

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)
Board Meeting
Saturday, July 9, 2022, via Zoom Teleconference

In attendance:

Ulrike Narins (President)
Laura Richardson (Vice President)
Sabine Zappe (Treasurer)
Clem Dickey (Secretary)

Board members

Laura Douglass (Finance)
Kevin Greek (Archives)
Lon Radin (Institutes)
Cricket Raybern (Research)
Marian Snyder (Past President)
Loui Tucker (Editor)
Ellie Wiener (Scholarships)

President Ulrike Narins called the meeting to order at 11:02 am. A quorum was present.

- Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on April 22, 2022, were provided in advance. Laura R moved to approve the minutes. Kevin seconded. The motion passed 11-0.

- Officers Ball

Laura R placed a reservation for Saturday, October 22 at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Pleasanton. Loui sent out via the Federation Google group a "save the date" notice for that date. Loui also asked Bill Cope to provide sing-along music; Bill agreed to do so for \$50 and dinner. Marija Hillis and Marian Snyder have agreed to cater dinner again. Laura D and Laura R will jointly organize the Ball.

The Institute Committee (Lon, Loui, and Denise Heenan) will schedule local teachers. Loui suggested asking Mark Rayman (Pasadena) and Jordan Ugglu and Megan Wolf (Willits) to teaching. Please send suggestions for dances and teachers to Lon.

Possible themes suggested were "hands together" (left over from an earlier, canceled Officers Ball) and "masked (or masquerade) ball." Masquerade Ball was the consensus favorite. Marian said cheap masks, bought online, worked well for the recent Berkeley Folk Dancers Birthday Ball.

Hall rent has risen from \$115/hour last year to \$130/hour this year, so we will have to raise prices. Last year we charged \$20/\$15/\$20 for institute, dinner and party respectively, or \$45 for all three, preregistered. We will raise prices to \$25/\$15/\$25, with \$50 for all three, preregistered. We will describe the COVID policy as being in conformance with the rules of the county and the venue at the time of the event. We can put those rules on the website.

- Statewide 2024

We need to find someone to organize Statewide 2024. Loui noted that we have historically moved the event around Northern California. Recent Statewide Festivals have been hosted in Placerville (2010), San Jose, Redding, Sacramento, Berkeley, and most recently in Petaluma (2022). Missing from the list is the San Francisco Peninsula. We might ask the Peninsula Council to organize Statewide, possibly in coordination with San Francisco groups. Ellie volunteered to approach the Peninsula Council, as she is their Treasurer.

- Mosaic Festival

Kevin has talked to Priya Das about participation in the next Mosaic Festival, scheduled for August 26 at the Mexican Heritage Plaza in San Jose. We could ask a local teacher to present dances for one to two hours between 3:00 and 6:00 pm. Several local teachers will be at Mainewoods then. Kevin will ask Michele Hardbarger, Loui, and possibly Denise Heenan about their availability. We also need local dancers to participate. Loui said that, pending review of her calendar, she would be willing to help at this event.

- President (Ulrike)

Craig Blackstone will be appointed Parliamentarian, replacing Bill Lidicker. Craig will resign from the Nominating Committee, leaving a vacancy. Loui noted that the Vice President appoints the head of the Nominating Committee. It will be one of Laura Richardson's responsibilities.

- Treasurer (Sabine) – written reports included

Sabine sent out May and June financials, and income/expense report for Statewide 2022. There were no questions, and the reports were accepted as presented.

- Past President (Marian)

Marian now has the recently donated Past President's pin. She will preserve the name currently engraved on the pin, Leona Faoro, President 1988-1990.

- Membership (Marcia Rosenblatt, not present) – written report included

Loui moved to accept the report, seconded by Ellie. The motion passed 10-0.

- Editor (Loui)

Loui has been sending out some sample copies of *Let's Dance!* magazine to attract new and returning members. Over the past year, four of the recipients have become members. Marian brought some back issues to Statewide, most of which were taken. Loui plans to do the same for Stockton Folk Dance Camp.

- Scholarship (Ellie)

The Scholarship Committee awarded a total of six scholarships to Stockton Camp, five of which went to Heidi Vorst's students. Four were for \$450 and two for \$350, the difference due to varying application dates. Sabine noted that we have \$1500 left for scholarships to other events such as Mainewoods and the Kolo Festival.

- Archives (Kevin)

The archives have added hard copies of *Let's Dance!* from 2017-2022. Kevin has not heard recently from Evan Chu, who is copying and editing VHS videos to digital.

- Insurance (Michael Giusto, not present)

Sabine reported that Michael is investigating unexpected invoices for \$2500 from one insurance company. They may be the result of miscommunication. In the meantime, Michael has paid the invoice to ensure continued coverage.

- Next meeting

Laura D and Ulrike noted that they prefer Zoom meetings.

The next meeting will be held 3:00 pm Sunday, September 18, 2022 on Zoom, at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87205423165?pwd=Ym5MVDJKUXV1Q2ltUXJhRXlFYWJqUT09> (Meeting ID: 872 0542 3165, Passcode: 755652). **Note: the Zoom link and meeting ID has changed.**

- Adjournment

On a motion by Marian, seconded by Kevin, the meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.