

# Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North) Board Meeting

## Sunday, October 5, 3pm over Zoom

In attendance:

Board members:

Laura Richardson (President)  
Clem Dickey (Vice President)  
Sabine Zappe (Treasurer)  
Betsy Moore (Secretary)  
Marcia Rosenblatt (Membership)  
Laura Douglass (Finance)  
Lon Radin (Institutes)  
Lisa Michael (Scholarship)  
Ulrike Narins (Past President)  
Loui Tucker (Editor)  
Craig Blackstone (Parliamentarian)  
Marija Hillis (Promotions)

Others:

Memo Keswick (Statewide 2026 chair)

Laura R called the meeting to order at 3:04

## Reports from Board Officers and Chairs

- President (Laura Richardson) - Laura thanked everyone who attended and helped out at the Officers Ball.
- Vice President (Clem Dickey) - nothing to report
- Secretary (Betsy Moore) - nothing to report
- Treasurer (Sabine Zappe)  
Sabine provided a written report and a document showing the history of the last few years of the Officers Ball (attendees, income, expenses).  
This year's Officers Ball earned \$780 and we also expect to get back the \$1000 cleaning deposit.  
The scholarship fundraiser brought in \$6700, which will be matched.
- Past President (Ulrike Narins) - nothing to report

- Membership (Marcia Rosenblatt)  
Marcia provided a written report.

Marcia thanked Memo for recruiting new members. Memo was asked how he did this. He said there are some new younger folks (30s) dancing in town who asked to get taught dances. Some went to Stockton. One person joined the Chico World Dancers board. Memo asked everyone on the committee for Statewide to join the Federation.

There was a discussion about the promotion that was started five or six years ago to give new members a coupon for one free event. The group agreed we should keep it.

New members: there are 4 new individual members. 4 new family members. On a motion by Sabine, seconded by Ulrike, approved 12-0, the new members were accepted.

- Scholarship (Lisa Michael)  
25 people applied this year, most for Stockton. Two people ended up not attending their events so we ended up giving out 23 scholarships. All of the events we gave scholarships for are done except one recipient is going to North/South. 21 of the 22 recipients so far have submitted their essays for *Let's Dance*.

The budget for the scholarship committee was discussed briefly but the group decided that the SOP should be agreed on before deciding on the budget. Laura D emphasized that the budget should reflect the actual amount that we expect to give out.

SOP Discussion – the board agreed on the following changes to the draft SOP:

The SOP should not have specific numbers or dates in it.

The SOP should state that priority is given to first time applicants.

The clause about petitioning the board for additional funds should simply state that if the budget is used up the SC can petition for additional funds and not mention unanticipated camps or time of year.

Laura R will update the SOP and distribute it and the board will vote to accept it in December.

The group agreed that the Federation should publish a list of the popular camps and the actual date that applications are due (rather than just saying 45 days ahead) on the web site and in *Let's Dance*.

Lisa will email Laura D with the number for the budget. It was agreed that we should try not to use all of the money that was raised for scholarships this year and that the amount not used will be reserved for future scholarships.

Lisa will update the scholarship application to be online only, removing the option to send applications by postal mail.

- Editor (Loui Tucker)  
Loui is working on the November issue of *Let's Dance*, which will focus on the Officers Ball, along with some travellogues from Bulgaria and Romania.  
  
The membership survey has 155 responses so far. People are forwarding the survey to other folks and she is getting responses from people she doesn't even know. Deadline end of November..
- Finance (Laura Douglass)  
Laura D provided a draft budget. She mentioned that the budget doesn't have a method for tracking amounts reserved for particular items but we should honor when people donate money for a specific purpose. Sabine said she will try to find a way to track that. The budget will be approved at the December meeting.
- Institute (Lon Radin)  
Lon will collect videos, PDFs, and music from the Officers Ball and post them online. Sabine said the registration document has the names and emails of those who attended so Lon can email them with instructions for accessing the materials.
- Parliamentarian (Craig Blackstone) - nothing to report
- Promotions (Marija Hillis) - Marija will ask Janetta for a report on how she used the funds she was given.
- Research (Lothar Narins) - not present
- Archives (Kevin Greek) - not present
- Insurance (Michael Giusto) - not present
- Publications/Communications (Susan Gregory) - not present

## Ongoing Business

- Calendars - update from Loui  
34 calendars were sold at \$5. 150 were printed. The price is now \$10. If people want calendars mailed to them, shipping and handling is \$3.  
Loui will post info online and ask dance leaders to take calendars to their events. Laura D offered to take some to North/South.  
Craig pointed out a typo on a caption ("San Francisco" is in the wrong place).
- Statewide 2026 planning (N. Calif) – Memo Keswick  
Memo had trouble with sending PDFs; he'll send a link to dropbox next time.  
He thanks folks for input on the registration form.  
The committee is working on these items:  
    Finding one preferred (discount) hotel.  
    Meals - which meals will be offered, price  
    Schedule, playlist, etc.

Laura R mentioned that the Statewide date conflicts with June Camp (Chicago). This probably only affects Adony, and there are others who can help with tech at Statewide.

- Proposed Board Meetings 2025

Laura D may not be available on Dec 7 and proposed moving the meeting to Dec 14.

*Laura R emailed the board after the meeting and it was decided that the next meeting will be December 14 at 3 pm.*

## Approve minutes from the last meeting (Betsy)

FDFC Minutes 20250824 – updated 20250904.pdf is posted in the shared folder:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hODEGh9twE4zPENw9fsP4HxWbUcZ>

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On a motion by Ulrike, seconded by Lon, approved 11-0, the minutes were accepted.

On a motion by Craig, seconded by Betsy, approved 11-0, the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 pm.