

Minutes Folk Dance Federation of CA, South, Quarterly Council Meeting August 28, 2022

ATTENDANCE – August 28, 2022

OFFICERS

President: Diane Baker

Vice-President: Vacant

Secretary (Acting): Greg Solloway

Treasurer: Mindy Belli

Historian: Wen-Li Chiang

Sergeant-at-Arms: Terry Gucwa

Parliamentarian: Marshall Cates

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Fall Camp Co-Chairs: Marc Rayman

Finance: Marshall Cates

Folk Dance Scene and Visiting Master Teacher Program: Jay Michtom

Insurance: Julith Neff

Scholarship: Shana Winokur

PAST PRESIDENTS

Marshall Cates

GUESTS

Leslie Halberg

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Steve Himel

CLUB DELEGATES

Bay Osos Folk Dancers: Billy Burke

Cabrillo: Jody Stern

Canejo Valley:

Cerritos Folk Dancers: Sue Chen

International Folk Dancers of Laguna Woods: Sophia Chen

Laguna International Dancers: Greg Solloway

Narodni: Julith Neff

Pasadena Co-op: Lynn & Rick Bingle

Ventura: Carol Smith

Veselo Selo: Diane Baker

Vintage Israel: Jim Rothman

West Side Folk Dancers: Sandy Helperin

West Valley: Monica Zordich

Approval of minutes for the meeting of April 24, 2022.



The corrections from Mindy will be incorporated, and the Minutes were approved.

Reports

Officer's Reports

President's Report – Diane Baker

Dick Oakes has posted numerous articles on the website. Check out the link

“Articles” and select a letter. Choose one with a  or  and enjoy. E.g. Limericks by Loui Tucker, Kwakiutl Dance Theatre by Leona Wood and hundreds more.

Revised Standing Rules are now posted on website under the link “publications.”

Vice-President's Report – Diane Baker

Upcoming Federation sponsored events

Ojai Day of Dance October 1st, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Fall Camp - Marc & Jan Nov. 11- 13, 2022

East West February 25, 2023 1 – 5:30 p.m. Cerritos

1 festival to be approved by council:

Cerritos 14th Anniversary Party May 6, 2023 1 – 5:30 p.m.

Statewide Report – Diane Baker

Julith & Diane are co chairs.

Festival will take place in San Pedro May 19 – 21, 2023.

Rental agreement, teacher contracts, hotel contract in progress.

Committee met and decided to survey FDF members before

contracting with DoubleTree Hotel for a block of 10 rooms. Please take survey to your members at next dance event for your club.

The committee is planning various cultural excursions to take place on

Friday and Sunday afternoons.

Teachers are Bata Macetic and Joan Hantman. Local bands will play.

Committee seeks additional volunteers.

Membership Report – Diane Baker

Membership packets to be sent during September.

Treasurer's Report – Mindy Belli

Good News! Festivals were in the black.

I erred and captured a subtotal for festival expenses when summing expenses. That doubled the amount. The corrected festival expenditures is actually a bit less than festival income. Good work festival committees!

Thank you Carol, for mentioning that the Ojai festival was in the black. That comment caused me to check my numbers and find the error.

Attached is a corrected Treasurer's Report showing festival expenses of \$1334 and income of \$1423.

Incidentally, I did not report for April 23 thru today because the only activity were expenses for 3 Visiting Master Teacher workshops (\$600). That will be reported in the next partial-year report.

There were donations from Mountain Dancers of \$800 and \$110, as they closed the club.

Insurance report by Julith Neff

A Certificate was obtained for Ojai

Insurance Contract Renews November 9th, and Member Clubs will be contacted.

Sergeant of Arms - Terry Gucwa

16 members - quorum present.

Attendance list will be emailed

Historian's Report – Wen Li Chiang

Nothing to report

Diane Baker thanked Wen Li for posting photos to the web site.

Ojai Dance Day – Carol Smith

October 1st is the date.

\$450 is owed for the room by September 30th.

Last Year, 2/3 of the attendees were walk-ins.

Fliers sent to clubs to publicize.

Carol will have N95 Masks available for participants.

