

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)
Board Meeting
Saturday, September 10, 2016
at St. Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church, Saratoga, California

In attendance:

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

Board members (in alphabetical order)

Joe Croco (Archives)
Laura Douglass (Finance)
Susan Gregory (Publicity and Communications)
Alicia La Fetra (Membership)

President Kevin Greek called the meeting to order at 11:52 am. A quorum of the Board was not present.

- Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the last meeting, held on July 24, 2016, were provided in advance. They included corrections submitted by several Board members before the meeting. Board members received copies to review on August 14.

- Interim Board Action

As requested by the Board at the July 24 meeting, Parliamentarian Bill Lidicker proposed a Federation bylaws amendment. The proposal was:

Change the wording of Federation Bylaws Article 4 (Organization), statement no. 3. from

Current wording: *The fiscal year for the Federation will be July 1 to June 30 of the following year.*

to

Proposed new wording: *The fiscal year for the Federation will be January 1 to December 31 of the same year.*

On August 24, Kevin wrote that the Board had approved the amendment with 12 ayes, zero nays, and two abstentions.

- Proposal to change of the Federation Fiscal Year to match the Calendar Year

The next issue of *Let's Dance!* will publicize the proposed change to the Federation Bylaws. We can do the approval in October, either in a meeting or by email.

Laura has a spreadsheet separating out the seven-month 2016 budget from the full-year budget. There were no objections the interim budget; Loui suggested that the Board accept the interim budget as the working document for the remainder of 2016. Loui also suggested that we ask Bill about the approval process; Kevin agreed and there were no objections.

- Book Publishing Proposal

Laura would like to borrow existing standard Folk Dance texts. She promises to return them. Clem offered *Folk Dance Progressions*, and Loui offered *Dance a While*.

- 2016 Officers' Ball – October 15 in Palo Alto

The pricing and schedule will be the same as 2016. There will be seven teachers: three couple dances (including a Contra) and four non-partner dances. The theme is “Joining Hands Through the Decades”; the dinner may be hand foods, perhaps sliders. We hope to enlist Bill Cope for singing. The syllabus will be available only on CD-ROM, and not printed.

- President (Kevin)

Kevin is still working on bringing some of the East Bay young Balkan “dance scene” to the South Bay. Davida Munkres, Elliot Kuhner, Loui, and Kevin may take a field trip to the East Bay.

- Treasurer (Loui) – written report included

Our Amazon Smile amount is increasing. Amazon now reports the number of Smile users each quarter: we had 21 last quarter and made \$16.95. We added a new, fairly large club in Placerville with a Contra/International monthly party.

A fundraising report was attached as well; we have 16 “Super Power” t-shirts left.

- Finance (Laura)

Laura will have a 12-month (January to December, 2017) budget ready for approval at the next meeting.

- Membership (Alicia La Fetra) – written report included

We have three new members, one dropped member, one new group and two dropped groups. Alicia sent to the Board a list of members at risk of being dropped. Clem wondered if there were a more efficacious set of people to notify than the Board members. Perhaps Council Presidents would cover a wider geography. Loui suggested adding each person's city to the list.

- Archives (Joe) – no report

Loui reported that we have an opportunity to save the June and Max Horn doll collection from their farm in Martinez. Their children are selling the farm and were about to discard the dolls. The doll collection will be rescued and temporarily kept in the Federation storage unit in Sunnyvale. We may want to sell them on eBay. Susan noted that Theriault's Auctions might be used to sell them; they use ProxyBid for online auctions, and have a catalog auction (with in-person and phone bids) for top-end dolls. Joe and Laura offered their motor home for transport the dolls; Walter and Chris Lang will box them up.

- Communications and Publicity (Susan) – no report

- Promotions (Kevin for Marija Hillis)

Marija received a grant application from Vick Vickland: a proposal for teaching in Sacramento at the Boys and Girls Club. The Committee has approved it. The grant proposal included these expenditures:

\$100 – exhibition

\$106 – book

\$360 - teachers (six weeks)

\$40 - consultation with Joyce Ugglä.

Loui intends to investigate print and web exposure through the Bay Area News Group. The last time she inquired, ten print exposures over a month cost \$3000. We could enlist Eliot Kuhner for photography. Laura suggested that Friday Night Waltz, which brings students from Stanford, might be a logical place to look for new folk dancers. We would have to go regularly enough to be noticed. Loui agreed, and noted that she could look into it in November, along with Laura and Joe.

- Secretary (Clem) – no report
- Institutes (Lucy Chang) – written report included
- Insurance (Ken Kaye) – written report included
- Next BOD meeting

The next Board meeting will be probably be held in November.

- Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm.