

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North) Board Meeting
Saturday, January 23, 2016
at Twin Pines Recreation Center, Belmont, California

In attendance:

Kevin Greek (President)
Cynthia Lambert (Vice President)
Clem Dickey (Secretary)
Loui Tucker (Treasurer)

Board members (in alphabetical order)

Craig Blackstone (Nominating)
Lucy Chang (Institutes)
Joe Croco (Archives)
Susan Gregory (Communications (acting), Publicity)
Memo Keswick (Past President)

Federation members

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President Kevin Greek called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. A quorum was present.

- Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting, held on September 19, 2015, were provided in advance. They included corrections submitted from various Board members before the meeting. The minutes were not read. Board members received copies to review on January 12, which provided sufficient time to review them.

Lucy made, and Susan seconded, a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed on a voice vote.

- Handling of a donation earmarked for *Let's Dance!*

The Petaluma/Novato International Folk Dancers have disbanded and donated their remaining funds, \$938.24, to the Federation, to be used for *Let's Dance!* Loui wishes to ensure that this is treated as extra money, and not used to fund the regular *Let's Dance!* budget, e.g. the editor's fee and mailing costs. Memo proposed treating the donation as a restricted fund, with money deducted from the fund as it is spent by the *Let's Dance!* editor. Lucy and Loui noted that restricted funds are separately reported by the Treasurer, and some but not all such funds have separate checking accounts. Craig noted that a restricted account would assure the donors that the money will be used to support *Let's Dance!* Craig made, and Memo seconded, a motion "to accept the funds from Petaluma/Novato International Folk Dancers and to create a restricted fund in that sum to be used at the discretion of the *Let's Dance!* editor." The motion passed on a voice vote.

- Sponsorship of member club registration in Bay Area Dance Week

Bay Area Dance Week will be held April 22 to May 1 this year. Kevin has registered, and offers to handle registrations for Federations clubs, which are \$10 per group. Registrants will be listed in the event directory (subject to publication deadline) and online, and may receive publicity in the event pamphlet. Kevin noted that participation last year was successful, and suggested that the Federation cover the \$10 fees. Craig, Lucy, and Loui agreed that it was successful and inexpensive.

To participate, clubs must offer free attendance that week. Loui noted that some groups need some

adjustment (e.g. member donations) to pay rent. And some groups may not have control of the entrance charge.

Loui made, and Clem seconded, a motion to have Kevin handle the registrations, and to have the Federation reimburse Kevin for the registrations fees. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Susan offered to design a Bay Area Dance Week full-page ad for the March *Let's Dance*. Clubs need to be registered by February 11 to be in the booklet. Later registrants will be listed online only. The *Let's Dance!* deadline is February 1.

- Proposal to drop libraries which have not paid dues

Alicia La Fetra (absent) reported that eight libraries have not responded to a request for dues, which she sent in August, 2015. The libraries, with due date of renewal noted, are:

Lincoln Center, Gen. Lib. of Performing Arts, NY (Jan 2012)
BYU Harold B. Lee, Serials Section, UT (Jan 2012)
San Jose State Univ., King Library Periodicals, CA (Oct 2013)
Univ. of Illinois at Chicago, Serials Section, IL (Jan 2014)
Humboldt State Univ., Periodicals Section, CA (Jan 2014)
Chesnutt Library, Fayetteville State Univ., NC (Mar 2014)
Penrose Library-DU, Serials Dept., CO (Jan 2015)
Universitaetsbibliothek, Frankfurt Germany (Jan 2014)

Craig suggested dropping all but the two California libraries. Lucy noted that all had received a second notice. Memo made, and Susan seconded, a motion "to instruct Alicia to send one more year to California libraries, and send another notice. Send an email telling other six that we will drop them, as they have not renewed." The motion passed on a voice vote.

- Consideration of the 10% discount for memberships through EBSCO

EBSCO (a subscription aggregator for European libraries) notified Alicia that the Federation has traditionally provided a 10% membership discount for their clients. An inquiry revealed that EBSCO had an unsigned letter from the Federation offering them the 10% discount. These memberships cover eight European libraries. Clem, Craig and Loui noted that the arrangement provided several reliable renewals at low administrative cost. Craig noted that the European memberships gave the Federation a worldwide presence. Memo made, and Craig seconded, a motion "to continue with the 10% discount, and have the current President reissue the letter." The motion passed on a voice vote. Loui recommends that Alicia send Kevin's letter as a PDF.