Marshall is putting together the Playlist – currently at 64 dances, including the ones taught last year.

Fall Camp Report by Marc Rayman

This report covers the time since the Federation council meeting on April 24, 2022.

Fall Camp registration opened on July 17 with an email announcement to more than 800 recipients.

A registration form and short article were in the August *Scene*, and a registration form and four articles will be in the September issue. Articles and notices have also been published in *Let's Dance!*, *NFO News*, and the Folk Dance Events Network, and camp has been publicized elsewhere.

Marc Rayman and Jan Rayman, Fall Camp co-chairs

Finance Report – Marshall Cates

A budget proposal was made, to not include any budget for Statewide 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

VMT and Scene Report – Jay Michton

Visiting Master Teacher Program

Now that things have opened up, the Visiting Master Teacher program has been re-activated. The program stipulates that if a member-club hires a master teacher for a workshop, the fee charged will be reimbursed by Federation for up to \$200. In May, Ahmet Luleci gave workshops at both Cerritos and Westside clubs, and in July, Jaap Leegwater gave one at Westside. The reimbursement to the clubs has been done.

If you know of a master teacher who is available to come to our location to give workshop(s), let me know and I will make the necessary arrangements.

Folk Dance Scene

1. The committee learned that mailing Scene in an envelope reduces the postage charged. For the August issue we tried that to see how it would work. It did require some additional work to fold and stuff in the envelope. Although there are still some wrinkles (no pun intended) to be worked out, it seems to be a satisfactory way to go.
2. In addition to reducing the mailing cost it will now be possible to include in the envelope the notice to renew when the subscription is ending. Up until now we have been sending a turn-around envelope which cost \$1.35 to mail.
3. We have decided to give all subscribers who get their copies by US mail to also get an electronic copy. Since there is no additional cost to us, and it might encourage some to switch, it seemed a worthwhile change. Those who have been paying for both forms will be compensated for that extra fee.
4. Current subscriber base is approximately 180 members.

Scholarships Report - Shana

There are currently 3 new applicants. One applicant was a prior-year awardee, so the council decided to handle that as a separate case, apart from scholarships. Council heard a motion to make a 1-time Grant Award of \$275 to this deserving applicant, who had contributed significantly at the prior camp. This motion was approved unanimously.

There were two scholarships considered by the Council for new applicants, one for Fall Camp in the amount of \$200, and one for a leader from the Vintage Israeli Club for a Festival in Miami, in the amount of \$150. A motion was made to approve these scholarships, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Composition and Use of Minutes

Marc Rayman led a discussion of the intent to provide the Council Meeting Minutes to the public and future/current Council Members. There was a discussion about the use of the minutes, and the benefit to understand historically what the rationale was for split decisions, or exceptions to the By-Laws. Marc argued that a key element of the Minutes document should be the archival value of the discussions, whether for the next meeting, or sometime in the future with new Council Members.

There was a discussion about what the legal requirements are in California for the

Minutes Documentation for Non-Profit Organizations, and Mindy agreed to research that topic.

It was unanimously agreed that the Chair Reports should be included verbatim into the Minutes Document, rather than attached as separate documents.

However, the Council agreed that the Treasurer's Report should not be included in the publicly-available version of the Minutes, but included in the reporting to the Council, Member Clubs, and available in a secured-access part of the website.

Policy Regarding Communicable Diseases – Carol Smith

There was an active discussion about the masking requirements at Federation events, given the changes in public behavior and fluid local and state requirements. There is also the increasing condition of Long-COVID.

It was observed that folk dancers are generally in a higher-risk category, due to age, and that we also inhale, exhale at higher levels, and dance in close proximity, including mostly holding hands during dancing.

It was decided that we should comply with any State and local requirements and guidelines, and that individual Member Clubs are free to place additional constraints and requirements on top of those.

New Business

We need to form a Nominating Committee for new officers in 2023.

We need 5 volunteers to nominate a slate of officers, and to fill vacant positions.

No one volunteered immediately, and Diane asked people to contact her directly.

Next Meeting Date: October 30, 2022 at 9:30am via Zoom