

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2000  
Held at the Bruxvoort Home in Pacifica, California

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President Craig Blackstone. Acting Sergeant at Arms Barbara Bruxvoort reported a quorum was in attendance.

Mel Mann made a motion to approve the June 30 minutes. Elsa Bacher seconded. Motion passed.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT:** President Craig reminded members that names for the appointed positions had been approved at the last meeting.

President Craig reported that Bill Fleenor of Palo Alto and Marion Earl of Boulder Creek have agreed to serve for one institute only with Chairperson Barbara Bevan for the Peninsula January Heritage Festival. Craig also reported that Susan Kitazawa has agreed to serve as Sergeant at Arms.

Sharen Skorup moved that Bill Fleenor and Marion Earl be accepted to serve on the Institute Committee. Frank Bacher voiced a second. Motion passed.

President Craig was happy to report the receipt of an anonymous gift of \$6000.00 (six thousand dollars) in honor of Ace Smith, a former folk dancer and square dance caller in the Salinas and San Luis Obispo areas. Craig was also pleased to report receipt of a payment on one of the two Ann D'Alvy annuities which he had reported on at the September Assembly meeting. He has filled out the necessary papers so payment on the second D'Alvy annuity can be received.

Craig also reported the death of Carolyn Riedman, a past Federation president.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Vice President Greg Mitchell reported he had talked to the Sacramento Council about hosting Statewide 2001 in Sacramento.

**SECRETARY:** Recording Secretary Laila Messer reported she had contacted the Sausalito Post Office and the Bulk Mail Supervisor in the Petaluma Post Office about bulk mail policy. Bulk mail can take from 2 days to 3 weeks to be delivered. Time sensitive bulk mail can be hand delivered as a drop shipment to the bulk mail unit in Petaluma for quicker processing.

Laila also reported attempts to determine costs of running a Federation phone number in phone book yellow pages. The phone company did not have available a pamphlet of different services and costs and wanted to know specifics before giving any prices. Because specifics would vary or were not available, an hour's worth of time with various phone company personnel resulted only in a basic monthly cost of about ten dollars (\$10.00). Cost would vary according to area served. There was no discussion of cost of installing a line (if necessary), nor whether it would be a business, personal, or an existing number. Phone books for areas are printed at various times of the year so planning in advance is crucial.

Explores briefly was whether a phone book listing would be valuable with the increasing use of Web sites for disseminating information. No conclusion was reached. Mel Mann pointed out that libraries are a good place to put information.

Laila also reported that she and her husband had attended Pourparler in Sacramento September 14 through 17. It was a gathering of dedicated people from several states who teach folk dances to children in schools. Dances and teaching techniques were shared. Of special interest was the concept of the teaching of dance as lessons in civility, courtesy and community.

**TREASURER:** Treasurer Page Masson reported receipt of an anonymous gift of \$25.00 from a folk dance student in honor of Carolyn Riedman, a former folk dance teacher of the Merry Mixers and a past Federation president.

Page also reported the receipt of \$882.00, payment on one of the two D'Alvy annuities, which was deposited into the savings account.

She had written a note to Max Horn to tell him that some of the monies from the disbanding of the

Greater East Bay Folk Dance Council which had been contributed to the Federation had been used for half-scholarships for four students to attend one week at the Stockton Folk Dance Camp 2000.

Page completed her report by reading the Treasurer's Report for September 1 through September 23. (Report enclosed.)

President Craig reported he had sent in the Articles of Incorporation forms which corporations are required to file every two years.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Chairperson Sidney Messer reported membership numbers are the same as reported at the September 10 Assembly meeting. Of the thirty complimentary memberships, sixteen are former Federation presidents entitled to receive complimentary subscriptions to "Let's Dance". Most of the remaining complimentary memberships are other publications. Sidney will contact them to determine if their complimentary subscriptions should continue.

Sidney also presented the idea of posting and billing of memberships and dues on a quarterly basis and later changing to a twice-a-year basis. No action was taken.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Chairperson Joel Bruxvoort said he is redesigning and updating the Web site. He will include the Federation phone number on the site. People from over 50 countries have visited the site. Many agree the Web site is a world resource for folk dance information.

Since the last Assembly meeting Joel has sold \$60 dollars worth of publications. He indicated that some titles are getting low and will need to be reprinted.

He suggested the Federation consider offering an electronic membership. There is also the possibility of selling individual dance descriptions at 50 cents each including tax. He will need help typing the dance descriptions and will find out about prices and printing.

