



SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH, INC.
Minutes of the Teachers' Committee Meeting
September 21, 2002

At the home of Paula Jacobsen. Armin called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

Present: Coletta & Armin Busse, Juliet Davoren, Bruce Hamilton, Paula Jacobsen, Susie Langdon Kass, Kathleen McAdam, Alan Twigg.

Regrets: Ellen Aaron, Cathy Bertics, Gene & Virginia Bissell, Sara Gratiot, Jo Hamilton, Marianna & Alex Harvey, Bruce Herbold, Sheena MacQueen, Bob McMurtry, David Newitt, Pat O'Brien, Lin Pettengill, David & Avril Quarrie, Ailya Rose, Claudette Sigg. Thanks to those who sent regrets *before* the meeting. That makes life easier on the hosts, and on your secretary and chairman in preparing for the meeting.

Old Business

1 Minutes of June 29, 2002

We discussed how to number items when we discuss them out of order. It's nice to have consistent numbering between agenda and minutes; but it's also nice to reflect the order of discussion, and it's weird to have the numbers out of order. No decision was reached. The secretary plans to do whatever seems best. **Moved** (Armin/Alan) to accept the previous minutes. **Carried.**

2 Party Program Committees

[This was actually discussed near the end, after Susie arrived.] The Dec/Jan program is not done yet. Here are the remaining program committees:

Event	Committee	Pgm Due
Dec / Jan	Bruce Herbold, David, Susie	1-Oct-02
Mar / Apr	Bruce Herbold, Juliet, Lin	1-Dec-02
May / June	Bruce Herbold, Alan, Paula	1-Feb-03

3 Report on Planned Teachers' Workshop Nov 9, 2002

Everything is on track. Virginia Bissell has agreed to help Kathleen with food. **Armin & Bruce** will make a budget. Bruce will make a simple flyer [attached]; it'll go to nearby

branches and the Asilomar committee for insertion into the teachers' packets. We asked Bruce to get her bio from Patti for inclusion in these minutes. Here 'tis:

ALLISON RUSSELL was born and brought up in Cupar, Fife near St. Andrews and graduated from Dunfermline College of Physical Education. She has taught all aspects of P.E. to various age groups in local schools and lectured at Jordanhill College of Education, Miss Milligan's own former college! Allison has taught Scottish country dance at RSCDS Summer and Winter school and at many day and weekend workshops throughout the U.K., Germany, U.S.A., Canada and Australia. It has been a dream of hers for years to visit California, and she thoroughly looks forward to being here and making new friends. As she puts it, "Dancing is Fun!"

4 Report on received TAC Summer School site suggestions

No suggestions submitted since last meeting, though the committee plans to try Stanford and San Jose State. **Everyone:** we're still looking for a site for 2005, so please keep thinking about this.

5 Report on Teacher Resources

None were reported. As we discussed this we found that most of us had stuff in our closets and offices that would actually be useful to other teachers — old records, a 78 rpm player, photographs from the early days of the branch, the branch's video collection, etc. **Everyone**, if you have something you've found valuable enough not to throw out, even if you never use it, please tell Armin. It's likely that someone else would love to see/hear/borrow it some day, and that can only happen if we know it exists.

6 Report on project to collect past TC minutes and actions

Bruce had asked for volunteers to help him collect all the past minutes and to make a file of past decisions still in effect (the size of a quorum, the method of choosing the candidate tutor, etc.). He realized that handing out packets for people to work on at home would mean his spending a day at Kinko's first. Instead, he'll schedule a minutes-reading party at his house some time.

New Business

7 TAC representative's report

Attached. Bruce noted that the RSCDS produced a strategic plan in 1999, which he thinks is very good. It's available from him, but be warned: it assumes you have Microsoft Word and A4 paper.

8 Other new business

Juliet asked how to make these meetings more valuable to those attending (as well as valuable to the branch) — how to get "more exposure to things likely to spark our own enthusiasm for teaching?" We concurred, and in the ensuing discussion decided that this was not simply a request for 'skills' sessions (which we already have). We'd like something every meeting, but don't want

anyone to have to prepare for it or present it. Some ideas were to watch the RSCDS' video of the new book dances or the old branch videos. Or see Kathleen's collection of Reel & Strathspey Society photos. Or watch a video that Bruce has about the tension between standards and vitality. Or hear the 78's that Paula is cleaning up for a CD.

When, exactly? In the large, we'd like to schedule one with each future business meeting. In the small, we discussed the half-hour before the meeting starts, and the free time after. Before rewards people who arrive on time, but risks delaying the meeting. At the end gives more discussion time. We decided to use the 1:30–2:00 slot, set a timer, and save further discussion for after the meeting. In January we'll look at the branch's video collection (**Susie** will recommend one, and we'll watch others afterward).

9 Date and location for next meetings

- Workshop on the Book 42 dances: November 30, 3 pm, Grace North Church. **Date, place and time are subject to change.** Coletta is organizing this; check with her.
- January 11, 2003, 2:00 pm at Armin & Coletta's (video at 1:30). **Note change of date!**
- April 12, 2003, 2:00 pm (video or something 1:30) location TBD. **Note change of date!**
- June 14, 2:00 pm (video or something 1:30) location TBD.

I've sent the meeting dates to Dotty. When a location is chosen for the Book 42 workshop, that should be sent to her.

Adjourned at 4:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Hamilton