

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

April 15, 2018

Meeting called to order at 11:15

**President's Report:** Election of new officers 2018 to 2019: all previous officers have agreed to continue for another year. If there are no others stepping forward to run for an office, I can declare a White Ballot and all officers are deemed reelected.

**Vice President's Report:** Diane Baker reports she has updated the list of festivals for the website. She will notify Dick Oaks.

**Secretary's Report:** minutes sent by email, approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Mindy Belli presented a written report, accepted, no questions.

**Membership Report:** Bob Altman was not present. New directories are available for anyone who wants a replacement. PDF is available as well.

**Insurance Report:** no news.

**Historian's Report:** Wen Li had no news to report. .

**Fiscal Committee Report:** Marshall Cates: The fiscal committee met April 7 and produced the distributed budget. Besides being a planning document, the budget is also authorization for the Treasurer to pay certain claims. Thus, some of the deficit is for worst case scenario and may not come to pass. \$1500 for festivals, institutes is an example of an area where the full amount probably will not be expended. Nevertheless, we need to try to generate more income. a short article has been placed in the scene asking for donations.

Budget Highlights:

- 1) Proposed income= \$5075. \$3300 for insurance plus \$1775 spendable income
- 2) Expenses \$6580, \$3300 for insurance
- 3) Deficit balance \$1505
- 4) \$18,403 in unallocated special project funds
- 5) \$13,511 in unallocated scholarship funds
- 6) elimination of the Federation phone
- 7) elimination of National Folk Organization membership

2018-2019 Budget - April 15, 2018				
Folk Dance Federation of CA, South				
	2018-2019			
INCOME	Proposed	Notes		
Insurance	3300			
Membership	1250			
Assoc. Membership	80			

Interest	20			
Directory/Minutes	75			
Donations	350			
Other	0			
Total Income	5,075			
EXPENSE	2018-2019			
Administrative	Proposed	Special Project Funds		
President expense	100	\$23,096.00	Total remaining	
Vice President expense	20	\$4,166.00	Allocated but unspent	
Treasurer expense	100		(for Video Conversion & Master Teacher projects)	
Secretary expense	20	\$18,930.00	Unallocated	
Historian expense	20			
Membership expense	30	Scholarship Funds		
Federation Phone	0	\$13,500.00	Total remaining	
Taxes/Fees	50	\$0.00	Allocated	
Council Lunches	400	\$13,500.00	Unallocated	
Past President Pin	50			
Past President Party	200			
Miscellaneous expense	300	(Awards)		
Total Administrative	1,290			
	2018-2019			
Programs & Services	Proposed			
Directories	150			
Festivals, Institutes	1500			
Insurance Premiums	3300			
Insurance Committee	100			
Publicity	90			
Research & Standardization	0			
Equipment, Audio-Visual	150			
Website / Online Archive	0			
Scholarship Committee	0			
Total Programs & Services	5,290			
Contingency	0			
Total Expenditures	6,580			

	2018-2019				
BALANCE	Proposed				
Total Income	5,075				
Total Expenditures	6,580				
Net	-1,505				

Under Programs & Services above, the budget has a provision for a contingency payment to clubs that do not bring in the expected revenue from festivals. Some clubs have used this as a subsidy from Federation instead. Some do not use it at all. Should we make funds available clubs on a regular basis? Should it be just for losses, or make it a benefit for member clubs to subsidize all festivals at \$2 per person? Westwood is losing location of Brockton School and will need Federation help. Pasadena has not lost attendance despite a \$10 charge for festivals. Marshall put forth the motion that :

- 1) Only clubs whose events are pre-approved are eligible for funding.
- 2) Funds should be for unexpected shortfalls, not ongoing budget expenses.

If a club is unwilling to raise rates, should we still pay? Small clubs like West Valley would suffer. This would be a good use of Special Funds. For clubs with regular events, they should be able to meet budget. Narodni gave up the summer festival and raised prices to cover others. Remind clubs that they are responsible for loss unless this is negotiated. The festival application form will be updated by the VP to include conditions of special funds & web master will add it to the forms page.

**Scholarship Report:** Marshall Cates reports about \$1100 in revenue this year. Deficit budget is larger than usual this year \$1505. Only some of the income is from the \$1/dancer donations. Committee decided to request more donations. The board discussed the Festival/Institute budget, the intent, and typical use, as well as two other funds available from donations. It is vital that fund raising efforts be increased in the coming years. Ideas include Treasurer's Ball, donations in memory of dancers and Associate memberships. The Scholarship review will be by Rick & Lyn Bingle, Marcella Lawson, Pauline Klak who will read and evaluate applications.  
**Criteria for scholarships:** Pauline Klak observed that people who are involved, and promoting dance are deserving of scholarship. Dancing is not a prerequisite and no other definition is necessary. There are so many ways to promote folk dancing.

**Camp Beverly & Irwin Barr Report:** Marc Rayman is the new chair for Federation Folk Dance Camp. - The members of the committee are Marc, Marcella Lawson, Jan Rayman, Gerda Ben-Zeev, and Sandy Helperin. (The first three are present at this meeting.)

