

Minutes Folk Dance Federation of CA, South, Quarterly Council Meeting October 30, 2022

ATTENDANCE – October 30, 2022

OFFICERS

President: Diane Baker
Vice-President: Greg Solloway (Newly elected)
Secretary (Acting): Steve Himel
Treasurer: Mindy Belli
Historian: Not present
Sergeant-at-Arms: Terry Gucwa
Parliamentarian: Marshall Cates

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Fall Camp Co-Chairs: Marc & Jan Rayman
Finance: Marshall Cates
Folk Dance Scene and Visiting Master Teacher Program: Jay Michtom
Insurance: Not present
Scholarship: Vacant

PAST PRESIDENTS

Marshall Cates

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Steve Himel

CLUB DELEGATES

Bay Osos Folk Dancers: Billy Burke
Cabrillo: Martha Awdziewicz
Conejo Valley: Marion Miller
International Folk Dancers of Laguna Woods: Terry Gucwa
Laguna International Dancers: Greg Solloway
Pasadena Co-op: Lynn & Rick Bingle
Ventura: Carol Smith

Veselo Selo: Diane Baker
Vintage Israel: Jim Rothman
West Side Folk Dancers: Sandy Helperin

Called to Order at 9:30

Approval of minutes for the meeting of August 28, 2022.

The Minutes were approved as written. moved by Carol Smith, 2nd by Terry Gucwa. Nobody opposed

Reports

Officer's Reports

President's Report – Diane Baker

Greg Solloway has agreed to serve as V. President of Federation, So., for which I am most grateful!

Action taken: Since he is filling a vacant position, not the regular election cycle, we need a special election. Anybody else want to serve as vice president? Nobody volunteered. Is there anyone opposed to Greg serving as vice president? Nobody opposed. Greg is elected to VP.

Please send future festival applications to Greg Solloway sollowayg@gmail.com

Membership Report – Diane Baker

Renewal applications for membership in 2023 are due 12-1-2022

2 clubs have renewed for 2023 - Cerritos & Conejo Valley

4 associate members have renewed for 2023 - Lynn Bingle, Carl Pilsecker, Steve Himel, & Jana Julian

The Federation is extremely grateful to Lynn and Jana for including a contribution with their renewal.

Vice President Report – Diane Baker

Given by Diane because the current VP is new as of 5 minutes ago
One festival to be approved as a Federation sponsored event.

Pasadena Winter Festival Saturday 1-14-23

Action taken: Move to approve by Mindy, 2nd by Sandy, opposed none

Comment by Marshall - no food available at the festival

Approved upcoming Federation sponsored events

East West February 25, 2023 1:00 – 5:30 p.m. Cerritos

Cerritos 14th Anniversary Party May 6, 2023 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Harborview Statewide Festival May 19 – 21, 2023

Laguna International has not submitted a proposal for Laguna Fest 2023, usually 2nd weekend in March. **Corrected at meeting to: usually 1st weekend in March.**

Valerie Daley asks if the council would like Ventura to organize a Spring Fest in April 2023 to take place in Somis.

Discussed - maybe not needed with festivals in March and May already scheduled. Question of why council approves festivals - some discussion, no action.

Mindy moved to support the festival in somis if date available, carol smith 2nd.

Discussion - 2 types of support - club puts on festival with possible financial help from Federation or Federation puts on and funds the festival. Motion withdrawn and rephrased. *Motion by Mindy for Council to approve a festival sponsored by Ventura Folk Dancers in Somis in spring with up to \$200 financial support from Federation. 2nd by Carol. Nobody opposed.*

Discussion of what if Ventura Folk Dancers decide not to sponsor the festival - And so....

Moved by Mindy, 2nd by Terry to hold spring festival in Somis if facility is available, Federation to be sponsor if Ventura Folk Dancers will not.

Discussion - concern due to financial and other obligations of Statewide.

