

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA
MEETING OF THE FEDERATION ASSEMBLY
BLOSSOM FESTIVAL
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
Sunday, April 26, 2009

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

Directors present were: Gary Anderson, Elsa Bacher, Joel Bruxvoort, Denise Heenan, Eileen Kopec, Bill Lidicker, Louise Lidicker, Laila Messer, Sidney Messer, Loui Tucker, Bill Wenzel, Teddy Wolterbeek, and Sabine Zappe. Other members present were: Adony Beniares, Rebecca Beniares, Ann Colichidas, Irene Croft, Al Lisin, Pat Lisin, Esther Mann, Mel Mann, Page Masson, John Michael Seltzer, Stela Voyles, and Al Wolterbeek. Directors absent: Ann Brown, Davida Munkres, Vick Vickland.

Welcome from local committee: Joel Bruxvoort welcomed everyone to the Blossom Festival. He announced the location for lunch and noted that Changs International folk Dancers has helped with the organization of the Festival including the lunch.

The minutes of the previous meeting March 14, 2009, Board Meeting (Camellia Festival in Sacramento) were read and approved.

REPORTS OF ELECTED OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT, Bill Lidicker – Bill reported that since there was not a quorum at the Camellia Festival March meeting, he held a virtual meeting following the Camellia Festival from March 29th through the 31st. During that meeting two items were affirmed: the Budget, and new members voted in. Bill announced that Statewide Festival May 22-25 will be held at Balboa Park in San Diego. He encouraged all officers, past and present, to go, especially since there will be installation of officers.

VICE-PRESIDENT, Loui Tucker – Loui stated that her report will be given as comments on various additional reports from others during the meeting today.

SECRETARY, Teddy Wolterbeek – No report

TREASURER, Sabine Zappe – Report on file. The Treasurer's Report has been sent to the Board members by Email. Sabine passed out hard copies of the report to those present. Three scholarships have been paid out. Sabine will work on getting our funds transferred from Wells Fargo in June.

REPORTS OF APPOINTED OFFICERS:

EDITOR, Gary Anderson – Gary reported that he “keeps on plugging”! He has redesigned Page 2, lists the Promotion Fund in each issue, and will accept digital photos. All issues are mailed on the same day. Loui noted that she received two responses to her

festival survey placed on our website. She brought extra copies for distribution. Bill L. reminded everyone that June 1st is the next Let's Dance! deadline, and thanked Gary for a great job.

MEMBERSHIP, Sidney Messer – Sidney reported that there is one new member. He announced that Marion Rose will be the new Membership Chair. She will be taking over as soon as the transfer of necessary documents can be accomplished. Sidney was thanked for all the work he has done. Louise Lidicker moved to approve David Smart as a new member. Seconded, passed.

PARLIAMENTARIAN, Vick Vickland – Not present. No report.

ELECTIONS:

The President reported that a quorum of both the Board and Assembly were present. He read the slate of nominations proposed by the Nominating Committee in March, and invited additional nominations from the floor. There being none, he declared the slate elected by acclamation. The new officers are:

President – Loui tucker
Vice President – Bill Lidicker
Secretary – Rebecca Beniares
Treasurer – Sabine Zappe

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE, Louise Lidicker – No report

INSTITUTE, Denise Heenan – Denise reported that approximately 80 people attended the Camellia Festival Institute. Atanas taught four dances, and Jerry and Jill Duke taught several mixers. There was a separate admission charge for each teacher's session. Members of the Institute Committee for next year are Marion Earl and Judy Yamahiro. One more person is needed.

INSURANCE, Elsa Bacher – No report. Loui advised that plans for possibly using the NFO insurance plan are still pending, waiting for further information.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Toba Goddard – Not present

NORTH-SOUTH, Laila Messer – The minutes of the N/S meeting held at the last Statewide, 2008, written by Vick Vickland, were distributed. Approximately 15 attended that meeting. Some highlights discussed in the report were: Vick – Vendors (as a public entity may be required to have a business license and pay taxes), and his Spark Plug Committee, Mel – made contacts with schools, and organized an Elder Hostel folk dance class, Sidney – Changs Family Night has been successful, and he recommends that a

charge be made to the public for Beginners classes and festivals so they would recognize the value of it.

Brief mentions were made of the Berkeley/Albany Solano Stroll as a recruiting mechanism, and the Sacramento International Folk Dance & Arts Council's Introduction to Dance program supported by the Federation Promotion Committee. Laila then brought up for discussion the presentation of the traditional Past-President's pin at a cost of \$250. President Bill said that he appreciated the gesture but that \$250 is too much to spend on a pin. He felt that this is a new era, and said that that much money should be spent in another way. Loui agreed. Laila suggested the formation of an ad hoc Recognition Committee to help promote recognition of Federation officers. This idea was favorably received but its implementation will be left to the new President. Louise will try to contact a pin company in Berkeley to advise on Past-Presidents pin.

PROMOTION, Ann Brown – No report. It was announced that the Introduction to Dance Class in Sacramento had an attendance of 30 new dancers. Of the original 30, 9 people attended the first class in the series of four to be held. A suggestion was made that a “Friends of the Federation” Email list be developed. Mel noted a listing in the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Guide for Berkeley. He also suggested sending a letter to churches to let them know that the Federation has members available to go to churches and teach beginners.

PUBLICATIONS, Joel Bruxvoort – Loui Tucker and Susan Gregory have met and are working on a design to take the Website a step further - Phase 1. When this is completed, Phase 2 would begin. Phase 2 will be to develop flyers to lead people to the Website, to print approximately 400 of them, and to distribute them possibly as inserts in Let's Dance! or at festivals, etc.

PUBLICITY, Eileen Kopec – Noted that there will be an increased budget for this Committee in 2009-10. Susan Gregory is on the Committee.

RESEARCH, Bill Wenzel – Bill reported that the Committee continues to work with Gary on getting dances published. He reminded us that the Stockton Research Committee is separate from the Federation Research Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP, Davida Munkres – Davida was not present. Bill L. announced that four applications were received. Three scholarships will be awarded this year. Mel added that all four applicants were outstanding. Loui announced that Beth Berezovsky will be the new Chair for the Scholarship Committee. Beth and Davida will work on scholarship application guidelines and complete the draft SOP.

STATEWIDE, Gary Anderson – The Committee is communicating and will be meeting soon elsewhere, not Sonoma.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

501(c)(3), Dick Rawson – Not present. Vick will continue on the Committee, and serve as a Sacramento based contact. Loui has names of two others to be added to the

Committee. Teddy suggested checking with members or friends of members for an attorney to help with this.

OLD BUSINESS:

Archives. Teddy suggested the possibility of storing the records in a portable building such as a Barnco on their property. Another suggestion was a storage facility in El Cerrito with the following monthly rates: 10x10 - \$133, 5x10 - \$103, 5x5 - \$67. Adony Beniares commented that if we were a 501(c)(3), a storage company might be willing to donate the storage space.

NEW BUSINESS:

Teachers. Teddy recommended that the Federation make a strong effort to focus on promoting and developing new teachers. There are not enough teachers now who are both willing and able to start new classes and new clubs. Bill L. said that perhaps the Teachers Committee could be reestablished to begin a teacher training program.

President Bill thanked everyone for coming and turned over the gavel to our new President, Loui Tucker. The entire group enthusiastically applauded and thanked Bill for his service as President.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teddy Wolterbeek, Secretary