We could not find an acceptable date for holding camp at Hess Kramer in 2018. We are investigating an alternate venue for the end of November 2018 and hope to have a decision on it in early May.

The president clarified in this meeting that Marc has an appointment as committee chair for three years (and (Marc) will get back to that in 2.9 years). Given that, this week the committee will put down a deposit for camp at Hess Kramer in autumn 2019. It is likely, but not yet assured, that we will not have use of the hotel style rooms, although we would prefer to use them.

We will have an article in the June *Scene* with news about our plans.

**Equipment Report:** Marshall Cates is storing equipment.

**Old Business:** Re-naming the folk dance camp. This is a change to the standing rules and requires a vote. The motion was put forth and unanimously passed to re-name the camp the **Beverly & Irwin Barr Folk Dance Camp** no matter where it is held.

Mail Chimp has been proposed as a way to broadcast to all members any "Special Announcements" from FD Federation. Uneven contact could be a reason for a drop in attendance at events. Clubs don't all have email info for all members and some don't send info anyway, some do. FD Scene already informs subscribers. People may not want email alerts, but twice a year might be OK. Mindy was encouraged to write to FD Scene or contact clubs to get consensus.

## **New BUSINESS**

### **Statewide Festival 2019-Theme Ethnic Treasures**

Location Edmunds Ballroom on the Pomona College Campus, Claremont, CA

Dance depart chairperson Tony Shay has offered to co-sponsor the festival.

Dates May 31, June 1, June 2, 2019 (preferred date coincided with college graduation)

Teachers cameo appearances by Mihai David, Yoni Carr, Israel Yakovee, and new teachers Sevi Bayraktar and Filip Petkovski with more in depth instruction by Bata Marcetic, and Sunday afternoon Salsa Rueda workshop by Cesar Garfiaz.

Committee: Pauline, Diane, Marshall, Darlene Wheeler, Brent, Kathy Draper, and Stefanie Holzman. We are seeking qualified participants for treasurer, decoration chair, refreshment chair, audio & equipment manager, concert chairperson, publicity, admissions. We have received offers to take charge of registration, luncheon table centerpieces.

We have discussed in the past more Beginner Workshops, and I still want to encourage this idea. Potentially at all clubs. Bringing new people and bringing young people will generate excitement and keep our favorite hobby alive. I have talked with Valerie Daley about a potential return to the lovely venue in Somis where we had the Officer's Ball a few years ago. She is checking on price and availability for an event in the fall. The early part of the festival would be devoted to some basic dances that can be welcoming for beginners and a good warmup for experienced dancers. Valerie has had success in bringing beginners into her classes in Ventura area. This would also be a fund raiser for the Federation. Availability of Somis Grange Hall for Officer's ball or fund raisers is being investigated by Valerie Daley. Goal of this ball is to invite beginners, attract new dancers and start with easy dances. Valerie will see if her group is willing to host.

Addendum:

We have an opportunity to pick a date for the Officer's Jamboree in the Fall 2018.

This would take place in the same hall in Somis where we had a successful Officer's Jamboree Festival and a Board Meeting in September 2015.

The address of the hall is 5380 Bell St, Somis CA. This is in Ventura county, a pleasant drive through the country.

Here are three dates we could have:

3. Sunday, Oct. 21 from 1 to 5:00 pm with the Board Meeting at 11:30am should be okay.
2. Sunday, October 28
1. Sunday, November 4th

Valerie is contacting the venue, and it sounds like she has a committee eager to bring a festival to the Ventura area. (For once, they won't have to drive far to an event)~! I numbered the choices according to my preferences, but all of those dates would work for me.

Please be specific as to which date would work best for you and warn me if there is any other festival or conflict. This would be our fourth and final board meeting of the year and I hope that officers will be able to be there. Thanks for your input. No further business was on the agenda.

Pauline closed the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

**NEXT MEETING:**

Saturday, June 16th, 11:00 am The Federation meeting will be prior to the Cerritos Festival followed by lunch.

In attendance:

Officers

Pauline Klak, president  
Diane Baker, vice president  
Leslie Halberg, secretary.  
Mindy Belli, treasurer  
Wen-Li Chiang, historian/recorder  
Sargent at arms, Eduard Klak  
Parliamentarian, Marshall Cates

Standing Committees

Finance, Marshall Cates  
Insurance, Julith Neff  
Archive, Marshall Cates  
Scholarship, Diane Baker

Past Presidents

Lila Aurich  
Rick Bingle  
Marshall Cates

Guests

Terence Guewa  
Janice Rayman

Delegates

Cerritos Folk Dancers- Sue Chen  
Laguna International Folk Dance Club - Marcella Lawson  
Mountain Dancers - Sylvia Stachura  
Narodni International Folk Dancers - Pauline Klak  
Pasadena Folk Dance Co-op - Lynn Bingle  
West Los Angeles Folk Dancers- Irwin Barr  
West Valley Folkdancers - Wally Aurich  
Westwood Co-op Folk Dancers- Rita Sklar  
Veselo Selo Dancers- Eduard Klak

Clubs eligible to vote in June 2018

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