

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

January 17, 2021

Zoom meeting call to order by President Diane Baker at 9:50 a.m.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from October 18, 2020 meeting were approved with the following corrections: 1. Mindy Belli was mistakenly noted as Membership Chairperson. 2. Past Presidents Marshall Cates and Julith Neff, who were in attendance, were inadvertently omitted from that heading in the October minutes.

President's Reports

Membership: Dues collection: Mindy Belli is withdrawing from being recipient of club's membership dues mailed. Amy Dale has accepted that responsibility. Membership Committee is now headed by Diane Baker, Amy Dale and Robert Altman. All in favor.

Webmaster: Dick Oakes has resumed webmaster position, is masterfully adding new data. Take a look at all the camps related to folk arts that occur throughout the year and don't miss the Calendar section.

Vice President's Report

Status of festivals for 2021

Laguna Festival: Zoom meeting, this year, entitled Dancing In The Sun at the Laguna - San Antonio Spring Dance Festival is scheduled for March 12-14, 2021. See flyer at <https://springfestival.us/>

Statewide: In light of continued Covid-19 considerations, the decision was made to cancel 2021 Statewide. Statewide will be held in Northern Calif in 2022.

Westwood: The senior centers are closed and we are not dancing. The Beverly Hills Community Center is closed so we have not planned a festival for next year. Covid-19 prevents gathering in groups. We zoom every other Sunday and keep in

touch. Hoping to dance when more people will be vaccinated and it will be safe to gather together. --- Rita Sklar

Federation Presidential Pin for Past-President Pauline Klak: Pauline Klak will be presented with a presidential pin at the next Federation Council Meeting. Leslie Halberg will make an appropriate poster or certificate to accompany it.

Treasurer's Report: Mindy Belli sent a duplicate of the 2020 year-end report. Donations received were: \$54 from Henry Rasof in honor of his mother, and about \$25 from Amazon Smile. Mindy asks you to please navigate to Amazon Smile and make it a favorite; those little dollars add up. (Report attached)

Appointed Officers' Reports

Historian Wen-Li Chiang Nothing to report

Sergeant-at-Arms: We have a quorum for this meeting.

Standing Committee Chair Reports

Fall Camp: This report covers the time since the Federation council meeting on Oct. 18, 2020.

We are delighted to report that Roberto Bagnoli will be one of the master teachers at Fall Camp Nov. 12-14, 2021. We are still working on arranging for the other teacher.

Although we do not know the magnitude yet, we do know that Fall Camp 2021 costs will be higher than for Fall Camp 2019, so the price for attendance will be higher as well. Nevertheless, we are fully committed to planning and conducting another camp that everyone will enjoy. To help offset the cost, we conducted a COVID-19-safe yard sale with two people from our own Foothill International Folk Dancers. We generated \$200 for camp. ---Marc Rayman and Jan Rayman, Fall Camp co-chairs

Finance: Marshall Cates: Virus relief is available to clubs, if needed, when in-person dancing resumes.

Folk Dance Scene Magazine: Folk Dance Scene Report 1/17/21: Status - # of subscribers= 214; # Emailers = 89; Bank Balance= \$4308.99 [as of 6/2020215 , 84,.....\$4832.70]

So, slight increase in # of Email. \$524 loss in balance is due to fewer ads, and more worrisome, fewer renewals. The subscriber number is deceptive, since some of those are due to renew but haven't done so yet. Those fifteen one-year free subscriptions will terminate in March and may not renew.

To encourage subscribers to switch to Email, we will put into the next issue a reminder about the benefits of it, and offer to send Email versions to printed version subscribers for the next 3 months at no extra charge. We encourage suggestions or help in getting additional subscribers, and in switching those getting the mailed version to Email.

We are aware that some mailed copies are arriving late, damaged or not at all. Hopefully with the end-of-year extra mailing Post Office service will improve. In addition, for the February issue we will be changing the branch which Scene has been using to mail.

