

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, CERRITOS, CA

June 16, 2018

Meeting called to order at 11:30am

Approval of previous meeting minutes - approved

VP report: Diane Baker cleaned up the Festival Application and a copy will be available on the Federation website and attached to these minutes. Insurance questions, such as those in the Spring Festival at Roxbury Park, Beverly Hills, will go to the Insurance chair. Diane submitted a text file for the minutes as follows:

Form "M" "Festival Application revision is ready for board approval. At April board meeting it was mandated to add a sentence regarding Federation Funds. Festival planners need a reminder that Federation contingency funds should not be budgeted to cover expected expenses. (amended form is attached and copies will be available at the June meeting.)

- The Harvest Festival at Balboa Park will likely take place on Saturday and Sunday September 22-23, 2018. Does she need to fill out the Festival Application form since it's an annual, Regional Festival on the Federation calendar? (No) (Marshall Cates has requested that be amended to yes).
- Saturday October 27, 2018 is the planned date for a Balkan Festival at Pomona College. It is not a Federation event, but the date needs to be placed on Federation website calendar so clubs do not plan a competing event for the day.
- Piggy-backing on Marshall's fiscal committee report in the May Scene, I followed up in June/ July issue with a suggestion to "Celebrate with a contribution." Honor a dancer who has inspired you with a tax deductible contribution to the Federation. Donations may be earmarked to support the project you wish. I heartily suggest that folks support the Statewide 2019 Festival with their contributions. Look for your tribute in the Scene under the column, "Dancers Speak." Mail check to the treasurer and your tribute to the Editor of Scene.

Treasurer's Report: Mindy Belli was not able to attend and Pauline summarized the report. Full text is as follows, tables are appended to minutes file:

Income consisted of two donations. One donation is specifically to cover the cost of National Folk Organization membership for 3 years. The other is in honor of Ted Martin's birthday and was given to support the 2019 Statewide Festival.

No donation was received through the Amazon Smile charity program. I will look for such a donation in the next month.

Expenses of \$1200 were due largely to 3 costs: reimbursement for the Spring Festival (\$300), labor for the video conversion project (\$500), and the 3rd payment under the visiting master teacher program (\$200). The total for the Visiting Master Teacher Program is still \$750.

No expense category is currently over-budget.

The checking account was reduced by about \$787 to \$9,073.

The savings account changed only by additional interest; it's now \$64,387.

The General Fund (savings) is still much higher than in prior years due to the \$25,000 donation in June of 2016 by James Kaumeyer.

President called for a motion to accept the Treasure's Report. Motion approved.

Membership Report: Bob was unable to attend due to recent knee surgery.

President's report: Update on Statewide 2019: Claremont College has accepted our application for the Edmunds Ballroom space. The committee is getting bids for orchestra, sound equipment rental and tech people. They will try to stay within budget. A block of rooms are reserved at the local Hilton. This is a great location with access to local attractions like Mt. Baldy and the Santa Ana Botanic Garden. The link for "Statewide 2019" on the Federation website is ready to be activated as details are added.

Historian's Report: Wen-Li was needed for Cerritos Festival duties, but Pauline read his report. He had submitted a request to spend money on more photo storage and reports he spent \$35 on flash drives to archive Federation events.

Standing Committee Reports

Barr Folk Dance Camp Report: Marc Rayman has been looking at venues with the committee. This has engendered much discussion, but plans are moving forward for 2019. His text file is as follows:

I reported on April 15 that the committee was investigating an alternate venue for the end of November. That was Camp Alonim in Simi Valley. This camp would have been significantly more expensive than Hess Kramer with rental of a wood floor and other expenses. We needed to draw a large group to manage the expense, and we were investigating some ways to do that, but ultimately, it just didn't work out. There was a really nice, air conditioned room that wasn't large enough and a large enough room that was wasn't very nice and wasn't air conditioned. So, unfortunately, Camp Alonim is not going to meet our needs. As a result, we will not have a camp in 2018. We sent email to contacts for all clubs listed in the Federation directory to inform the community.

We are now focusing on making a successful camp in 2019 and drawing a larger group than in 2017. I also reported on April 15 that we were working with Hess Kramer for autumn 2019. This proved to be complicated for a few reasons, among them that the person we were corresponding with left Hess Kramer and didn't tell us, and we did not know about it until earlier this week. Along those lines, I request that if anyone is contacted with information or a question that bears on planning or execution of the camp, please refer them to the committee. The Federation has charged the committee with this work, but we cannot do it if pertinent communications are withheld from us.

At any rate, we are currently in the process of negotiating with Camp Hess Kramer for a date. We anticipate we will have news in time for it to be included in the August *Scene*.

The committee has been doing a great deal of work. We were informed at today's council meeting that the president is to be an *ex officio* member of the committee, so she will now be included as such.

Costume: Betchen Barber: no report

Communications: N/A

Finance: Marshall Cates not in attendance

Folk Dance Scene: Jay Michtom not in attendance

Insurance Report: Julith Neff reports no problems with venues or membership.

Scholarship: Diane Baker: The scholarship committee of the Folkdance Federation South is pleased to announce the recipients of Federation scholarships to attend dance camps in 2018. The updated procedures for selecting nominees (scholarship committee), and funding the scholarships (fiscal committee) worked harmoniously.

Ed Klak, nominated by Veselo, will attend Balkan Camp in Mendocino. \$475.00

Marcella Lawson, nominated by Laguna International Dancers, will attend Stockton Camp. \$490.00

Lil Herr, Sylvia Mehr-Assa and Monica Zordich, all nominated by the West Valley Folkdancers, will attend the Beverly and Irwin Barr Folk Dance Camp. \$175.00 each

Larisa Komogor, nominated by the Westwood Co-op Folk Dancers, will also attend the Beverly and Irwin Barr Folk Dance Camp in 2018. \$175.00

Total amount awarded for scholarships is \$1,665.00.

Question for the board for guidance in the future:

May Federation scholarships be used to attend festivals such as the Kolo Fest or Statewide? Or are they only to be used to attend music and/or dance camps? Pauline and others agreed that by convention scholarships were for camp. Kathy Molga set a precedent in past years allowing use for workshops & festivals. Applicants are only allowed one scholarship per 3 year period, so dancers would want to request funds for more expensive camps, not weekend workshops since we do not pay for travel, etc. A question was asked about requiring recipients to write up reports for *Scene*, and Jan Rayman, who is on the staff, reported that most of them did anyway. It is great publicity for Federation.

Old Business: Festival applications that have been submitted are approved. East/West is scheduled for Feb. 16, 2019.

New Business: None showing.

Meeting Adjourned

In attendance:

Officers:

President - Pauline Klak

Vice Pres - Diane Baker

Secretary - Leslie Halberg

Historian - Wen-Li Chiang

Standing committees:

Camp--Marc Rayman

Communications--Beverly Barr

Insurance -- Julith Neff

Equipment--Irwin Barr

Clubs

Cerritos Valley-- Sue Chen

Laguna Int'l--Marcella Lawson

Mountain Dancers--Janice Rayman (for Sylvia Stachura)

Narodni -- Carol E. Wall
Pasadena--Janice Rayman (for Bingles)
Skandia--Eduard Klak
West Valley-Sylvia M-Aisa (for Wally)

Past Presidents
Gordon Wall

Next Meeting: 11am in Somis, CA October 21, 201

Sergeant at arms reports these clubs are eligible to vote:

Cerritos Folk Dancers, Laguna International Folk Dance Club, Mountain Dancers
Narodni International Folk Dancers, Pasadena Folk Dance Co-op, West LA Folkdancers
West Valley Folkdancers, Westwood Co-op Folk Dancers