

**Folkdance Federation of California, South, Council Meeting
June 27, 2021**

Zoom meeting called to order by President Diane Baker at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes from April 18, 2021: Shana Winokur moved to accept the Minutes; Pauline Klak seconded; motion carried.

Elected officer reports

President, Diane Baker:

By-laws: Revision in process

Past President's Pin for Pauline Klak: Beautifully engraved and ready to present

Membership 2021: 5 clubs have renewed Federation membership: Conejo Valley, Karpatok, Prescott Intl., Solvang Village, Ventura Intl.

Membership Directory has been updated and sent to Bob Altman 6/22/21 for distribution to all those listed as "Individuals." If not received by July 7, send Diane an email and she will resend the directory. During 2021-22 the Directory will need further updating. It currently includes some individuals who have "retired" from club leadership positions, and does not include some who now hold office.

Additional clubs have resumed meeting, and at least one (Kypseli Greek) has lost use of facility.

Ojai dance event October 2, 2021: The Art Center is reserved; Marshall is chairperson.

Covid and Insurance: Now that the effect of Covid no longer creates an emergency situation, deadlines for membership & insurance renewal stated in Standard Operating Procedures must be followed or an exemption granted by council vote.

Dick Oakes: has moved to Hawaii.

Federation Officers: All officers will continue to serve for another year, except, the vital position of secretary. Efforts to find a willing volunteer have not been successful. Term of office is June 2021 thru May 2022. Other offices that need filling are Publicity Chairperson and Membership Chairperson. Leslie is currently serving as Vice President. Membership is divided among Amy Dale, Bob Altman and Diane.

Vice President: Leslie Halberg

Things are happening: Stockton camp; Ojai 10/2 (Leslie is doing a flier); Fall Camp; Statewide will be announced soon (will be in Petaluma, CA)

Treasurer's Report: Mindy Belli

Bank balances match the treasurer's journal. (Bank statement attached) There is \$63,000 In savings earning only pennies, but the money is insured. A few clubs have renewed membership, but the loss for the year is \$700. Need clubs to renew to offset the loss. Because we have asked clubs to resume membership one month after they start, we should expect more membership dollars in August. (Shana recommended we send reminders to clubs, and that will be done. Marshall Cates mentioned we will have more costs going forward, such as subsidies to clubs having financial difficulties starting up, scholarships, etc.)

Appointed Officers Reports:

Sergeant-at-Arms, Terry Gucwa: We have a quorum

Standing Committee Chair Reports

Fall Camp: Marc read report as follows: This report covers the time since the Federation council meeting on April 18, 2021. We have signed a contract with Brandeis-Bardin for Fall Camp. We have a verbal agreement with Kolo Festival (which we are incorporating into the contract with Sonia & Cristian) for sharing the cost of their travel. The largest cost item still to be resolved is the floor. We expect to have that finalized and a contract signed in time to establish registration prices and open registration in August. Fall Camp's master teachers, Sonia Dion & Cristian Florescu and Roberto Bagnoli, have decided not to do other teaching while they are in Southern California. Therefore, they will be featured exclusively at Fall Camp. Fall Camp and the *Folk Dance Scene* are making plans for making Fall Camp the feature story in an upcoming issue. - Marc Rayman and Jan Rayman, Fall Camp Co-chairs

Shana Winokur will work with Jay Michtom to get the information about Fall Camp scholarship out to the clubs so they can be processed in time for Fall Camp.

Finance, Marshall Cates: We need to re-publish information about rent subsidies and other Federation help to get clubs back on their feet (6 months help per club). We should expect that expense to start soon. Budget: Since it is not clear what the budget items will be, Marshall questioned producing a budget now for this coming year. Diane agreed that we need more information about what clubs are coming back etc. It was agreed that the budget will be presented to the Council at next meeting.

Scene: Jay Michtom: Scene is losing money, though it has a healthy balance now. We lose money on printed copies. Loss of ads during Covid-19 meant loss of income to offset the printed-copy loss. He thinks things will change as clubs open up again. To boost subscriptions, Scene tried free 1-year subscriptions, but only 2 people renewed. Subscriptions keep dribbling down. Will offer free subscriptions again, but only email subscriptions which cost us nothing. This will be advertised at festivals and camps. Jay questioned whether it was worth doing Scene any more. Deadline July 10 for August issue.

Scholarship, Shana Winokur:

No applications yet for scholarships. She will write up a scholarship reminder and Jay will get it out to clubs. Shana will also keep putting scholarship info on Veselo's Facebook page. Marc suggested she include links to Fall Camp which she will do. Steve asked if scholarships had to be recommended by club representatives. Marshall said 'yes,' but members could tell club leadership that they would like to be considered for a scholarship.

Insurance, Julith Neff:

Marshall and I will put our heads together and revise our membership renewal calendar to coordinate with the NFO insurance program. Then we will let Bob know so that he can put the revisions in the 2022 renewal package before he sends it out. The Bylaws Committee will put the information in Standing Rules. Marshall reminded us that Federation decided to prepay 6 months' insurance for each club so we had time to allow clubs to open up without fuss. Bob Altman will send renewal packet to clubs the last week in October.

Old Business

Membership: Marshall Cates restated that Federation decided to prepay 6 months of membership for each club to allow clubs to open up without fuss. September is too soon for membership renewals

because so many clubs are just starting to open in June and July and things are still very new and uncertain. Marshall moved to authorize the Insurance Committee to determine date for soliciting insurance and membership renewal for 2022 since covid closures prevent us from following the dates mandated by Standard Operating Procedures. Carol Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Directory: Will be emailed out this week to all who have emails listed. Directory containing addresses that was on the website was deleted 4/19/21 to forestall information being harvested and misused.

Clubs' Resumption of In-Person Dancing:

Send Your Club Opening Info to Scene! Jay Michtom encouraged clubs to send him information about their opening plans, requirements and experiences. He will publish the information in Scene. Scene would love to have pictures submitted as well. Details about what worked and what didn't work would be helpful to clubs as they open and work things out.

Vintage Israel, Jim Rothman: We meet roughly once a month; zoom attendance falling off. Will start July 31 with in-person dancing at normal location possibly with concurrent Zoom session. Soliciting feedback from members. May require proof of vaccination; people are afraid. However, some groups are dancing with no requirements.

Ventura, Carol Smith: Meeting outdoors at YMCA, not holding hands or shoulders, just dancing 6 feet apart. Everyone is immunized, but folks not ready to hold hands.

Pasadena Co-op, Marshall Cates: We resumed dancing at another location; will go back to old facility beginning July; asking for fully vaccinated but no enforcement.

Narodni, Julith Neff: Dancing in-person since June 17; require vaccination, but no enforcement. Some masked and some not; holding hands as they wish; non-partner dances only. Had about a dozen folks for first two sessions; hoping to get attendance up enough to pay for facility cost.

Cerritos, Wen Li Chiang: Senior Center opens in August and we will meet twice a month Aug to Dec; no meetings in Nov. Final decisions to be made at next meeting. Following City of Cerritos guide lines: if vaccinated, mask not required; if not vaccinated, need mask. Not requiring proof of vaccination.

Laguna International, Kelley O'Neill: Meeting live Wednesday, June 30, 5-7 p.m. on patio for fully vaccinated folks, with no other restrictions. See website update with meeting times for Zoom Sundays and live on Wednesdays.

Tuesday Gypsies, Sandy Helperin: Talking about starting up; will contact Masonic Lodge to get back in; looking for alternate venues. Will ask for proof of vaccination. Probably start in July or August.

Cabrillo, Jody Stern: Meeting outside Tuesdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Waiting to hear when Balboa Park Club might open, maybe August or September. Folks must show proof of vaccination. No vaccination, need mask; doesn't know about monitoring.

Laguna Woods, Terry Gucwa: The first in-person session will be on July 6; Zoom might also continue.

Westwood, Rita Sklar: They would love to dance but can't find place. Will require vaccinations. They are Zooming now, but just socializing, not dancing.

West Valley, Monica Zordich: Senior center not open yet; might open in September. Looking for other venues. Will go with restrictions for City of LA or the most stringent restrictions in effect. Zooming until then.

San Fernando Valley needs a place to dance. If you know of one, please let Jay know.

Veselo, Shana Winokur: July 24 is target to resume dancing. Need to verify date and rules with Veselo Board. Want folks vaccinated; will meet inside but not sure about ventilation. Will finalize plans in light of what other clubs are doing.

July 10 Deadline Reminder from Steve Himmel: To get their club info to Jay Michtom for Scene before the July 10 deadline for August issue. He will put the data into the directory in back portion of Scene. If you have a change of location, let us know. There is a lot of old info in Scene directory. Need updates. Steve will pass info on so it is also on the website.

Ojai Event, Marshal Cates, Chairman: Ojai event committee has not met; looking for dates to visit the site. Committee includes: Diane, Leslie for publicity and decorating, Carol Smith as onsite rep; Terry will prepare the music and sound system. Registration: maybe will use computer registration. Teaching needs to be decided. Schedule might be: teaching in the morning, lunch, dancing in afternoon. Need teaching and registration help. Have insurance certificate in place.

Carol Smith suggested a \$20 fee to cover costs. (However, this event is a gift from Federation to the dance community to bring it together so the Federation is willing to take some loss.) Carol indicated there would be a need for proof of vaccination; maybe it could be sent in prior to festival. At the festival, they want to hold hands, etc. There is a park nearby for picnic lunch and also lots of places to eat and places to stay over night in Ojai if desired. Marshall asked for ideas on how to solicit dances for Ojai festival. Diane suggested that when folks register they be invited to include the names of two dances they want. Then selections could be made from the list attendees provided.

Elections:

We need a new secretary.

All other current officers agreed to continue in office. Diane asked if there were they any nominations from the floor. None were made. Since there were no nominations from floor, the President directed the Secretary to execute a white ballot.

Next meeting: Sept 26, 2021, 9:30 a.m. via zoom. Marshall and others recommended zoom meetings be continued, rather than in-person meetings; and that Federation should perhaps get its own Zoom account.

Meeting adjourned: 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Dull, Secretary

6/27/21 Federation Council Attendees

OFFICERS

President: Diane Baker

Vice-President: Leslie Halberg

Secretary: Camille Dull

Treasurer: Mindy Belli
Historian: Wen-Li Chiang
Sergeant-at-Arms: Terry Gucwa

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Fall Camp Co-Chairs: Marc Rayman and Jan Rayman
Finance: Marshall Cates
Folk Dance Scene: Jay Michtom
Insurance: Julith Neff
Scholarship: Shana Winokur

PAST PRESIDENTS

Marshall Cates
Pauline Klak
Julith Neff

GUEST

Ed Klak

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Steve Himel
Carl Pilsecker

CLUB DELEGATES

Cabrillo: Jody Stern
Cerritos: Sue Chen
International (Laguna Woods): Frieda Gorelick
Laguna International: Kelley O'Neill
Narodni: Julith Neff
Pasadena Co-op: Marshall Cates
Tuesday Gypsies: Sandy Helperin
Ventura: Carol Smith
Veselo Selo: Shana Winokur
Vintage Israel: Jim Rothman
West Valley: Monica Zordich
Westwood: Rita Sklar

Clubs eligible to vote at next Council Meeting:

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Cerritos
Laguna International
Laguna Woods
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