

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of meeting of Executive Board held Thursday, 29 October 1964, at the home of Chuck Perdue

1. Meeting was called to order at about 9 p.m. by John Dildine. Seven members of the Board were present; Jim Lee was absent.
2. Sol Schneyer proposed two amendments to the By-Laws:
 - a. To Section II (Purpose) add: "The Society shall be a non-profit organization."
 - b. To Section X (Financial...affairs). A. Amend the phrase "...insured by the Federal Government..." to read "...insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation..."
3. The Board approved with no objection the selection of the First National Bank of Maryland (Kensington Bank Office, Kensington, Maryland) as the agency for a checking account for the Society. This bank offers checking accounts with no service fees, aside from the cost of having checks imprinted, to non-profit organizations. Statements are to be mailed to Sol Schneyer as treasurer.
4. George Simpson reported that incorporation is apparently not necessary to achieve tax-free status, so long as the proper forms are filed with the appropriate tax agencies.
5. The need for a permanent address for the Society was discussed, and the general idea of a post-office box was approved, but the Lees' address will be used for the next month or so.
6. The question of tape-recording the Society's programs and concerts was discussed at great length. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that, subject to Seamus Ennis' agreement, the November (Ennis) program be recorded and the recording held until the Board could determine a policy concerning making and using an archive of recordings. A committee was appointed to look into details and policy, including agreements with performers; Joe Hickerson will be chairman; John Dildine (ex officio) and Cal Herrmann will be members. Cal Herrmann will be asked to help record the Ennis program.
7. Joe Hickerson proposed for honorary membership George Korson (author, collector) and his wife Rae Korson (head of the Archive of Folksong, Library of Congress). The matter was tabled.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed without objection to invite the Korsons to the November program as the guests of the Society.
8. Much discussion took place over the question of future activities, specifically "sings;" to be run by George Simpson as special events, and concerts involving local members of the Society. No decisions were made.
9. Further publicity for the Ennis program was discussed. John Dildine will have Ennis on his radio program Sunday (1 November); press releases will be sent to the Post and the Star.
10. The next meeting of the Board will be at George Simpson's house, Tuesday, 10 November 1964, at 8:30 p.m.

Jan Herrmann
Secretary