

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)
Board Meeting
Sunday, December 6, 2020, via Zoom Teleconference

In attendance:

Marian Snyder (President)
Ulrike Narins (Vice President)
Sabine Zappe (Treasurer)
Clem Dickey (Secretary)

Board members

Craig Blackstone (Nominations)
Joe Croco (Past President)
Laura Douglass (Finance)
Michael Giusto (Insurance)
Kevin Greek (Archives, Web Manager)
Marija Hillis (Promotion)
Bill Lidicker (Parliamentarian)
Lon Radin (Institutes)
Cricket Raybern (Research)
Marina Troost (Statewide 2021)
Loui Tucker (Editor)
Ellie Wiener (Scholarship)

President Marian Snyder called the meeting to order at 3:38 pm. A quorum was present.

- Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on October 4, 2020, were provided in advance. On a motion by Lon, seconded by Kevin, the minutes were approved 15-0.

- President (Marian)

Marian is open to topic suggestions for the "President's Message" column in *Let's Dance!*

- Treasurer (Sabine) – written report included

Lon asked about the \$900 spent on institutes. That amount was paid to Peninsula Council for cancellation costs incurred by the Heritage Festival.

- Membership (Marcia Rosenblatt) – written report included

On a motion by Clem, seconded by Laura, the report was accepted 15-0.

- Editor (Loui)

Twenty-page *Let's Dance!* Issues have reduced printing costs, but we are also running fewer ads: two or three pages (not all paid) down from three to seven last year. Loui is doing okay with articles.

- Statewide 2021 (Marina)

Marina talked to Steve Ayala about Statewide. Any travel agent or cruise line will require proof of vaccination. She thinks that May will be too soon. The Board members agreed. We will offer to refund all deposits, and issue refunds to anyone who does not specifically choose to leave the deposit or make a donation. All online reservations have already been refunded.

Marina will contact the Southern California Federation and ask if they will give us the 2022 Statewide slot. She will ask Hermann Sons Hall to move our reservation from 2012 to 2022. Marina is worried about foreign teacher availability for 2022, but will discuss that later.

- Finance (Laura) – written report included

To the proposed budget, Sabine suggested adding \$500 in President's expenses, and Clem suggested adding \$2000 in donations income. To Statewide expenses, Marina added \$5876 in refunds and \$1000 for teacher travel booked in late 2021. To Statewide income, Marina added \$1000 in pre-registrations. The consensus of the Board was to incorporate those changes.

Laura will send a revised budget, for approval by email vote.

- Archives, Web Manager (Kevin)

Louise and Bill Lidicker have donated old copies of *Let's Dance!* The Internet Archive will take the copies, and will scan them and add metadata. Bill has been in touch with Liz Rosenberg of the Archive.

We are rescanning some the earlier issues of *Let's Dance!*

Kevin started a fund-raiser on Facebook last week. We have received \$373 so far.

- Nominations (Craig)

Craig proposed that the 2021 Board election be online, as was 2020 election. On a motion by Laura, seconded by Marija, the Board voted to hold 2021 elections online. The motion carried 15-0.

Bill noted that, as in 2020, we should acknowledge that online elections are not in accordance with the by-laws.

Laura suggested that we consider changing to online elections as a normal practice; Ellie agreed. Laura volunteered to work with Bill on a proposed change to the by-laws. Marian will appoint an ad hoc committee for that purpose.

- Next meeting

The next meeting will be held 3:30 pm Sunday, February 7, 2021. The meeting will be held on Zoom.

- Adjournment

On a motion by Craig, seconded by Joe, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.