

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Membership meeting held 23 of January, 1965,  
at the Hawthorne School (6th and I Streets, S.W., Washington,  
D.C.)

1. Meeting called to order by Vice-President Chuck Perdue at 8:50 p.m.
2. Minutes of the last membership meeting read by the new Secretary.
3. The Vice-President read the proposed amendments of the By-laws. They are:
  - a. To Section V (Officers), A. amend the phrase "...Special Events Chairman and Publicity Chairman." to read "...Special Events Chairman, Publicity Chairman, and Publications Chairman."
  - b. To Section V, L. delete the present paragraph and add "The Publicity Chairman shall be responsible for all publicity, advertising, promotion, and public relations activities of the Society."
  - c. To Section V add a paragraph M reading, "The Publications Chairman shall be responsible for the preparation, printing, and disposition of all regular and special publications of the Society."
4. Announcements of (a) meetings for February, March, and April and (b) Executive Board meetings were made. The Executive Board members present were introduced to the membership. (c) Gerry Parsons announced that there would be a Publicity Committee meeting on January 27. Interested members were invited to attend.
5. Treasurer Sol Schneyer spoke about the purpose of the Society which is: to further the understanding, investigation, appreciation, and performance of the traditional folk music and folklore of the American people.
6. The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.
7. The program of Blues and Gospel Music was presented by Flora Moulton, Ed Green, and John Jackson. *The program was moderated by Ed Morris.*

*June Liberman*  
*Secretary*

(Corrected) Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board, 19 January, 1965, at the Lees, Oakton, Va.

1. Meeting called to order 9:10 p.m. (scheduled for 8:00, see 15 below) by Vice-President Chuck Perdue. President John Dildine later took over the chair.

2. The secretaryship having been vacated de facto, the appointment of June Silverman for the remainder of the term of office was approved. The membership will be so notified.

3. Jim Lee made a membership report. The society has 19 family and 22 individual member (60 warm bodies). Further activities of the Membership Chairman were outlined, as relating to membership cards, a brochure, publicizing, a magazine, sings, getting-acquainted-with-the-membership, a record promotion; discussion groups were also suggested.

4. A Generous Offer - a contact made with Jim Lee, minutes before the beginning of this meeting, to propose the sale of records to the Society at cost will be checked into by Jim Lee, Joe Hickerson, and Ed Morris, constituting a committee. Mr. Max Draisner of the Collector's Record Shop made the proposal.

5. Sol Schneyer made a report on the treasury: as of 31 December 1964,

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| Income was | 190 memberships | Expenses were    | 50           | hall rental |
|            | 72 admissions   |                  | 40           | supplies    |
|            | 1 ? donations   |                  | <u>30.75</u> | postage     |
|            | <u>263</u>      |                  |              |             |
|            | - 120.75        |                  |              |             |
|            | <u>142.25</u>   | Balance 12/31/64 |              |             |

We received some income from the sing on 8 January. See Treasurer's report appended. We now have 161.71 in the bank.

6. Jack Weaver advised Sol Schneyer that the check from the Washington Folk Music Guild is in the mail.

7. Our IRS status: the Society need not pay taxes until IRS acts upon our application for non-profit status. (No change from previous report.) We may fit their qualifications for a "Social Club" better than an "Educational Society", as we cannot be "educational" if we have paid entertainment. Much discussion, see 8.

8. Radio-TV will not accept our claim to be a non-profit organization unless we are a charity. Special rates may be available from the Washington Post and would then be recognized by the Washington Daily News - less of a rate than would be available from the papers for a charity. But we would have to be listed in the District Directory of Charitable Organizations. A possible step in this direction is

to incorporate (in Virginia).

9. Further to a committee to find a hall: Helen Schneyer has no news to report.

10. Publicity: results of recent efforts are to be evaluated at a meeting on the Wednesday following the January program, the 27 of January, at the Lees home.

11. George Simpson presented a resolution which was passed with one amendment. "Be it resolved that a Publications Chairman be added to the Executive Board and by-laws be so amended; and that the responsibilities of Publicity Chairman and Publications Chairman be worded thus: The Publicity Chairman shall be responsible for all publicity, advertising, promotion, and public relations activities of the Society. The Publications Chairman shall be responsible for the preparation, printing, and disposition of all regular and special publications of the Society." Sol Schneyer amended the resolution by adding this phrase: "but that this change not take effect until the next term of officers of this Society." Voting will take place in March.

12. Arrangements for the January program are little changed.

13. Policy on membership and prospects, etc., mailing list: not to let it out of our hands but rather to advertise in our newsletter for events which are worthwhile. However, the secretary is to write and thank the Ontario Place for the use of their list of names in compiling our list.

14. Programs, programs, programs! (Possibilities: Libba Cotton, Frank Proffit) Again, a 50 fee was authorized. A tie-in with the Ontario Place to be investigated.

- a) February program: five films to be shown on Friday, 19 of February, at the Washington Gas Light Co. Auditorium, Eleventh and H Streets, NW, meeting at 8:00, program at 8:30. The films are: one of Leadbelly, Songs of Nova Scotia, To Hear My Banjo Play, Tall Tales, and Whalers Out of New Bedford. They will be presented with a few words of comment on each (by Joe Hickerson).
- b) Further February 'program': resolved, seconded, and passed that Joe Hickerson contact Sandy Paton and make an offer in order to bring the Patons and Mrs. Cleveland here for something the 13 of February. This offer is to be in the amount of 50, our usual payment.
- c) March program: the MacPeakes. To be presented on Friday, 12 of March. (Note that Joan Baez gives a concert the 13th) There was a plethora of possibilities for this month.
- d) Further March activity: a non-program meeting

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on the Friday following "c", the 19 of March; a special members only meeting at the Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission in Silver Spring or the Washington Post Community Room. This will be a meeting solely to discuss the aims of the Society. Telephone calls urging members to participate in this meeting will be made.

- e) April program: will attempt to get Bessie Jones and the Georgia Sea Island Singers. To be presented on Sunday, 11 of April.

15. Regular meetings of the Executive Board are now set. Two ~~Regular~~ meetings of the Board will be held each month. On the first Wed. of each month, the Board will meet at the Perdues; on the third Wed. of each month, the Board will meet at the Schneyers. Meetings are to begin at 8:30. The next meeting will be on February 3, 1965, at the Perdues, beginning at 8:30 with business concluding at 11:00 at the very latest.

16. In lieu of a new committee on community affairs a subcommittee of the Special Events Committee was suggested. A series of Young Peoples Concerts arranged by Nan Perdue, Chuck Perdue, Sol and Helen Schneyer, and Ed -see next page-

16. (community affairs, continued)

Morris would be held. These concerts, to be sponsored by the Society, would be pointed to the 6 to 16 age range and would cover work songs, and other faithful renderings, ~~in~~ play parties and blues! One such concert will be held on 12 of February at a local school. It was suggested that the Washington Theatre Club and the Arena Stage might be interested in such a concert.

Adjournment came at 1:00 a.m.

*June Silverman*

Secretary