

Minutes of the Federation Meeting
Saturday, February 8, 2015
at the Festival of the Oaks, Berkeley, California

In attendance:

Memo Keswick (President)
Kevin Greek (Vice President)
Loui Tucker (Secretary)
Craig Blackstone (Nominating)
Joe Croco (Archives)
Lucy Chang (Past President)
Laura Douglass (Finance)
Marija Hillis (Promotion)
Bill Lidicker (Parliamentarian)

Federation Members

Lone Coleman
Clem Dickey
Richard Graham
Judy Keswick
Louise Lidicker

Visitors

Dragan Djordjevic

President Memo Keswick presided and called the meeting to order at 12:18 PM. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting held on January 10, 2015, were provided in advance, and included corrections that had been submitted. Because time was limited, the Minutes were not read. A motion was made by Craig Blackstone and seconded by Laura Douglass to approve the minutes. The motion passed and the minutes will be posted on the website.

President's Report

Memo reported on various issues. Gary Anderson requested Federation co-sponsorship for the Balkan Plus Party. There was a discussion about why Gary needed co-sponsorship. It was suggested that this was probably not for insurance purposes or to get a lowered advertising rate because the Advanced Balkan Club is already a Federation member. Another suggestion was made that Gary may just need to use the Federation's 501(c)(3) status to get a lowered rental rate on the hall. The Board agreed that Gary could put "Co-sponsored by the Folk Dance Federation" on advertisements for the Balkan Plus Party.

Sunday, April 26 at 10:30 AM is the Board meeting and General Assembly, which is before San Francisco City College's New Dancers Festival and Blossom Festival, and the election of Officers will take place then.

Last month Memo initiated the Video Challenge and the first Video Challenge has been met. John Nicoara's video of Cetvorka has been posted. Other clubs and dancers have contacted Memo about presenting a challenge. Memo paid the \$30 challenge fee and John Nicoara was so pleased with the challenge and the results that he also donated \$100 to the Federation.

Memo opened a discussion about Statewide 2016. It would be nice to have a venue, or at least a group that is willing to put on Statewide. Bill Lidicker reported that BFD has put some work into getting a suitable venue. They have a committee of nine people currently discussing options. They checked several possible venues, including the Double Tree Hotel at the Marina where they could put in a portable floor. They have put a hold on May 27-28-29, 2016, at the Albany Veterans Memorial Hall pending approval by the Federation Board. There was a motion by Craig Blackstone, and a second by Laura Douglass, to approve Berkeley Folk Dancer's proposal that they host Statewide 2016. After a brief wait to check with Carol Friedman (who had also been approached to put on Statewide 2016 in the North Bay), the vote was taken, and it passed. The Board thanked the Berkeley Folk Dancers for stepping up to manage this event.

The National Folk Organization is proposing to have their annual conference in Spring of 2016 in Northern California. Cricket Raybern is looking for a potential speaker or two to present at the NFO Conference. If anyone has ideas for a speaker they should contact Cricket.

Memo asked Loui to talk about a project she is calling the Bay Area Folk Dancing map. Loui introduced the concept: a google map with pins logged on spots where dance clubs and classes are located. A legend lists all group names and clicking on a pin provides details such as specific address, day of the week, time, contact person(s), etc. It could then be imbedded in the Federation website and is easily updated. She has set up an appointment to talk to someone to do the data entry.

Treasurer's Report (Sabine Zappe absent; written report provided)

What was sent to Board members includes some columns Memo added to Sabine's report that contain his notes and comments. The donations are some small donations by people who just send small checks or overage on membership checks.

Laura Douglass moved and Craig Blackstone seconded motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Finance (Laura Douglass present; no written report provided)

Laura will start working on the budget for 2015-2016 in March.

Past President (Lucy Chang present; no written report provided)

Lucy is focusing on the New Dancers Festivals. The latest one was in Chico. It was a new venue, and the weather was rainy, and only three new dancers appeared. On the plus side everyone enjoyed the event. The group will not be asking for reimbursement from the Federation.

Insurance Report (Ken Kaye absent; written report provided)

The Albany Dancers changed their venue and their name to East Bay Folk Dancers, and the group is now participating in the Federation's insurance program. No claims were reported.

Vice President (Kevin Greek present; written report provided)

Kevin's report shows the groups that will be participating in the Bay Area Dance Week project he is managing. There was a great response to this project.

There was a question whether the Promotions Committee agreed to fund this project (pay for the fees), or will Federation be funding. Marija Hillis had not discussed this project with the Promotions Committee members, plans to do this week.

There was a discussion about which clubs and individuals want to be reimbursed, and whether Kevin wanted to be reimbursed. Kevin will donate the \$66 initial entrance fee for himself, but he would like to be reimbursed for the \$12 per club per event.

On a side note, the San Francisco City College group (SFCC) offered to provide lunch at the next meeting. It was agreed that if SFCC purchases the food, the Federation will reimburse the group. A motion was made by Lucy Chang, seconded by Bill Lidicker to reimburse the SFCC up to \$120 for lunch in conjunction with the next Board meeting at their Blossom Festival.

Institutes Committee (Denise Heenan absent; written report provided)

No comments were made.

Promotions (Marija Hillis present; no written report provided)

Someone recently approached Marija via email about obtaining a promotion grant. She directed them to the website to obtain the information that is required of an applicant. Marija plans to develop an actual application form to be filled in instead of having questions that applicants have to answer via a letter.

Archives (Joe Croco present; no written report provided)

Joe reported that he was approached by Neil Moore, the son of John and Bunny Moore. The Moores were active in the Sierra Foothills area beginning in the 1950s. Neil has a couple of boxes of miscellaneous materials ranging from records to back issues of *Let's Dance!* magazines. Joe's plan is meet up with Neil at the up-coming Camellia Festival. It was suggested that this might make an interesting article for *Let's Dance!*

Gail Barton, a former dance teacher at San Francisco City College. She has hundreds of records, along with other dance-related materials. She is in Redwood City, and Joe plans to visit her to review the materials.

The Archives Committee was reminded that materials offered and accepted should not be then discarded if duplicative. The items should be brought to Federation events and offered to dancers.

Bylaws (Bill Lidicker present; no written report provided)

The final approved bylaws have been posted to the website.

Let's Dance! Editor (Gary Anderson absent; no written report provided)

New Projects. Vick Vickland made a short presentation outlining what he tentatively called a Travel Contest which would be a competition to see what individual or club traveled the greatest distance to dance at different clubs (other than his/her/their home club). He admitted it was just an idea at that point, and the details would need to be worked out, but he was interested in talking to anyone who might be interested in discussing the idea, developing the rules, coming up with the prize(s), and presenting the project again at a future Board meeting.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be at 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 7 at the Camellia Festival. Memo will be polling

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.