mail delays that have happened twice for mailing of minutes. The man in charge of the Bulk Mail Department at the Sausalito Post Office acknowledged that there had been complaints from other groups as well, some more severe than hers for the Folk Dance Federation. He explained that the problem was not at the Sausalito Post Office but at those places where bulk mail is sent for sorting and sending. He suggested that a complaint letter be written. Laila will write the letter.

President Craig spoke of the Special Assembly Meeting he had called for at Fresno Statewide Festival in order to approve the scholarship monies that had been discussed and approved by the Executive Board for four half-scholarships for Stockton Folk Dance Camp. Somehow that approval had been overlooked at the April 30 Assembly meeting at the Blossom Festival. Since the funds for those scholarships are coming from the monies contributed to the Federation by the Greater East Bay Folk Dance Council when it disbanded, Treasurer Page Masson suggested that a letter be written to Max Horn who was the last President of the GEBFDC explaining to what end some of those monies were allocated. Page will write the letter.

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**TREASURER:** Treasurer Page Masson read the 4th Quarter Treasurer's report. (Report attached.) She had been asked to report on past Scholarship monies. She reported that \$379.27 had been donated for the year 1997 through 1998 by the Fun Club. For the year 1998 through 1999, \$180.00 was donated by the Federation.

Statewide expenses had not yet been received. It was agreed that the Statewide committees had worked hard and done a nice job and that all things went smoothly.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership Chairperson Greg Mitchell reported that he had transferred all membership supplies to Sidney Messer, the new Membership Chairperson. Elsa Bacher suggested that dues be done semi-annually rather than monthly. It was also suggested that Sidney come up with recommendations for possible changes and/or improvements for membership needs.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Nadine Mitchell, former Publications Chairperson, is now the Editor of LET'S DANCE. All publications materials had been transferred to the new Publications Chairperson, Joel Bruxvoort. President Craig Blackstone read a written report from Joel Bruxvoort who was unable to attend the meeting. The report included an inventory list of all publications on hand.

There was considerable discussion about the ideas Joel had submitted and much appreciation and enthusiasm about them. Mel Mann suggested that Joel be told how well his ideas were received. Elsa Bacher suggested an article about the ideas and suggestions be written for LET'S DANCE.

**HISTORIAN:** Historian Mel Mann had no report.

### STANDING COMMITTEES:

**DANCE RESEARCH:** Chairperson Ruth Ruling reported her Committee continues to feed dance write-ups to the LET'S DANCE magazine. The Committee is also getting ready for Stockton Camp.

**INSURANCE:** Co-chairperson Frank Bacher reported he and Co-chairperson Elsa Bacher now have a computer which is being used for writing insurance letters.

**TEACHERS COMMITTEE:** Absent

**COSTUME RESEARCH:** Chairperson Edith Cuthbert says her Committee is still trying to accomplish what they set out to do.

### ROTATING COMMITTEES:

**INSTITUTE:** Absent

**FINANCE:** Chairperson Sharen Skorup reported that the Budget was finished. Elsa Bacher asked about the annuities left to the Federation by Anne d'Alvy. President Craig reported that he had sent in the forms required for the two annuities, and that an article about d'Alvy would appear in LET'S DANCE.

**NORTH/SOUTH:** Chairperson Irene Oxford reported that the North/South meeting at the Fresno State-wide Festival was very well attended. There were many participants from both the South Federation and the North. There was lots of good discussion about various dance related topics. Of special interest was the report by Dick Killian about Statewide 2001 which is to be held in Las Vegas in May 2001. The Statewide 2001 Committee will be widely publicizing the festival with hopes of attracting dancers from many states as well as from other countries, (Japan, for example). They are hoping that groups will form and travel together to the festival by buses, planes, etc. They are hoping to get into the Guinness Book of Records by attracting 13,000 dancers to dance on the streets.

The next North/South meeting will be held in Fresno at the Harvest Festival in October.