Supporting statements: dancers like to have fun and Federation has enough money to support a Spring Fest in April. Vote - favor 7, opposed 4

Treasurer's Report – Mindy Belli

tax/non-profit filings with IRS and 3 state agencies to keep non-profit status done

Ojai festival had 31 dancers income of \$620. Ojai expenses \$638

2 associate renewals

Visiting Master Teachers fund subsidized teachers at 3 clubs \$600
\$800 donation from Mountain Dancers when they closed.

Setup account at Wells Fargo for Statewide - transferred \$1000 into account and paid \$450 as deposit to rent the hall for Statewide.

Insurance report by Julith Neff (absent- submitted in writing)

It is time for the renewal of our insurance coverage with the NFO, even though our membership is still current. I have already gotten the certificate for our Fall Camp and will be requesting them for the rest of our clubs in the coming week or so. If your club's facility is really on top of the certificate dates, please let me know, so I can do yours first. The current certificate expires November 9, 2022 and the new one will cover your club till November of 2023. There will probably be a one week turnaround time for these requests.

Julith Neff
Insurance Chairman

Historian's Report – Wen Li Chiang

Nothing to report

Fall Camp Report by Marc Rayman

This report covers the time since the Federation council meeting on August 28, 2022.

Steve Kotansky withdrew on Sept. 14 for personal reasons. As last year, we had already arranged for a backup teacher. Therefore, we announced to campers that Ahmet Lüleci was replacing him. (One camper canceled as a result.)

After careful assessment of the latest science, we announced on Sept. 17 that all campers need to have a COVID-19 booster (the original or the new bivalent) between June 13 and November 1, 2022. We know of a number of campers who got their booster as a result or got it sooner than they otherwise would have, and we know of at least four who would have registered but did not because they did not want to get a booster.

We published our final, detailed COVID-19/long COVID policy on Oct. 12. We had waited until camp was close enough that we could make reasonable projections about the course of the pandemic. Many campers emailed appreciation.

Fall Camp registration closed on Oct. 23 with 59 campers plus Roberto Bagnoli and Ahmet Lüleci.

We could write lots more for this report, but we need to get back to Fall Camp preparations. To find out how camp went, either attend or read the final report at the next Federation council meeting.

- Marc Rayman and Jan Rayman, Fall Camp co-chairs

Sergeant of Arms - Terry Gucwa

quorum present at 10:10

Finance Report – Marshall Cates

Nothing to report

VMT and Scene Report – Jay Michtom

Visiting Master Teacher Program

January availability of Dr. Anton Andonov

Laguna will have him about Jan. 25 2023

Folk Dance Scene - Jay Michtom

Nothing to report

Statewide Report – Diane Baker

Facility – surveyed to determine location of registration, seating, serving area for catered meals, beverages & snacks.

Teachers – contracts signed. Send requests for Israeli dances you want taught to me. Added at meeting: would like requests for israeli dances to be taught

Concert - Bata is inquiring among Serbian churches in So Cal to determine if he should bring a youth ensemble of up to 20 dancers for concert at festival.

Accommodations - Studio 6 selected to be the host motel. 3.1 miles from Wigwam Hall, more economical than the Doubletree Inn. added at meeting: maybe \$160/night price not available until November

Parking – still in negotiations The City of LA astronomically increased parking fees to use the Pt. Fermin Overflow parking lot which is 2 blocks from festival site. We have applied to the Port of Los Angeles for a permit to use a well lit parking lot. Will need to organize a shuttle from motel and from parking lot.

Optional cultural, historical & social activities - Friday and Sunday afternoons
Details being finalized... crafts, maritime history, beer, harbor cruise

T shirts - Elyse Ellinger created, proposal has been submitted to Calimucho printing in San Pedro. awaiting estimate of costs.

Parties – Friday & Saturday evening

Friday Sans Frontieres, Veselba, saturday Tzidia are the bands

No party in dance hall Sunday afternoon

Schedule & registration page - to be finalized in Nov.

Decorations – have a plan, are soliciting folks to craft paper sea creatures & antique maps in advance and bring to festival

Volunteers – 2 people signed up recently, Toti O' Brien and Kismet _____, a former dancer with the San Pedro Folk Dancers. We are seeking additional volunteers to help set up, register & admit folks at the door, serve food, clean up. We want all of YOU and your BF's to volunteer!

