

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)
Board Meeting
Sunday, April 24, 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)
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 3:32 pm. A quorum was present.

- Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on February 20, 2022, were provided in advance. Laura moved to approve the minutes. Craig seconded. The motion passed 14-0.

- President (Marian)

Marian attended the Blossom Festival and reported that it was great. The Festival was held April 23 at the Mira Loma Park Improvement Club, on O'Shaughnessy Boulevard in San Francisco. Attendance was about 60 people, limited by COVID restrictions. There were comments that the venue was a little hard to find, but worth the effort.

- Treasurer (Sabine) – written reports included for February and March financials

Some checks are written from the General Fund account for Promotion Fund expenses. Sabine tracks those checks to properly account for the expenses. Marina noted that her numbers for Statewide income in March differ from the budgeted numbers. Sabine and Laura replied that budgeted numbers are estimates produced in the budgeting process and do not change to track actual income.

- Membership (Marcia) – written report included

Three members have dropped because they are not currently dancing.

Marcia asked if we should continue the new member promotion, offering a coupon to a Federation event. It is due to expire in July. On a motion from Craig, seconded by Marija, the Board voted 15-0 to extend the promotion for an additional year.

Marcia asked for guidance on non-renewals. She currently gives non-renewing members a six-month grace period after which she sends a renewal reminder. Craig agreed that six months was a sufficient grace period. Laura suggested sending the reminder letter after three months.

Lon moved to accept the membership report. Ellie seconded. The motion passed 15-0.

- Scholarship (Ellie)

The Scholarship Committee awarded a \$450 scholarship for the Stockton Folk Dance Camp in July 2022 to Zara Fupriano, one of Heidi Vorst's students.

- Archives (Kevin)

The archives have workshop videos from 10 to 20 years ago which could be put on the web site. Evan Chu has copied them from VHS to digital and is editing them.

Loui noted that we still have water bottles in storage. We could bring them to Statewide, and we do have a web store page. Marina agreed that they could be sold at Statewide. Joe volunteered to bring the bottles to Statewide.

- Website (Kevin)

Website renewal is due in July. The cost is \$750 for five years, or about \$12 per month.

- Nominations (Craig)

Craig will send an email to begin the election process at the start of May. Loui noted that the election should end before the installation of officers at Statewide on May 22.

- Statewide 2022 (Marina)

The Past Presidents party will run concurrently with the Saturday dinner.

Adony Benaires had planned to drive Ahmet Lüleci to Petaluma, but Adony must be in Petaluma to set up sound equipment while Ahmet is teaching in Saratoga. Tentatively, pending discussion by the participants, Laura volunteered to drive Ahmet to Petaluma.

Lothar Narins will drive Gergana Panova from San Francisco to Petaluma, but we still need someone to take Gergana south toward Santa Cruz afterward. Sabine noted that we could work that out at Statewide.

Marina reported that the Statewide budget is healthy. She has had to add two sound technicians for Chubritza, and would like to spend \$600 more for Chubritza. She also proposed to pay Gradina \$25 per person, a total of \$250. The Board informally agreed to those additional expenses.

The Hall turned down our request to place tables outside; it was not approved for security reasons. People can simply take their food outside if they wish.

Kevin will bring decorations. Lon tentatively agreed to bring water containers.

Lon agree to emcee from 10:30 pm to 11:00 pm Saturday. Marina will get local people to emcee the morning programs.

Marina asked if we should require signed agreements not to copy or redistribute the Statewide DVD. Loui and Sabine replied that the Federation, unlike Stockton Camp, has never used such an agreement.

Marina plans to require masks. She reported that all but three Santa Rosa dancers wear masks, and all Petaluma dancers wear masks. Blossom Festival required masks, and Changs considers inside dance without masks dangerous.

Loui noted that the registration says that we will follow CDC guidelines; CDC does not require masks. Santa Clara, the first county to lock down, has rescinded its mask mandate.

Marina noted that Chubritza and some others might not come without a mask requirement.

Laura located an email in one of her folders which stated that masks would be required.

A vote was not taken, but it appeared to be the consensus of opinion that we should follow the early announcement and require masks. The Board also informally approved the Waiver of Liability agreement which Marina has prepared for attendees.

Steve Ayala has arranged for a children's group to open festival. He will need to collect names and vaccination records. We will allow a negative COVID test in lieu of vaccination for the child performers.

Sabine reminded Marina that her final pre-event email should remind attendees to send Sabine proof of vaccination.

- New business: President's pin (Craig)

Craig noted that Petaluma will be the first Statewide with local installation of Northern California officers in many years. We should consider how to make new officers feel welcome, and old officers thanked. Craig moved that we have a jeweler alter (replace the name on) the recently-donated the Past President's pin for presentation to outgoing President Marian Snyder. Marija seconded. Ulrike is in possession of the donated pin; she would be authorized to bring it to a jeweler for alteration. The motion carried 15-0.

- Next meeting

The next meeting will be held 11:00 am Saturday, July 9, 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 4:57 pm.