

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SAN CARLOS, CALIFORNIA

January 10, 2004

President Laila Messer called the meeting to order at 10:34 A.M. Peninsula Council President, Al Lisin, welcomed the Board.

The Sgt.-at-Arms was absent, but a quorum was present. Attendance: Laila Messer, President, E.C. "Vick" Vickland, Secretary, Paul Nyberg, Treasurer, Mel Mann, Sidney Messer, Bruce Wyckoff, Marlon Earl, Toba Goddard, Gary Anderson, Sharen Nyberg, Dick Rawson, Irene Croft, Teddy Wolterbeek, and Al Lisin.

The minutes of the previous Executive Board Meeting, October 19, 2003, were accepted without objection.

ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

President Laila Messer reported the resignation of Nadine and Greg Mitchell, *Let's Dance!* editor and business manager. Gary Anderson agreed to put out the February issue.

• **Secretary** Vick Vickland reported that in response to our decision to mail assembly minutes only to Board members, attendees and those who expressed interest in receiving minutes, 7 members have requested routine receipt of minutes, either by mail or e-mail. Assembly minutes will be sent to these people.

Treasurer Paul Nyberg reported that he is bringing our books up to date from June 2003, and has only completed them to October 2003.

APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS

Lets Dance! Editor: Gary Anderson reported that he enjoyed editing the February issue, and is willing to continue doing so at his cost, which will be significantly more than the previous expense. It would be \$550 for 24 pages, plus about \$150 for postage. **MSC (S. Nyberg; Mann) that Gary continue as Let's Dance! editor.**

Membership Chair, Sidney Messer, reported that we have 62 member-clubs and 215 Associate Members. Names of new members will be published in *Let's Dance!* every 6 months. Subscribers who are not Associate Members do not pay the cost of the publication, and having this separate category creates extra work.

MSC (Goddard: P.Nyberg) that the Federation drop "Subscriber" category. This will be effective at their renewal time.

Publications ABSENT

Historian VACANT

Public Relations/Publicity Chair Mel Mann expressed interest in having a doctor write an article for outside publications regarding the health benefits of folk dance, and requested that anyone who knows of someone who might write such an article contact him.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Costume Research ABSENT

Dance Research Committee Chair, Joyce Ugglä, was absent, and sent the following report: She had planned to have completed the Index and Pronunciation Guide, a spiral-bound book with a 11 x 8.5 orientation to make the listings easier to use. It will be done for Statewide. Theoretically, we can sell a CD with the pdf, but that makes it very easy to make copies.

Finance Committee Chair, Sharen Nyberg, reported that she is working closely with the Treasurer, and hopes to have a budget for review by February 29, 2004. **Insurance** Committee Chairs, Frank & Elsa Bacher were absent, and sent the following report: To date we have mailed out 85 certificates of insurance to clubs and facilities; 28 more are expected for clubs which submitted their requests after Nov. 20, '03." This year we have 54 insured clubs, including 787 dancers, and have paid out \$7974.05 in insurance premiums.

Statewide 2004, Modesto ABSENT

Teachers Committee Chair, Bruce Wyckoff, presented a proposal that we offer a training session for people who want to offer one-time dance programs to church, school or other groups. He was encouraged to proceed with plans This committee has put out a list of dances clubs do, submitted it to Councils. The "popularity list" of dances will be included in the March issue of *Let's Dance!*

ROTATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Institute Committee Chair, Marion Earl, reported that The Harvest Festival at Fresno was a financial disappointment, losing approximately \$100. It was suggested that other Councils and the Federation help the Fresno Council with publicity ideas. It may be a good investment of some Federation funds. The possibility of getting information to area public school teachers of Northern California was offered.

North/South ABSENT

Scholarship Chairman, Morris Jerome, was absent and sent the report that there was one application for scholarship to Stockton Folk Dance Camp. He said that it is time to appoint a new chair, as he has been serving on the committee for 2 years. It was suggested that past recipients of scholarships be appointed to the committee, as is done by the Sacramento Council.

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

Peninsula Council President, Al Lisin, expressed pleasure in accepting the Federation to San Carlos.

Sacramento Council President, Toba Goddard, reminded the group of the coming Camellia Festival. She pointed out that we are unable to bring food into the University Union, and that having lunch catered would be expensive, so lunch will not be provided. Some of the fast food establishments, including a pizza parlor, will be open.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Events

February 9	Sweetheart Festival, Napa
February 29	Festival of the Oaks, Laney College Oakland
March 13, 14	Camellia Festival, Sacramento
April ?	Cherry Blossom Festival, Sonoma
April ??	Blossom Festival, San Francisco

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Teddy Wolterbeek proposed using our \$50,000 received from the Kenyon Rayner Trust Fund as seed money to develop a Northern California folk dance center (or folk center) to be used for festivals, performances, classes, parties, group meetings, and housing historical materials and a library. Sharen Nyberg offered and was appointed to chair the committee to consider the best use of these funds, and this proposal was referred to that committee.

Laila expressed the idea that new members automatically receive a copy of the Federation by-laws and roster. The group consensus was "Do it;" no motion required.

In lieu of the assembly minutes being mailed to all Associate Members, it was suggested that a condensed report be included in *Let's Dance!* Vick agreed to assume this task, with an article called "What's Happening," with not only what happened in meetings, but other interesting information.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elbert C. Vickland, Secretary

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