**BYLAWS:** Chairperson Carlos Ruling said that suggestions that were not able to be considered for the last bylaws changes will be passed on to the next committee. He reported on the meeting of the Proposed Bylaws Ballot Counting Committee composed of the Federation Parliamentarian Barbara Bruxvoort,

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Recording Secretary Laila Messer, and the Bylaws Committee Chairperson which met on May 13, 2000 to count the responses received. A total of sixteen responses had been received. Twelve clubs voted for the adoption of the proposed bylaws changes. Three clubs voted to partially approve the changes and one club approved the changes in principle.

The Parliamentarian determined that the required two thirds majority was required to pass. That requirement was met. The proposed bylaws changes were adopted to take effect immediately.

Elsa Bacher suggested the report be published in Let's Dance. The new Bylaws will be sent to each Club and one to each member of the Executive Board.

STATEWIDE: Absent

Elsa Bacher asked about the status of LET'S DANCE mailing since Louise Lidicker was no longer able to do it. Mel Mann said he will follow up and President Craig will check with Barbara Bruxvoort.

Mel Mann announced that the Festival of the Oaks will be held February 25 at Live Oak Park in Berkeley.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held September 23 at the Bruxvoort residence in Pacifica. The Pot Luck Lunch will be at noon as usual with the meeting to begin at 1 p.m.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FEDERATION EVENTS:

1. August 20: The Little Festival of the Redwoods in Guerneville at the Armstrong Redwood Grove. Lunch will be from 12 noon to 1:15 p.m. followed by dancing from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the town at the IOOF Hall after which supper back at the Armstrong Redwood Grove.
2. September 10: Fiesta de Sonoma in Sonoma
3. October 14 and 15: Autumn Harvest Festival in Fresno
4. November 23 through 25: The Kolo Festival
5. December 3: The Treasurer's Ball

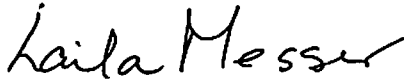
### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS: :

1. Greg and Nadine Mitchell invited everyone to join them and other friends on September 15, 16 and 17 at the Cassini Ranch on the Russian River at Duncan Mills. for camping, dancing, etc.
2. July 4: Dancing on the Farm, Max Horn's place, in Martinez

Greg Mitchell moved and Edith Cuthbert seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 4:39.

Respectfully submitted,



Laila Messer, Recording Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT: 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER - From March 2000 To May 2000

GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE \$ 30,497.80

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Federation dues	\$ <u>902.50</u>	Let's Dance	\$ <u>1,595.15</u>
Let's Dance Subscriptions	\$ <u>505.00</u>	Social Events	\$ <u>3,605.94</u>
Advertising	\$ <u>290.00</u>	Educational Events	\$ <u>28.00</u>
Publications	\$ <u>88.00</u>	Publications	\$ <u>52.52</u>
Social Events	\$ <u>3,872.00</u>	Taxes	\$ _____
Educational Events	\$ <u>18.00</u>	Office	\$ <u>704.67</u>
Interest	\$ <u>75.69</u>	Telephone	\$ <u>102.30</u>
Refund tax	\$ <u>10.18</u>	Misc.	\$ <u>56.47</u>
Directory	\$ <u>16.00</u>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ <u>5,777.37</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ <u>6,145.05</u>

NET GENERAL FUND (+/-) \$ 367.68      ENDING BALANCE \$ 30,130.12

INSURANCE BEGINNING BALANCE \$ 4,628.20

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Premiums & Admin. fees-FAX	\$ <u>721.00</u>	Insur. Premiums	\$ <u>452.00</u>
		Admin. costs (dupl, tele, postg, FAX, refunds)	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ <u>721.00</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ <u>452.00</u>
<b>NET INSURANCE (+/-)</b>	\$ <u>269.00</u>	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	\$ <u>4,897.20</u>

RECAP OF ACCOUNTS

Checking - General	<u>9,032.59</u>
Checking - Insurance	<u>4,897.20</u>
Savings	<u>2,829.50</u>
CD - Lets's Dance Trust	<u>7,021.11</u>
CD BUSINESS	<u>11,246.92</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>35,027.32</u>

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