

Folk Dance Federation Board Meeting

Sept 13, 2009 11:00am
Veteran's Hall Sonoma Ca

Meeting called by:	Loui Tucker	Type of meeting:	Board Meeting
Facilitator:	Loui Tucker	Note taker:	Rebecca Beniares

Attendees: Loui Tucker, Sabine Zappe, Rebecca Beniares, Adony Beniares, Elsa Bacher, Laila Messer, Sidney Messer, Margaret Harrison, Cricket Raybern, Marion Rose, Ann Brown, John Michael Seltzer

Meeting called to order at 11:05pm

**Agenda
Item #1**

Additions and changes to agenda

(Please note status reports are arbitrary and will change with every meeting)

Presenter: Loui Tucker

**Agenda
item # 2**

Reading of previous meeting minutes (08-15-09)

Minutes approved

Presenter: Rebecca Beniares

**Agenda
item # 3**

Treasurer's Report

(see attached)

Presenter: Sabine Zappe

Discussion:

Sabine corrected dates on budget report - should be from 06-01-2008 to 05-31-2009

- Books closed on last fiscal year
- June 1, 2009 to 09-12-2009 budget summary handed out
- No projected budget - will get from Louise Lidicker when she and Bill get back from travels.
- *Let's Dance!* subscriptions increased, but printing and postage costs also increased
- Got a \$100.00 bonus for opening Chase accounts. See attached budget summary for Chase account info

Conclusions: We are doing ok financially

**Agenda
item #4**

President's Report

(Includes Communications/Publications status report)

Presenter: Loui Tucker

Discussion:

- There will be a Heritage Festival planning meeting on Sept 27, 2009 at Pat and Al Lisen's
 - Loui was invited by Gemma Sandoval to participate in a Counterpulse Folkloric Dance "Performance in Diaspora" event in Nov 2009 as Co-Presenter. Should she go? Should Federation be involved?
 - Tangent - Laila talked about the lack of non Eastern European dances in the Folk Dance Community. Why can't we do Chinese, African, etc?
 - Susan's flyers are ready for *Let's Dance!* Mag. Loui presented four choices on behalf of the Publicity Committee (Eileen Kopec could not attend). Board suggested changes and chose 2 for publication in *Let's Dance!*
 - If Gary Anderson can't print flyers in *Let's Dance!*, Adony proposes to possibly make a larger generic flyer.
 - For *Let's Dance!* mag and posterity, we should start interviewing Folk Dancers who have danced for a long time - like Marcel and Laila and Sidney Messer. Interview about 4 people a year.
 - Cricket Raybern didn't have an opportunity to ask her son-in-law to provide a quote for business cards.
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Action items

- ✓ Publicize Heritage Festival planning meeting on Yahoo groups
- ✓ Check out Counterpulse Organization and possibly post event info in *Let's Dance*/mag and on Yahoo groups and web.
- ✓ E-mail board for final decision on Susan's flyer design
- ✓ Do text for back side of Susan's flyer (re: rules for flyer posting in public places)
- ✓ Interviews will be discussed at a later board meeting
- ✓ Cricket will approach her son-in-law about business cards

Person responsible

Adony
Loui
Loui
Adony and Eileen Kopec
Cricket

Agenda item #5 **Committees – Status Reports**

Membership

Presenter: Marion Rose

Per Marion:

- Steve Himel joined. The board approved him.
- George Taylor was dropped because he passed away.
- Inga had stroke and sent in membership late
- How about gift memberships?

- Conclusions/ Action Items**
- ✓ The Board is treating Roy Butler to a free membership because Loui, as President has \$500.00 in discretionary funds to use for misc things.
 - ✓ Marion will send text for gift membership to Loui, Loui will design the Ad and will get it in by Oct1 2009 for the November issue of *Let's Dance* (before the Holidays.)

Statewide Festival

Presenter: Gary Anderson not present

Let's Dance Magazine

Presenter: Gary Anderson not present

Publicity

Presenter: Eileen Kopec not present

Research

Presenter: Cricket Raybern

- Conclusions/ Action Items**
- There are 12 research committee members. Each will do 2 dance notes per year. Three to 4 pages will be sent to Gary Anderson each month.

North/South

Presenter: Laila Meser

Discussion:

Laila hasn't been able to get minutes from No/So people
Tangent - What about the Federation's Past President's pin?

- Conclusions/ Action Items**
- ✓ Laila will contact Valerie Daly re: minutes and posting flyers (per Loui's suggestion.)
 - ✓ Laila to brainstorm with Louise Lidiker (when Louise gets back from vacation) on style, material, etc. of pin. Laila also to ask people's opinions on Yahoo Groups.

Promotion

Presenter: Ann Brown

Discussion:

- Per Ann - there are zero requests for funding
 - Idea : Promo \$ can be used as a grant like with the Kolo Festival to attract big name people. Or as a loan to different groups.
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- Conclusions/ Action Items**
- ✓ Ann will do a profile piece in *Let's Dance!* magazine.
 - ✓ Ann will follow up with a beginner class promotion in Sacramento and will use promo funds for this.

Institutes

Presenter: Marion Earl did not attend

Discussion:

- Judy Yamahiro and Marion Earl are in charge of Institutes and are working on Heritage Festival theme. Theme will probably be "The best of Stockton 2009"

Scholarship

Presenter: Beth Berezovsky did not attend

Discussion:

- Beth is modifying the SOP for scholarships - they will be expanded to other dance events/camps (in California only.)
- Beth will advertise in Let's Dance magazine re: the above change.

Insurance

Presenter: Elsa Bacher

Discussion:

- Cost of insurance up 20 cents more per dancer in 2010 from 2009.
- In an effort to insure enrollment of 100% of each club's members, roster must be signed by club official.

Nominating

Presenter: Bill Lidicker did not attend

Discussion: None - committee membership pending

501c(3) Ad Hoc Committee

Presenter: Vick Vickland did not attend

Discussion:

- Per Loui - Vick got the 501c(3) book and is working on it.
- Will address his progress in future.

Agenda item # 6 Location, Date, Time for next Board Meeting

Presenter: Loui Tucker

Conclusions/ Action Items

- ✓ Will NOT be held at the Kolo Festival
- ✓ Possibly will be on Sat, Dec 6, 2009 at Louise Lidicker's, including a potluck. Loui will check with Louise about the date.
- ✓ Adjourned meeting at 12:54 - Elsa motioned to adjourn, approved.