

**FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTH
COUNCIL MEETING**

Scottish Rite Hall 150 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena, CA

January 20, 2019

Meeting called to order at 11:15

President's Report: Pauline addressed the problem we keep discussing; How do we make Folk Dance relevant to younger people, how do we invite new people to join? We know dancing keeps us sharp. The many teachers in our groups have relied on folk dancing for rainy days, for social interaction, for non-competitive, brain involved fun. Now that many schools have reduced or eliminated physical education time, we are seeing an increase in childhood obesity. For older people, we know that regular exercise and social interaction benefits mental health. Veterans and others with PTSD who exercise and interact regularly are better able to cope with recovery. Folk Dancing is a family friendly activity that can bring social groups together. Home schooling parents can use us as a resource. We are asked to think of ways to share how our lives are better because of dance.

Vice President's Report: Diane Baker: One Festival to be approved and it was: Westwood Spring Festival April 7, 2019 1 – 4:45, Roxbury Community Center, 471 So. Roxbury Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212. This prompted discussion on the meeting to be held there. Federation will pay the \$90 for use of a room and members will do a potluck lunch.

Upcoming Approved Festivals:

Lunar New Year Festival, sponsored by Cerritos Folk Dancers, Saturday February 16, 2019 from 1 – 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Festival features master teachers Ahmet Luleci and Evren Kiyak.

Laguna Folkdance Festival, sponsored by Laguna International Dancers, March 1-3, 2019. Festival features master teachers Bata Marcetic and Steve Kotansky.

San Diego Spring Festival in Balboa Park April 13 – 14, 2019

So Cal Folk Fest Sunday May 5, 2019 (not sponsored by Federation) Ukrainian Cultural Center, 4315 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90029.

Statewide 2019 "Ethnic Treasures" Festival May 31 – June 2, 2019.

Edmunds Ballroom, Pomona College, 170 E. 6th St., Claremont, CA 91711. Master teachers Mihai David & Petur Iliev, with additional instruction by Israel Yakovee, Sevi Bayraktar and Cesar Garfiaz.

East Meets West, sponsored by Cerritos Folk Dancers, Saturday June 8, 2019, 1 – 5:40 p.m. Admission \$5.00 in advance. Cerritos Senior Center, 12340 South St., Cerritos, CA 90703.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last meeting were sent. Minutes of the last meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Mindy Belli presented a written report, including a list of highlights, to the Council. It was discussed and approved. The final version of the Treasurer's Report is attached with these minutes.

Membership Report: Bob Altman was not present. Pauline read his report. We lost two clubs and as Julith reports, some have insurance from elsewhere. Associate members have joined to support Federation, some from Northern CA. He has sent out a digital file of the updated directory. At least one member responded with a change in her address. He is encouraging advertisers to pay up. Also, anyone is welcome to help proofread the directory.

Elections: Nominating committee (Sylvia Stachura and Julith Neff) has put together a slate to be voted on. Diane Baker is nominated for President, Mindy Belli for Treasurer, Leslie Halberg for Secretary, Bob Altman for Membership. VP is still open. Vote at April meeting, install in May.

Insurance Report: Judith Neff: The insurance renewal is complete and all the certificates have been delivered. Twenty clubs renewed and most of the renewal paperwork was received even later than usual.

We lost 2 clubs this year: West L.A. Folkdancers and San Diego Vintage Dancers. We also have 5 clubs that are members and get their insurance elsewhere: Bay Osos Folk Dancers, Cabrillo Folk Dancers, Ethnic Express, Prescott Folk Dancers, and this year we have added Ventura International Folk Dancers (Valerie Daley's Group).

I don't know what the solution is for all the late paperwork, but I don't think that sending out the renewal package earlier is the solution. Anything most folks receive more than 2 weeks in advance is easy to put off till later and then totally forget about.

There were a few changes in the insurance company's system last year, and even more this year. From now on, I can do most of the paperwork on-line and just mail in the check when I am done. I was able to do this with the last 2 clubs who renewed late. I can also do this with new certificate requests and these have been getting turned around in one day. Hooray!

Historian's Report: Wen Li has photos! He is continuing to document our events and post on the Federation website where files can be found. He is looking for donations of digital frames for slide shows at upcoming festivals.

Sergeant At Arms: Ed reports that we have a quorum.

Beverly & Irwin Barr FD Camp: This report covers the period since the Federation council meeting on October 21.

The Woolsey Fire in November wreaked severe damage at Hess Kramer. They will not be open for business in 2019, so our Nov. 1-3 camp is canceled, and other plans reported at the previous meeting are on hold. Based on multiple emails exchanged with Hess Kramer personnel, our \$2,000.00 deposit should be refunded, perhaps even before this council meeting, but if not, then likely no more than a week later.

The committee has researched about 20 alternate venues and will continue investigating to try to find one that meets our needs.

Marc Rayman

Costume Committee: Betchen wrote an article for The Folk Dance Scene. She is willing to bring costumes for display at Statewide. Donations of hat stands or styrofoam heads are most welcome.

Note to Secretary- eliminate position of Communication Chair.

Fiscal, Finance Committee: Two meetings on scholarships will be held. Times will be announced.

Evaluating Visiting Master Teacher Program: Only two clubs have taken advantage of this program so far, which puts the Federation in the position of supporting only two clubs. This would be a good boost for smaller clubs, encouraging membership, raising visibility in the community.

Folk Dance Scene: No report. Deadline always on 10th of the month for submission of events and advertising. Dick Oakes (article on membership "Why Belong?")(to get people traffic to our website?).

Scholarship Committee: Carl Piltsiker is taking over. Updated nomination forms are available. Rules are on the back. Forms can be mailed or emailed to Pauline Klak. The committee includes Valerie Day, Marcella Lawson, Pauline & Ed Klak, Rick & Lynn Bingle. Recipients Lil Herr, Sylvia Mehr-Assa, Monica Zordich and Larisa Komogor, who were awarded scholarships to the Beverly and Irwin Barr Camp at Hess-Kramer for 2018, were informed that they will need to re-apply for interim Barr Camp or another camp of their choice in 2019. Forms are updated for 2019.

Equipment Report: Gordon Wall: There are 2 speakers & speaker stands, 2 new mics. Some equipment may be used for Statewide. Marshall Cates has CDs of tapes & syllabi in digital storage. Some concern over location of 2 cameras, 2 laptops that were stored at the Barr's, Georgina Shaw also moved, had some items stored. Gordon reports he has a color printer that was part of Federation inventory.

Statewide 2019 Report: Early Bird Registration Price of \$95.00 for all parties and workshops expired February 1. Pre-registration forms are available at website socalfolkdance.org. Choose "Statewide" and follow the links to register by mail or online. Print copies are available at this board meeting and Winter Festival.

The festival committee requests additional volunteers:

Snack coordinator We have researched samples of individually wrapped snacks (sanitary, not messy) and will order coffee from Campus Catering so the snack committee will have lots of dance time.

Transportation coordinator and volunteers to drive attendees between Claremont train station & host hotel, and to organize list of people using hotel shuttle.

Vendor coordinator

Registrars at the door

Decorators to help put up and/or take down decorations

Additional details:

Parties both evenings will feature music by Miamon Miller & Friends.

Entertainment Friday evening features the Claremont Israeli dancers; Saturday evening, Pomona College Ballroom Club and Statewide teachers Sevi and Petur.

Installation lunch at Sage Hen Cafe has been reserved. Board members, please sign up for lunch and honor those who have made significant contributions to Folk Dancing in SoCal!

Publicity - announcements in Canadian Folk Dance online magazine, NFO winter & spring newsletter, Florida Folkdancers' online magazine, EEFC calendar, Scene and Let's Dance. The best publicity is word of mouth. We request that all board members plan to attend, encourage dancers at their local clubs to make plans to attend, and to make positive comments about the music, teachers and location wherever they find themselves dancing. Please take flyers & registration pages with you. We welcome additional suggestions for publicizing event.

Lodging - To take full advantage of the festival plan to sleep over in Claremont. Host Hotel is the Doubletree Hilton. Price is \$139.00 plus tax. (Regular price is \$160?) Closer to the #10 Fwy on Indian Hill Blvd. find Motel 6 and Knights Inn, Claremont. Get a room away from the freeway.

Finance - Contributions in support of Statewide 2019 are welcome. Write a tribute to a dancer

who has made a difference in your life, send the tribute to Scene editor, and your check to Federation treasurer Mindy Belli.

Groups are encouraged to submit request lists ahead of programming. Forms were sent out. Claremont Club is preparing a performance. Pomona College's Ballroom Club has a performance. Rumors are flying about a humorous portrayal of a dance by a local club.

Old Business: T-shirts are now available for Statewide.

Lifetime Achievement Award nominations- some have been sent in, but please include stories and talk to recipients! Tell recipients to bring family & friends, this is not a surprise party!

No further business was on the agenda. Pauline closed the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

NEXT MEETING:

471 S Roxbury Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. Date is Sunday, April 15th, 11:00 am The Federation meeting will be prior to The Westwood Spring Festival followed by lunch.

In attendance:

Officers

Pauline Klak, president
Leslie Halberg, secretary.
Mindy Belli, treasurer
Wen-Li Chiang, historian/recorder
Gordon Wall, finance chair
Sargent at arms, Eduard Klak

Standing Committees

Finance, Marshall Cates
Insurance, Julith Neff
Archive, Marshall Cates
Parliamentarian, Marshall Cates
Costumes, Betchen Barber

Past Presidents

Wally Aurich
Lila Aurich
Rick Bingle
Marshall Cates
Sylvia Stachura
Gordon Wall

Guests

Helen May
Ann Armstrong
Gerda Benzeev

Delegates

Cerritos Folk Dancers- Sue Chen
Laguna International Folk Dance Club -
Mindy Belli
Mountain Dancers - Sylvia Stachura
Narodni International Folk Dancers - Julith
Neff, Carol Wall
Pasadena Folk Dance Co-op - Lynn Bingle
West Valley Folkdancers - Wally Aurich

Clubs eligible to vote in April 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