Report from Solvang Folk Dancers 10-30-22 - David Heald

We have been dancing continuously since June of 2019. Initially we were dancing on our patio including during the winter of 2019-2020, until the Buellton Rec Center opened up again in April of 2020 when we switched to there, and have been dancing there since. Through the

remainder of 2020 and since there has been a very large amount of Solvang tourism. Danish Days occurred in the past on the Third Weekend of September, but was cancelled for 2020 and 2021. It was supposed to occur in 2021 but was cancelled at the last minute, but we had asked Solvang if they would object to our dancing on the street that weekend anyway, and received a very enthusiastic positive response. So even though Danish Days was cancelled that year, we danced on the street anyway, joined by quite a few couples that came down from Fresno. Danish Days was fully on this year and we had a wonderful time with probably around 50 dancers, dancing Friday night, all day Saturday and Sunday. A lot of people attended from out of town, but I would be hard pressed to say generally if tourism was greater during the September / October. It has been significant for quite some time now.

Solvang is about a 2 hour drive from LA depending on where in LA people start from. Here in the Santa Ynez Valley, Buellton where we dance, is about 10 minutes from Solvang, maybe 20 from Santa Ynez, about 30 minutes from Lompoc, and 45 minutes from Goleta, near Santa Barbara. We dance Saturday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Buellton Rec Center, 301 Second St. in Buellton, Room A. (From 101, exit at Buellton, Hwy 246, and head west towards Lompoc, cross Avenue of the Flags and through the next signal at Industrial Way. Turn right at the next block, La Lata to the stop sign at Second, but don't turn there. Continue straight ahead and then ½ block turn left into the parking lot. Room A is immediately adjacent to the parking lot. We do primarily International Folk Dancing, mix of line dances and couple dances. Don't need a partner. Lots of teaching, depending on the mix of people there. Evening is free! Nice floor. Very friendly group. Following dancing there is coffee and goodies. We would enthusiastically encourage anyone to join us. David

Old Business

Ojai Dance Day – Carol Smith report

Had covid tests available some did not attend due to masking required. Discussion about requirements in future. Festival sponsors may decide based on current govt recommendations.

Written report:

On Oct 1, 2022, Ojai Day of Dance was hosted by the Federation. The morning was devoted to teaching. The afternoon session featured dance requests from various clubs. Terry Gucwa served as DJ. He did an excellent job. Very few people were sitting around. The quality of the sound and the dance selections just brought you to your feet.

Minutes -- format & purpose report by Mindy regarding CA requirements

We comply. State says: A corporation is required (under Corporations Code § 1500) to keep adequate and correct written minutes of shareholder and board of directors proceedings.

And the state does not define those terms. And there's no distinction between corporations and nonprofit.

New Business

Have only 1 signer on checking account now. We need more. Mindy recommends Diane. Marshall said there are rules by the fiscal committee. Probably president, vp, treasurer on the main account. Marshall will check bylaws/standing rules for signature rules. Marshall will notify the potential signers and paperwork will be sent to them. Statewide did not normally have a separate account for previous festivals if the treasurer for the Federation also served as Statewide Committee treasurer.

Formation of nominating committee need 5 volunteers to nominate a slate of officers for 2023, and to fill vacant positions. Need Secretary , publicity and Scholarship.

Carol Smith volunteered and was accepted to be scholarship committee chairperson. She will contact others to be on the committee.

Banner to display at festivals with fed logo, and something like international, folk dancing, public welcome etc. About 10' long. Can have one printed and shipped for \$100.

Jan moved to allocate \$100 to create and print a banner, 2nd by Terry. Marshall said fed has an 8' banner that says folk dancing. Currently Ann Armstrong has it. Vote was Favor 10 , undecided 1, opposed 2)

Next Meeting Date: Sunday January 29, 2023 virtual
Discussion about time - decided on 9:30

Adjourn at 10:40

Note: After the meeting, it was discovered that the above date for the next meeting conflicts with another event. Therefore, the president changed the date of the next meeting to January 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.