--- Jay Michtom

Signatures on Scene bank account: Jay said we currently have more than 2 signers on the Scene bank account. It's also not a good time to go to the bank to change signatures. Marshall Cates, Fiscal Committee Chairperson, said the matter could be resolved at a later date.

Scholarship: Marc Rayman said they are hoping for Federation scholarships to Fall Camp. Diane Baker said that would work; they have some left over from 2020. Pauline Klak was interim chairman of Scholarship Committee. Diane will contact Pauline to ask her to continue as chairman. Shana Winokur volunteered to be on the committee.

Insurance: (see below and report attached)

Old Business

Film and VHS Tapes to digital: Marshall requested an appropriation of \$500 to fund conversion of film and VHS tapes to digital format for video library on website. Shana Winokur so moved; Julith Neff seconded. Motion passed.

Insurance:

Report from ad hoc Insurance Committee (Diane, Marshall and Julith Neff): Member clubs will be covered for liability beginning in spring 2021. Cost to be paid by Federation as per prior Fiscal Committee decision in May 2020. Each club will remit their Federation membership dues when dancing resumes at each of their facilities.

The Insurance Committee elected to affiliate all FDF of CA, South, member clubs with the National Folk Organization (NFO). One benefit of belonging to the NFO is liability insurance for each club. The Federation will pay membership dues for NFO membership in March after each club confirms their intention to resume dancing in 2021 post pandemic. Diane will contact club reps and keep a record of their decision. Julith will fill out the NFO membership application and request certificate of insurance. Clubs will not be required to pay membership dues to the Federation (\$15 per club and \$1 per member) until they have resumed dancing.

Prior insurance policy obtained through the United Square Dance Association was per member and required cross-referencing names of folks who belonged to more than one Federation dance club. (increased paperwork) The insurance policy through the NFO is less expensive, requires less paper work. Steve Himmel said the Washington club uses NFO insurance and there is no record keeping involved. (Report and timeline attached)

Julith indicated that the NFO policy doesn't include medical coverage; however, we had only 3 medical claims in last 20 years and club insurance only kicked in after a person's personal medical insurance was applied. It was determined that we could do without the medical component.

New Business

Name and Location Change: Camp Hess Kramer now called Fall Camp...

Correction to Standing Rules Needed: Federation Standing Rules need to reflect the name change for "Camp Hess Kramer" which is now named "Fall Camp."

Location verbiage for the camp also to change from “at Camp Hess Kramer” to “at an appropriate facility in Southern California.” Jan Rayman so moved; Leslie Halberg seconded. All in favor.

Diane Baker and Shana Winokur will make the changes. The corrected paragraphs will be read and approved at the next Board meeting. Shana wanted it in the minutes as an official copy. Dick Oakes will make the change on the website.

Sergeant at Arms: Terry Gucwa said that we have a quorum.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Dull, Secretary

Attendees at Federation Zoom Meeting 10/18/20

Officers:

Diane Baker, President
Leslie Halberg, Vice President
Camille Dull, Secretary
Mindy Belli, Treasurer
Wen-Li Chiang, Historian/Recorder
Marshall Cates, Parliamentarian
Terry Gucwa, Sargeant at Arms

Standing Committees:

Finance and Archive, Marshall Cates
Insurance, Julith Neff
Fall Camp: Marc and Jan Rayman
Folk Dance Scene, Jay Michtom and Fran Previs

Past Presidents:

Marshall Cates
Julith Neff

Guests:

Steve Himel
Carl Pilsecker

Club Delegates:

Cerritos Folk Dancers	Sue Chen
Kypseli	Jozef Billman
Laguna Woods	Terry Gucwa
Narodni International Folkdancers	Julith Neff
Pasadena Folk Dance Co-op	Marshall Cates
Veselo Selo Folk Dancers	Shana Winokur
Vintage Israel	Jim Rothman
West Valley	Jill Michtom

Eligible to vote at next meeting:

Cerritos
Fantasy
Kypseli
Laguna Woods
Narodni
Pasadena
Tuesday Gypsies
Veselo Selo
Vintage Israel
West Valley
Westwood