

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)  
Board Meeting  
Saturday, February 5, 2024, at Live Oak Park, Berkeley

In attendance:

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

Board members

Craig Blackstone (Parliamentarian)  
Laura Douglass (Finance)  
Kevin Greek (Archives)  
Marija Hillis (Promotions)  
Betsy Moore (Scholarships)  
Cricket Raybern (Research)  
Lon Radin (Institutes)  
Marcia Rosenblatt (Membership)  
Marian Snyder (Past President)  
Loui Tucker (Editor)

Members

Joe Croco  
Carolina Dickinson  
Margaret Harrison  
Yale Rosenblatt  
Emily Stoper  
Yachi Zhang

President Ulrike Narins called the meeting to order at 4:22 pm. A quorum was present.

- Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on January 14, 2024 were prepared too late to be approved.

- Discussion of in-person Board Meeting at the Blossom Festival

Six Board members indicated that they would be available for an in-person meeting at the Blossom Festival. Nine are required for a quorum. We may need to make decisions for Statewide but that does not require an in-person meeting. No decision was made.

- Statewide (Loui, for the Statewide Committee)

The Committee has found a substitute caller, Kurt Gollhardt. He is a top-ten caller in the Santa Clara Valley Square Dance Association.

Over 50 people have registered. A total of 40 hotel rooms are available.

- Treasurer (Sabine) – written report submitted for January

We are receiving bills for the bus shelter advertising campaign, about \$900 per month.

- Membership (Marcia) – written report included

We have dropped members who are six to eight months late in paying dues. The *Let's Dance!* write up of the Crescent City Folk Dancers, in New Orleans, may have led to membership.

Laura D moved to approve the membership report; Laura R seconded. The motion carried 11-0.

- Editor (Loui)

Loui has received lots of positive emails about Jan issue. Sixty copies never made it to mailing house. The lost issues ended up at Marcia's house, which is our USPS address for undeliverable items. The printer printed another 80 issues, for half price. In the future the printer will double box and use fiber tape when shipping to the mailing house. Following the previous incident with lost issues the printer had switched from UPS to USPS, and this second incident occurred with USPS. Loui is very happy with unsolicited contributions, including Linda Cain's article on the effects of music

- Institutes

Sabine published a spreadsheet for voting on the Officers Ball date. October 19 won. We will use the same hall as last year, the Veterans Memorial Hall in Pleasanton. Sometime soon we need to find a theme, and teachers. Financial reports may have made last year seem more expensive due to the way the deposit was billed. It was not more expensive.

- Scholarships (Betsy)

The committee is making progress on an improved form and will ask Kevin for help to make it a fillable PDF.

- Research (Cricket)

The database containing the index of Stockton dances, which had been corrupt, is now restored.

- Website (Kevin)

The website database is improved. We received several high-quality black and white prints of the UC Davis folk dance group from the heirs of Dorothy Axeman. The pictures are from the early 1970s.

Bus shelter advertising has not been a success. Of about 2600 general accesses to website, nine have been from the bus shelter URL. Sabine noted that the result solidifies the idea the you have to physically bring people to folk dance.

- Other announcements

Kevin reported that Bay Area Dance Week is coming. Their website, <https://dancersgroup.org/badw>, will support self-registration.

Loui congratulated Festival of the Oaks for its outstanding attendance.

Kevin and Marcia will make sure that groups know about the website group listing. The Monterey/Seaside wants to get its group back up to 15 people; a listing would help

- Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm Sunday, March 17, 2024 on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82142239442?pwd=c3dEbHNDOFRQK1dGUmxYZEdQbmJTUT09> (Meeting ID: 821 4223 9442, Passcode: 147746).

- Adjournment

On a motion by Craig, seconded by Laura D, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.