

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North) Board Meeting
Sunday, February 21, 2016
at Live Oak Park Community Center, Berkeley, California

In attendance:

Kevin Greek (President)
Clem Dickey (Secretary)
Loui Tucker (Treasurer)

Board members (in alphabetical order)

Gary Anderson (Editor, Scholarship)
Craig Blackstone (Nominating)
Joe Croco (Archives)
Laura Douglass (Finance)
Memo Keswick (Past President)
Marija Hillis (Promotions, Statewide)
Bill Lidicker (Parliamentarian)

Federation members

Carol Braves
Helen Cheng
Yvonne Couvillon
Jim Kaumeyer
Judy Keswick
Eliot Khuner
Louise Lidicker
Emily Stoper
Vick Vickland
Yaqi Zhang
Erica Zweig

President Kevin Greek called the meeting to order at 12:34 pm. A quorum was present.

- Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting, held on January 23, 2015, were provided in advance. They included corrections submitted by several Board members before the meeting. The minutes were not read. Board members received copies to review on January 31, which provided sufficient time to review them.

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

- Bequest to the North and South Federations

Jim Kaumeyer introduced himself. He is 85 and has been a folk dancer since 1952, including at UCLA, and with Westwood Co-op, the Gandy Dancers (of Santa Monica), and the original Westwind. He has established a family trust for his children. The remainder of his estate amounts to about \$500,000, consisting mostly of property. He wishes to leave this to the Folk Dance Federations of California, North and South, in equal amounts.

Loui replied that the two Federations are separate legal entities. Loui and Craig advised Jim to consult his attorney, and that it is straight-forward to name organizations in a will. Laura Douglass noted that donations

may be either restricted or unrestricted; Jim replied that he intended the bequest to be unrestricted.

Loui further noted that we should interview Jim for *Let's Dance!*

- Venue and date for the 2016 Officers' Ball

Kevin proposed that we hold the Officers' Ball at the Berkeley Veterans Hall, the same venue as 2015. Craig recommended the third weekend in October, which would avoid interference with the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival (first weekend of October) and the North/South Seminar (second weekend).

- President (Kevin) – written report included

Kevin reported that about 15 folk dance events are registered for Bay Area Dance Week, which is April 22 through 29. Kevin worked with Susan Gregory to produce a half-page ad for the printed program. The events are listed online and can be corrected online.

- Treasurer (Loui) – written report included

Loui noted that the \$938.24 donated by Petaluma/Novato Folk Dancers for *Let's Dance!* had been transferred to Editor Gary Anderson. Gary chose to spend it immediately on a new printer. We received a quarterly payment of \$14.17 from Amazon Smile; we regularly exceed the \$5.00 quarterly payment minimum.

- Institutes (Lucy Chang/absent) – written report included

- Vice President (Vick Vickland for Cynthia Lambert)

The Camellia Festival will feature teaching, but no performance group. The teachers will be George and Irina Arbagi, and Željko Jergan. It will be held in Roseville; the brochure has directions to the venue. The Board will hold an ad hoc meeting at the Festival, March 19 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. A quorum is not anticipated.

- Past President (Memo)

Memo will work with Bill to arrange the Past President's get-together, on Saturday, during Statewide in Berkeley. Bill's offer stands to have it at his house. The Federation now pays for the event, though originally the Past President had paid for it.

- Finance (Laura)

Laura said that she will prepare a budget for review for the March meeting. She requested that people who have budget items inform her of any changes. She is already aware of increase in storage fees, and may need to change forecasts for donations and expenditures. Joe and Laura will be in Europe most of May and June, and will miss Statewide. Memo suggested that Laura distribute the report by email; Laura agreed.

- Archives (Joe)

All of the surplus copies of *Let's Dance!* have been recycled. Joe will take about 30 issues, and Zora-Mae Torbun's costumes, back to storage. Joe wants to let David Vinokur know about, and obtain his approval for, an article in *Let's Dance!* notifying members of the status of Marcel Vinokur's collection, and soliciting requests for syllabi and dance descriptions. Joe and Loui will be the contacts; members should not contact David directly. The collection is roughly a two-car garage full of mostly folk dance items. There is no room to sort the items. Bill inquired about the disposition of recorded music. Joe replied that we will keep records and discard cassettes.

Dan Daniels' estate gave Marija his record collection. (Dan had taught at Camarillo State Hospital). We could bring the records to sell at events, or send them to Dr. Ron Houston, who maintains a collection in Texas. Joe noted that the folk dance records have great emotional value but little intrinsic value. We could photograph the covers.

- Nominating (Craig)

The Blossom Festival is confirmed for April 24 at San Francisco City College. A flyer will be in the April *Let's Dance!* The Festival will not include a New Dancers Festival, but will have a Dances For All Ages event, and the annual Federation General Assembly and Board Meeting. Free parking will be available on campus. Craig requested up to \$150 for lunch at the General Assembly, as had been allocated last year. Loui noted that we had \$600 in the budget for lunch at Board meetings. Memo moved, and Craig seconded, that we provide up to \$150 to the Blossom Festival for the lunch. The motion carried on a voice vote. Gary noted that he will publish the list of officer candidates in *Let's Dance!*, and that the floor will be open for nominations.

- Scholarship (Gary Anderson)

A small item announcing the availability of scholarships is in the March *Let's Dance!*, and a larger notice will be in the April issue.

- Editor (Gary Anderson) – no report

- Statewide 2016 (Marija, Bill, and Berkeley Folk Dancers) – written report included

Information and a registration form are available at <http://www.statewidefolkdance.com>. The t-shirt design is finished, and catering arranged and badges taken care of. Bill's last three emails to Erik Bendix have gone unanswered; Memo recommended texting. Bill has been in communication with Maurits van Geel, and there will be a Culture Corner.

- Promotions (Marija) – no report

- Research (Cricket Raybern/absent) – no report

- Parliamentarian & By-Laws (Bill) – no report

- Secretary (Clem) – no report

- Membership (Alicia La Fetra/absent) – written report included

A letter from Kevin was sent to EBSCOs continuing the offer of a 10% discount for eight or more subscriptions. Gary noted that EBSCO has no Dance category. Bill and Kevin noted that we should find out what category we *are* in. Loui noted that the membership database count has remained roughly the same, between 380 and 420, for the last 10 years. As there were no new members, there was no need to approve the report.

- Communications and Publicity (Susan Gregory/absent) – no report

- Insurance (Ken Kaye/absent) – no report

- Next BOD meeting

An ad hoc Board meeting will be held Saturday, March 19, at the Camellia Festival in Roseville. The General Assembly and Board Meeting will be held Sunday, April 24, at the Blossom Festival at San Francisco City College.

- Adjournment

Craig made, and Memo seconded, a motion to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm.