

Folk Dance Federation Board Meeting

January 16, 2010 - 11:00 AM, Adjourned at 12:35

Location: Heritage Festival - San Carlos

Meeting called by President Loui Tucker -- Minutes taken by: Rebecca Beniares

Attendees: Loui Tucker*, Sabine Zappe*, Rebecca Beniares*, Adony Beniares*, Bill Lidicker*, Louise Lidicker*, Muriel Mahrer, Marcel Vinokur, Sidney Messer, Laila Messer, Gary Anderson, Elsa Bacher*, Mel Mann, Vick Vickland*, Chris Wells, Sara Valentine, Jake Culian, Kaitlin Reggiardo, Jaevre Howard, Kraig Sowa, Caitlin Lee Carpenter, Robert Null, Michael Hardbarger, Esther Mann, Karen Wilson-Bell, Naomi Lidicker, Dick Rawson, Marion Earl, Pat Lisin, Al Lisin, Cricket Raybern, Beth Berezovsky*, Judy Yamahiro*, Al Wolterbeek, Teddy Wolterbeek. **A quorum was present.**

Reading of previous meeting minutes

Presenter: Rebecca Beniares

(Minutes of Sept 13, 2009)

See Treasurer's Report from Elsa Bacher with corrections.

Approval of minutes - MSC (Bill Lidicker)

Treasurer's Report (attached)

Presenter: Sabine Zappe

The Federation is in good financial order. See attached report.

Report/Discussion

1. There was a discussion about why it's necessary to separate Let's Dance subscriptions (primarily libraries and institutions) from membership (actual dancers).

Action Items -

2. Sabine will move the last CD, which comes due in March 2010, from Wells Fargo to Chase, joining the other bank accounts that have been moved.

Committee Reports

MEMBERSHIP

Presenter: Loui (For Marion Rose)

Report/Discussion

1. See attached report from Marion Rose - and attached list of dropped members and new members. Without objection, new members were approved.
2. Elsa asks about creating a printed directory with membership info. Discussion ensued about cost, privacy issues, etc. Website determined to be best way to go.
3. How should membership data on website be managed? Available by password or controlled by the Membership Chair?
4. MSC (Loui Tucker) to establish directory online via the Membership Chairperson, Marion Rose.
5. MSC (Loui Tucker) to let Board Members only access the protected Membership information on the Web.
6. MSC (Teddy W.) to provide a printed copy of directory to Members only upon their request.

Action Items -

1. Loui will contact people on list of dropped members to find out what happened to them.
2. Loui will talk with Marion Rose about a procedure for Marion to use in maintaining and protecting online directory.

501(3)(c) Ad Hoc Committee

Presenter: Vick Vickland

Report/Discussion

1. All paperwork done except for 2 signatures from Loui. Next step is to mail documents with the check.
2. Loui will be the contact person for the approval of the 501(3)(c).

Action Items -

1. Vick to get the 2 signatures from Loui and mail in documents. Treasurer Sabine Zappe will provide the required check. He will also check on the status of our application during processing.

SCHOLARSHIP

Presenter: Beth Beresovsky

Report/Discussion

1. Discussed the wording of the Scholarship SOP (Structure, Purpose, Methodology)
2. Beth wants to update the wording of SOP. MSC (Loui T.)

Action Items -

Beth will update the wording in the SOP as follows:

1. The first sentence of the third paragraph (.....to interested parties, and select winners.....) will be changed from "winners" to "participants."
2. The second sentence of item number 4 (...The length of membership will be considered....) will be changed from "will" to "may."
3. Item number 8 will be added to the bottom of the SOP which states that the scholarship money given will be up to 50% of the camp tuition, room and board per recipient and not include other expenses such as travel.

STATEWIDE

Presenter: Gary Anderson

Report/Discussion

1. Flyers for Statewide are available and info is online, too.
2. Gary asked if the Federation can join Northwest Folk Dancer, Inc. for \$18.00. We save money in advertisements when we join their magazine. MSC (Loui T.)
3. Gary said that Marge Gajicki wants to bring her shop to Statewide, but it will cost us \$10.00 more per hour for the hall.

Action Items -

1. Gary will look into the details of letting Marge set up shop and report at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

Presenter: Adony Beniares

Report/Discussion

1. Discussed which people are to be interviewed for *Let's Dance!* magazine.
2. Adony proposes a link from folkdance website to pictures and his display artwork.

Action Items -

1. Becky to interview Al and Pat Lisin.
2. Laila to interview Elsa Bacher
3. Caitlin Lee Carpenter to interview Al and Teddy Wolterbeek.

PUBLICITY

Presenter: Loui Tucker

Report/Discussion

1. Per Loui, we need a new Publicity chair.
 2. How do we connect the Federation to the Kaiser Permanente Thrive program?
 3. Loui proposes giving promotional items to members in order to promote and increase visibility of Folk Dance. Suggested items included canvas bags, mugs, etc.
 4. MSC (Loui) to spend \$500.00 to develop, create and provide promotional items at future events.
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Action Items -

1. Loui will talk to Susan Gregory about being the new Publicity chair.
2. Teddy will look into the Sacramento area Kaiser for info re: Thrive Program
3. Loui will work with Susan Gregory on a design for a promotional item such as a canvas tote bag to be given to Federation members who attend Statewide 2010. The design will be approved by the Board via email discussion.

NOMINATING

Presenter: Elsa Bacher

Report/Discussion

1. Elsa asked Todd Wagner if he was interested in becoming V.P. of the Federation and he declined. Still need to find a V.P. to take Bill Lidicker's place.

LET'S DANCE MAGAZINE

Presenter: Gary Anderson

Report/Discussion

1. *Let's Dance!* magazine will be mailed next Tuesday.

PROMOTION FUND

Presenter: Ann Brown

Report/Discussion

1. \$2000.00 grant should be given to Humboldt Folk Dancers for their Festival, 2nd weekend in April
2. \$1000.00 awarded in September to Fresno Dancers for their Festival (For band and hall.) Event was postponed until further notice (probably sometime this Spring.)
3. In the past the Promotion Fund supported Roy Butler's efforts to film and post folk dance videos on the internet.

Action Items -

1. Sabine will mail out \$2000.00 check to Humboldt Dancers.

INSURANCE

Presenter: Elsa Bacher

Report/Discussion

1. See attached report.

INSTITUTES

Presenter: Marion Earl

Report/Discussion

1. Marion has prepared CDs and a syllabus and they are ready for the Heritage Festival Institute.

LOCATION OF THE NEXT MEETING: undetermined - TBA later