Joel also reported on the progress to the "Addendum to the Index and Pronunciation Guide".

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

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Absent.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**DANCE RESEARCH:** Chairperson Ruth Ruling said the next meeting will take place October 7.

**INSURANCE:** Co-chairperson Frank Bacher reported that the rate, \$3.25 per person, is the same as it was last year. He will send the information to Clubs in early October and is hoping to have the information returned by November 1. Co-chairperson Elsa Bacher explained that for a club of 14 members or less, the fee is a flat \$45.00. Elsa will proceed as last year in notifying the membership.

**TEACHERS COMMITTEE:** Absent

**COSTUME RESEARCH:** Chairperson Edith Cuthbert reported she has been too busy to get anything done. She needs to talk to Joel about ideas.

**"LET'S DANCE" EDITOR :** Editor Nadine Mitchell reported that the mailing being done by Copy Pacific is okay. It was suggested an article be put into "Let's Dance" asking for a volunteer to do the job. The mailing is being done under the permit of Copy Pacific but if a volunteer were to take over the job, the required yearly post office mailing permit form needs to be submitted by October 10. Nadine will contact Jay Kahn and Louise Lidicker for more information. Joel suggested that Membership Chairperson Sidney put in "Let's Dance" an invitation for people and clubs to join the Federation

**ROTATING COMMITTEES:**

**INSTITUTE:** President Craig reported that the Institute for the Peninsula January Heritage Festival has a full committee as mentioned in the President's report. They are Barbara Bevan, Chairperson, and Bill Fleenor of Palo Alto and Marion Earl of Boulder Creek. The dances selected are Ajnzerica, Moj Dragane, Rokoko, Valassky Starodavy, and Venec.

**FINANCE:** Chairperson Sharen Skorup had no report.

**NORTH/SOUTH:** North Chairperson Irene Oxford said the next meeting will take place Sunday, October 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fresno Harvest Festival in Room 133.

**BYLAWS:** Absent

**STATEWIDE:** It was reported Sacramento has agreed to host the Statewide Festival 2002.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Joel Bruxvoort suggested that with some of the recent donations to the Federation a fund be set up from which the interest monies could be used for scholarships. He also felt a committee needs to be formed which will receive and review scholarship applications and select recipients. Frank Baehner heartily agreed saying the Petaluma International Folk Dancers has for many years administered just such a fund, the Bernice Shram Scholarship Fund, to which donations may be made and interest monies used for scholarships.

Barbara Bruxvoort moved that we take the \$6000.00 Ace Smith Memorial Donation as the base of a scholarship account where interest from that account will be used to provide funds for scholarships to dance events. It was seconded by Sharen Skorup. Motion passed.

Page Masson, Sharen Skorup, and Sidney Messer will investigate the various investment venues.

The next meeting was set for November 4, 2000 at the Greg and Nadine Mitchell residence in Sacramento. Greg will send Board members a map. Members are to bring pot luck dishes. Lunch will start at noon. Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING FESTIVALS:**

Harvest Festival in Fresno, October 21 and 22

Kolo Festival in San Francisco, November 23, 24 and 25

Treasurer's Ball in Sonoma, December 3

**For Year 2001:**

Heritage Festival in San Carlos, January 12 and 13

Sweetheart Festival in Napa, February 11

Festival of the Oaks in Berkeley, February 25

Camellia Festival in Sacramento, March 10 and 11

Cherry Blossom in Sonoma, April 1

Blossom Festival in San Francisco, April 2001 date yet to be decided

Out-of-State Statewide in Las Vegas, May 18, 19 20

Rose Festival in Santa Rosa, May 20

**FOR YEAR 2002:**

Statewide 2002 in Sacramento, one week before the Memorial Day weekend.

Greg Mitchell moved the meeting be adjourned. Sharen Skorup seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laila Messer, Recording Secretary.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 9-1-2000 TO 9-23-2000

Beginning Balance		<u>\$ 27,612.78</u>
Total income	\$ <u>644.00</u>	
Total expenses	\$ <u>824.42</u>	
Income vs Expenses	- \$ <u>180.42</u>	
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 27,432.36</u>

RECAP OF ACCOUNTS

Checking	\$ <u>6,327.73</u>
Savings	\$ <u>2,836.60</u>
Savings (Lets Dance)	\$ <u>7,021.11</u>
Savings C.D. Business Account	\$ <u>11,246.92</u>

Ending Balance \$ 27,432.36

