

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

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Meeting called to order at 11:15am

**VP report:** Diane Baker brought two 2019 festivals for approval- Pasadena Winterfest, January 20, and 49th Annual Laguna Festival, March 1. Motion to approve was unanimous. Note to minutes, the Lunar New Year Festival February 16, 2019 was approved last meeting. The Balkan Festival 10/27 was cancelled.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from 6-16-18 Cerritos submitted for approval- passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mindy Belli reports

Tax returns have been filed for the last tax year (Jun-May) with the IRS and the FTB. According to IRS preference and advice by tax advisers, I filed the e-postcard version because the Federation's normal gross revenue is less than \$50,000. The only downside to filing the postcard instead of the much more detailed Form 990 EZ is that grantors might want to see a 990 EZ before granting money to an entity.

Expenses include two scholarships (\$965 total), rent for the fall festival (\$200), insurance premiums paid for about 10 new dancers, and about \$60 for the lunch at Cerritos. No other categories saw an out-go.

The checking account will be reimbursed for the 2 scholarships from the savings account's, general fund.

Income consists only of donations, club renewals, and payments for the insurance fee by new dancers. Several donations were made in memory of Henrietta Bemis, one for Ted Martin's birthday; two (this period )were ear-marked for the Statewide Festival.

The checking account balance is inflated by Club renewals without corresponding check sent out for insurance, which is currently \$1300. For a better picture of the income, subtract \$1300. However, when the scholarships are reimbursed, it will increase by nearly \$1000.

Savings - the balance is \$63,416, of which nearly \$40,000 is General Fund, and \$23,400 is for Special Projects. The General Fund is especially needed to cover scholarships and festival expenses. The total of both accounts is roughly \$74,500. For over a decade, expenses have roughly equalled income. Donations are more vital as years pass.

The tables accompanying her report are appended.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

**Membership report:** Bob Altman was not in attendance.

**“Ethnic Treasures” Statewide 2019 report:** Diane Baker states the need to create a separate bank account and appoint a treasurer to administer the funds. Stefanie Holzman has been selected to serve as statewide 2019 treasurer. The motion was made and carried to create a bank account and provide co-signators Mindy Belli, and Pauline Klak or Diane Baker with Stefanie Holzman as treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

**Visiting Master Teachers Report:** Submitted by email. The Visiting Master Teacher Committee is pleased to announce two upcoming teachers available for workshops: Loui Tucker. Unfortunately Loui’s schedule is very busy, so she can only be here for a few days. The dates for her to give workshops are December 6, 7, 8 or 9, 2018. Since the Fall Institute at Hess Kramer could not be held this year, you may wish to have her present dances from this year’s camps.

Ahmet Luleci . Ahmet will be teaching Turkish dances at the February 16, 2019 Festival in Cerritos. He will be available for clubs’ workshops a few days before the festival, and the week following.

A Reminder as to how the program works:

If you would like to host a master teacher at your club, please contact me with the date(s) you would like. (To avoid double-booking, do not contact the teacher directly until I let you know that the date is available.) While non-Fed clubs can be scheduled, they will not qualify for the reimbursement

I will create a schedule and communicate it to the clubs and the teacher.

The clubs then contact the teacher to arrange time and place, perhaps discuss specific dances, agree on fee, and possibly help with transportation and lodging. None of these are things the committee will be doing.

After the workshop, the clubs notify me that the workshop has been done and the fee paid to the teacher. I then arrange for the reimbursement to the clubs that are in the Federation.

Please contact me with your requests for workshops, or any questions.

Jay Michtom, Chair, VMP

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Questions have arisen about the master teacher program and about the time period covered by the \$200 subsidy. February 2019 will end the trial program, at which time the value to Federation, the clubs and teachers will be determined. Jay Michtom is generally happy with the program so far. Thanks Jay.

**Discussion & Clarification:** At the Last meeting discussion was intense concerning the Federation monetary assistance to clubs holding festivals. The resolution was formed that clubs may choose to limit their admission price, but if the intake does not cover the expected festival costs then they will not qualify for emergency relief from Federation. Westwood will cut costs for 2019 Spring festival by only renting the half ballroom for \$450. Federation will rent a room for our meeting and provide our own lunch. If Westwood still needs money and Beverly Hills Rec center prohibits raffles,

then they can put a donation box on the potluck table. Westwood maintains that raising the price to \$8 or \$10 would make it hard to give change and create hardship for their fixed income elder dancers. It is possible \$5 may cover their costs if they limit other expenses.

A motion was put forward to spend \$100 for a room at the Beverly Hills center for the FDF meeting in April 2019. The motion passed with two opposed; Pauline & Marshall.

We had a special guest in attendance from the National Folk Organization. Cricket Raybern, 2018 Vice President on NFO is on tour to find a site for the 2020 Conference. Pauline conceded her speaking time to Cricket so we could hear from her.

**Historian's report:** Wen says he has nothing new.

Sergeant at arms reports we have a quorum.

### **Standing Committees–Chair Reports**

**Beverly & Irwin Barr Dance Camp at Hess Kramer report:** Marc Rayman submitted this report: This report covers the time since the Federation council meeting on June 16. At that meeting, Pauline Klak joined the committee.

We have reserved Hess Kramer for camp on Nov. 1-3, 2019. Contrary to concerns raised earlier, we will have use of all the facilities, including the hotel-style rooms.

The committee is preparing to solicit feedback from the folk dance community that will help us make decisions about certain aspects of the camp. We want to reach as many people as practicable so we can plan a camp that will be fun, vibrant, and rewarding to a large group, including people who regularly attend and people who have never attended or not attended in a long time. We will soon be sending a survey to get that feedback, and if anyone here at the meeting would like to receive it, as well as occasional news updates over the next year, please add your name and email address to the sign-up sheet by the door where you pay or send an email to the committee at [DanceHessKramer@gmail.com](mailto:DanceHessKramer@gmail.com).

Communication Equipment- Marshall Cates

Finance- Marshall Cates

Folk Dance Scene -Jay Michtom

Insurance- Julith Neff

Scholarship - Diane Baker

Equipment- Marshall Cates

meeting adjourned 12:25 pm.

Next meeting will be held January 20. 2019 at Winterfest at the Scottish Rite Center, 150 N. Madison Avenue Pasadena, CA

In Attendance

Officers & committee Chairs:

Pauline Klak, President

Diane Baker, Vice President

Mindy Belli, Treasurer

Wen Li Chang, Historian

Marshall Cates, Finance, Parliamentarian

Judith Neff, Insurance

Leslie Halberg, Secretary

Ed Klak, Sergeant at Arms

Past Presidents:

Gordon Wall

Rick Bingle

Valerie Daley

Club Representatives:

Monica Zordich, West Valley Folk Dancers

Carol Wall, Narodni

Sylvia Stachura, S. Pasadena Folk Dancers

Lynn Bingle, Pasadena Folk Dance Co-op

Marcella Lawson, Laguna International Dancers

Sue Chen, Cerritos Folk Dancers