

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
CAMELLIA FESTIVAL
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
Saturday, March 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by President Bill Lidicker.

Directors present were: Gary Anderson, Denise Heenan, Bill Lidicker, Louise Lidicker, Loui Tucker, Vick Vickland, Teddy Wolterbeek, and Sabine Zappe. Guests present were: Adony Beniares, Rebecca Beniares, Valerie Daley, and Al Wolterbeek. Directors absent: Elsa Bacher, Ann Brown, Joel Bruxvoort, Toba Goddard, Eileen Kopec, Laila Messer, Sidney Messer, Davida Munkres, and Bill Wenzel.

On behalf of the Sacramento International Folk Dance and Arts Council, Barry Moore welcomed everyone to the 53rd annual Camellia Festival.

President Bill thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and noted that those present did not represent a quorum.

The minutes of the February 21, 2009, Board Meeting (Festival of the Oaks in Berkeley) were approved as corrected.

REPORTS OF ELECTED OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT, Bill Lidicker – The progress report dated January 14, 2009, submitted by Toba Goddard, Chair of the Nominating Committee, is her official report. The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers for the year 2009-10: President - Loui Tucker, Vice-President – Bill Lidicker, Secretary – Rebecca Beniares, and Treasurer – Sabine Zappe. There will be a Blossom Festival in San Francisco on Sunday, April 26, 2009. All Board members are asked to plan to be there especially since the all important annual Assembly meeting will be held at that time. Since it is International Dance Week, all events will be free. Because of poor publicity for this event, notices to our Email membership list will be sent out soon. Flyers may be sent to those without Email. Statewide Festival 2009 will be held May 22,23,24, and 25 in San Diego at Balboa Park. A full program of events will be in the April issue of Let's Dance.

VICE-PRESIDENT, Loui Tucker – Loui reported that she has held a brainstorming session on March 7, 2009, with several members on the future of the Federation. A full written report will be given to the Secretary. Highlights from her report were: development of cards, coupons, and flyers to advertise and promote folk dance (Susan Gregory); plans to redesign the Website (Loui, and Adony Beniares – Adony has also offered to help maintain the Website); use of Email as the main way of communication – a convenient contact system; and creating, distributing, and compiling a dance survey on festivals – how to make them more attractive. Full report attached.

SECRETARY, Teddy Wolterbeek – No report

TREASURER, Sabine Zappe – Report on file. The Finance Committee will explore changing our accounts from Certificates of Deposit to money market funds, and withdrawing all funds from Wells Fargo Bank to be deposited in another bank. The State Board of Equalization Seller's Permit will be cancelled since we have so few sales.

REPORTS OF APPOINTED OFFICERS:

EDITOR, Gary Anderson – Gary wants people to keep in touch, notify him about their activities. Deadline for articles is always the first day of the month previous to publication – April 1st is the deadline for the May-June issue, etc.

MEMBERSHIP, Sidney Messer – Not present Louise Lidicker moved to approve membership for Individual Member Gordon Ross from San Francisco, and Group Member Saratoga International Folk Dance Family from Saratoga. Seconded, passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE, Louise Lidicker – The proposed budget was discussed. Louise moved to approve the proposed Budget for 2009-10 as presented. Seconded, passed

INSTITUTE, Denise Heenan – Discussion was held regarding use of Stockton Folk Dance Camp teachers' music for Institutes. It was decided that the Institute Committee would contact teachers at Camp to see if they would be willing to let the Federation use part of their CDs to make a single CD for use and distribution at official institutes. If they agree, a single CD would be made to be given with the syllabus (or sold with the syllabus). If they do not agree, the Institute Committee would then provide a music contact list that would include teachers and vendors names so that institute attendees could order the music for themselves.

INSURANCE, Elsa Bacher – Not present

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Toba Goddard – Not present

NORTH-SOUTH, Laila Messer – Not present

PROMOTION, Ann Brown – Not present

PUBLICATIONS, Joel Bruxvoort – Not present. Discussion was held regarding a request from Cricket for \$300 from the Federation to help her buy a special computer program to assist her with inputting dance instructions. It was recommended that she apply for a grant for this purpose through the Promotion Fund. Cost would possibility be shared with Federation South.

PUBLICITY, Eileen Kopec – Not present

RESEARCH, Bill Wenzel – Not present

SCHOLARSHIP, Davida Munkres – Davida was not present. At her request the board discussed and reported on an unusual scholarship application that she had received. The Board approved an increase in her budget allotment from \$1100.00 to \$1162.50 in case her Committee wishes to award 3 scholarships to Stockton Folk Dance Camp. It also approved the policy of offering scholarships at 50% of Stockton Camp fees for a double room for this. Her draft SOP was submitted and the following comments and questions were discussed:

1. Should applicants be able to receive a scholarship more than once? If so, how often? Once every 4 years? 5?
2. Should scholarships be made available to other folk dance camps? (other than Stockton)
3. What should be the deadline for applying?
4. What amount should be awarded? 50%? (on a shared-room basis)
5. Should scholarship recipients be requested to write an article for Let's Dance about Camp experience and/or teach a dance learned at Camp?

Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

STATEWIDE, Gary Anderson – Gary is planning a Statewide 2010 Committee meeting in Sonoma at the facility soon.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

501(c)(3), Dick Rawson – Not present. Bill L. reported that Dick plans to start working on this again next week. Vick said he needs a copy of the current Bylaws before he can help with any action on the 501(c)(3) status. Bill will send this to him.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Request from Steve Himel, Fed. South. Steve has requested our membership roster and contact information on our Federation officers. The full membership roster would go to key officers only. Bill will ask Sidney to send copies of our new roster, once it has been produced, to the Federation South officers, with a note that this is a proprietary document not to be distributed.

2. Archives. This was tabled until the next meeting. Adony Beniares expressed an interest in helping out with this project.

Further business was dispensed with due to time constraints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009, 10:30 a.m.,
AT THE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL IN SAN FRANCISCO

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teddy Wolterbeek, Secretary