

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)
Board Meeting
Sunday, October 3, 2021, 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)
Kevin Greek (Archives)
Marija Hillis (Promotion)
Lon Radin (Institutes)
Cricket Raybern (Research)
Marcia Rosenblatt (Membership)
Marina Troost (Statewide 2022)
Loui Tucker (Editor)
Ellie Wiener (Scholarships)

President Marian Snyder called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm. A quorum was present.

- Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on August 15, 2021, were provided in advance. On a motion by Craig, seconded by Ulrike, the minutes were approved 14-0.

- Officers Ball

Joe has contacted the person in charge of the Hayward Veterans Hall. That person asked for a face-to-face meeting, which Joe scheduled for Wednesday, October 6. We do not know the meeting agenda. When Joe meets, Sabine and Loui will make themselves available by phone. We have \$250 on deposit from 2020, and \$1420 to pay according to the 2020 contract. We have only an oral agreement so far for 2021. Joe will meet Wednesday and bring a check, but with no authorization to exceed the 2020 amount. We are not sure how much staff the hall will provide or require. We need at least access to the janitor's closet. The Albany Veterans Hall requires a security guard, but the Hayward Hall terms appear to require a guard only if alcohol is served.

Sabine reported that we have 30 paying guests, and 46 total. None are from the Redding or Sacramento areas. We need 39 paid to break even, though even 45 total will look small in that hall. In 2019 we had between 70 and 80. If we were to cancel due to low registration we need to give sufficient notice. Melanie Lawson-Kareem (ukulele teacher) is holding off on buying an airline ticket. The board agreed to decide viability on October 11.

Two teachers have cancelled: Barbara Bevan for medical reasons and Lenore Frigo due to distance. Lon will see if Lone Coleman can substitute for Barbara, and Loui offered to call contras in lieu of Lenore.

Lon reported that Adony Beniares has volunteered to provide sound equipment to the Officers Ball. We need to set emcees for the Ball. In the recent past Lucy Chang and Loui shared emcee duties. We will ask Loui to emcee the institute and Adony to emcee the party. We will try over-ear microphones for the (masked) teachers, though experience with them differs. They work okay for BFD, but Saratoga has sometimes experienced muffled sound.

Marija has visited Louise Lidicker, and Louise may want some of the Bill Lidicker CD collection which we have planned to offer for sale at the Officers Ball.

- Treasurer (Sabine) – written report included
- Membership (Marcia) – written report included

On a motion by Clem, seconded by Cricket, the membership report was accepted 14-0. Lone Coleman gifted Emily Stoper a membership. Emily will replace Naomi Lidicker in submitting *Let's Dance!* reports for Berkeley Folk Dancers.

- Editor (Loui)

Bruce Mitchell has passed away. We have obituaries for Cliff Jenkins and Arden Pierce in the November issue, including celebration of live/memorial announcements. The obituary for Bruce will run in December. The Federation has gained two new members as a result of sending complimentary copies to several people involved in groups such as National Folk Organization and Pourparler.

- Finance (Laura)

Laura requested proposed budgets from the Board members. Members should take price increases (for archives, *Let's Dance!*, e.g.) into consideration.

- Institutes (Lon)

(Items related to the Officers Ball are included under Officers Ball, above.)

- Statewide 2022 (Marina)

A new flyer will be ready in December; the flyer will include a requirement for full COVID-19 vaccination or a recent (72-hour) negative test result. We may add a requirement for COVID boosters, but booster status is not yet certain. Sabine agreed to track COVID status, as she is doing for Officers Ball.

We have 35 full and six partial registrations. Profitability requires 45 full registrations. Marina still has not heard directly from Ahmet Lüleci, although he has told Ellie that he is coming.

Lunches and dinners are set. The t-shirt design may change.

- Web site (Kevin)

Six more group listings have been added. Mosaic America (formerly Sangam Arts) held its First Annual Silicon Valley Festival. The group coordinates ethnic groups and festivals, and has corporate sponsors. Its founders are Usha Srinivasen and Priya Das. Kevin will try to get folk dance teaching included in their next festival. We might even get compensation for instructor.

- Promotions (Marija)

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- Next meeting

The next meeting will be held 3:30 pm Sunday, December 5, 2021. The meeting will be held on Zoom, at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3372976475?pwd=dkhoVnVrYytHQ243ZWRndFNhdTlrQT09> (Meeting ID: 337 297 6475, Passcode: dance).

- Adjournment

On a motion by Marija, seconded by Lon, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.