- President (Kevin)

Kevin thanked Wendy Ellis for bringing to our attention a Federal grant program. Loui explained that the Federal government has a yearly matching grants program for Federal employee donations to non-profit corporations. Charities must apply and be approved to be eligible for the matching grants. The application window is December 18 and January 29. Approved charities may also receive some non-directed donations. Loui volunteered to fill out the application, to be sent to the Committee on Federal Charities.

- Treasurer (Loui) - written report included

Memo noted that the Federation Cup and CD sales were not shown as part of the Officer's Ball. Loui explained that those items, while coincident with the Ball, were in other budget categories.

Loui noted that individual donations are short, not tracking to the \$3200 in the budget.

- Institutes (Lucy)

Lucy notified the Board that the Institute Committee will investigate Memo's earlier proposal that the Federation coordinate touring instructors visiting Federation clubs. Memo suggested that the Federation

partially subsidize air fares, noting that Chico and other clubs are contributing toward the air fare expense for Sonia and Cristian's September visit.

- Vice President (Cynthia)

The Sacramento Scholarship Ball, to held next Saturday (January 30) has \$619 in pledges. Requests for partner dances outnumber those for non-partner dances.

Sacramento may hold a New Dancers Festival in the summer.

- Past President (Memo)

Memo brought two triptychs for Federation advertising. He also noted that various free newspapers may run Public Service Advertisements (PSAs).

Memo thanked all who had provided contact information for Past Presidents.

Chico is participating in Sonia Dion/Cristian Florescu tour this fall. They will visit Chico on Thursday, September 15. Memo is looking for Romanian scores to Sonia and Cristian dances. Loui suggested contacting Susan Worland or Maimon Miller.

Memo is working with Petra Dragneva of Varna, Bulgaria, over Skype to teach his singers Bulgarian songs. Memo said he is willing to be a BOD representative supporting New Dancer Festivals.

- Communications and Publicity (Susan) – no report

Loui noted that she is down to a single “How I started Folk dancing” cartoon from Susan, and additional cartoons require stories from Federation members.

- Finance (Laura Douglass/absent) – no report

Loui noted that the proposed budget for June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017 is due to be submitted in March and to be approved in April.

- Archives (Joe)

The committee was contacted by David Vinokur to survey Marcel Vinokur's folk dance collection. Joe, Laura, Loui, and Sabine Zappe visited Marcel's house and found a large, unsorted collection of boxes. Some boxes contained attendance records, playlists and books. The boxes also contained a large collection of folk dance periodicals, including *Let's Dance!* (from 1946), *Viltis*, *Grapevine*, and publications from Berkeley Folk Dancers, The Ontario Folk Dance Association, Madelynne Green (founder of the Mendocino camp), and Idyllwild Folk Dance Workshop. The committee did not examine all the boxes, and did not find phonograph records or MiniDiscs in the boxes which they did survey. If phonograph records are found, they may have fewer scratches than other extant copies. David and his two brothers would like any material which features Marcel. We could advertise in *Let's Dance!* items which might be salable, e.g. back issues of *Viltis*.

- Secretary (Clem) – no report

- Nominating (Craig) – written report

All four officers have agreed to run for an additional term. Memo and Loui noted that the nominations need to be published in the March *Let's Dance!*

The Blossom Festival is tentatively set for April 24. A firm date will be available after San Francisco City College starts accepting reservations for spring events. We may have a new Dancers Festival the same day, but it is a lot of work. Blossom Festival is scheduled on a Sunday because the campus facility is not available on a Saturday.

- Scholarship (Gary Anderson/absent) – no report
- Editor (Gary Anderson/absent) – no report
- Statewide 2016 (Marija Hillis/absent) – written report included

There is still no convention hotel. Loui suggested arranging for home-stays. Craig answered that the Committee is aware of that option. Loui noted that the registration form needs to be in soon to *Let's Dance!* Lucy replied that Marija is aware of the urgency. The written report noted that a producer is still needed for the DVD; Loui noted that Evan Chu can videotape dances, or produce the DVD, or both.

- Promotions (Marija Hillis/absent) – no report
- Research (Cricket Raybern/absent) – no report
- Parliamentarian & By-Laws (Bill/absent) – no report
- Insurance (Ken Kaye/absent) – written report included
- Membership (Alicia La Fetra/absent) – written report included

Memo made, and Loui seconded, a motion to approve the report, with the correction, under dropped groups, of "NoneGreek" to "Greek". The motion passed on a voice vote.

- Next BOD meeting

The next Board meeting will be Sunday, February 21, at the Festival of the Oaks, in Berkeley. It is already publicized in the Festival brochure.

- Adjournment

Craig made, and Susan seconded, a motion to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.