

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)
Board Meeting
Sunday, February 20, 2022, 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 (Promotions)
Lon Radin (Institutes)
Marcia Rosenblatt (Membership)
Marina Troost (Statewide 2022)
Loui Tucker (Editor)
Ellie Wiener (Scholarships)

Members

Diane Baker

President Marian Snyder called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm. A quorum was present.

- Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on December 4, 2021, were provided in advance. Lon moved to approve the minutes. Craig seconded. The motion passed 13-0.

- Blossom Festival

Craig reported that the Blossom Festival will be held in person in Saturday April 23 at the Mira Loma Park Improvement Club. Attendance will be free to participants, but is limited and will require advance registration. The venue has no separate meeting room for a Federation General Assembly, but we could hold the meeting on the stage from 12 pm to 1 pm. The Board concluded that election of officers could be accomplished more easily and inclusively through Internet voting. Craig moved that the election of offices be held electronically. Ulrike seconded. The motion passed 14-0.

Marija asked whether we can use the promotion fund to cover some of Chang's Hall rental, and whether an application would be necessary. The total will be about \$200, at \$37.50 per hour. Laura replied that an application would be a good idea for record-keeping. Maria agreed. In past years the Federation has paid for lunch for General Assembly attendees, but that money came from the President's budget (General Fund). Craig moved that Federation co-sponsor Blossom Festival. Clem seconded. The motion passed 14-0. Clem moved to authorize Marija to pre-approve up to \$200 from the Promotion Fund. The motion died for lack of a second; the consensus was that Board approval was not necessary.

- President (Marian)

Marian reported that Festival of the Oaks was a great success, with teaching, lunch, a dance party, and costume sales. Free lunches were provided to about 11 Federation Board members who would have attended the Board meeting had there been one. Marian will send Sabine a bill for the lunches.

- Vice President (Ulrike)

Adony Beniares has given the Federation a pin which he bought through eBay. It is marked "Folk Dance

Federation of California, Past President, 1947-1949” on the front and “Virginia Anderson” on the back.

- Treasurer (Sabine) – written reports included for December and January financials
- Membership (Marcia) – written report included

On a motion by Laura, seconded by Lon, the membership report was accepted 14-0.

- Editor (Loui)

The New Dancers Festival went well, drawing about half new dancers and half teachers and current dancers.

Loui asked whether Berkeley was still requiring masks, and whether the Blossom Festival will require them. Marian replied that Berkeley still requires masks, and will reconsider that policy in the second week of March. Craig replied that masks are required by the Blossom Festival venue, a requirement subject to change.

- Statewide 2022 (Marina)

Marina had developed a new budget: \$9000 not including a third teacher. We currently have \$8000 in registrations. She has extended the basic \$120 preregistration price to March 15. The change is publicized on our web site; Loui suggested posting to Google Groups as well. Of 17 people who requested refunds from 2020 only four have registered for 2022. Maria has send emails to all, and contacted five personally. All those personally contacted have said they will re-register.

Ahmet Lúleci has asked to stay at a hotel in Petaluma, but the budget does not include a hotel room. The contract says “lodging will be provided,” and in the past that has meant lodging in a private home. Ellie contacted Ahmet, who had not been aware of the usual arrangement. Ahmet agreed to stay in a private home, not wanting to create a problem. Marina emphasized that Ahmet should book a flight soon to obtain a cheap airfare.

All is well with Chubritza; Marina has increased their travel allowance from \$200 to \$300.

Gergana Panova has said that either she or Daniela Ivanova will be available to teach Bulgarian. Loui and Diane Baker emphasized that we need to know who. Some Southern California dancers may not wish to come unless we have Gergana. Marina has asked Gergana for an answer by end of February.

Marina received one email asking whether prior infection with COVID could substitute for vaccination. The consensus was that it should not. Marian noted that all 67 Festival of the Oaks participants had been vaccinated, and that risk of infection is still high for the unvaccinated. Lon added that allowing unvaccinated participants might deter the vaccinated. Marina will leave the current policy (vaccinated required) in place for now.

Marina is trying to find a roommate for a single man. Loui noted that such work is beyond her job; Marina said that she has had success in the past.

- Web site (Kevin)

Kevin has found a free service to support HTTPS (secure web pages) for our web site. Previous services had not been free, and the prices had been going up. The web site now supports HTTPS using GoDaddy and zeroSSL.

Kevin is thinking of integrating the Virtual Folk Dance listings into existing club listings.

- Next meeting

The next meeting will be held 3:30 pm Sunday, April 24, 2022 on Zoom, at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3372976475?pwd=dkhoVnVrYytHQ243ZWRndFNhdTlrQT09> (Meeting ID: 337 297 6475, Passcode: dance).

- Adjournment

On a motion by Laura, seconded by Clem, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.