

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board, 3rd of March, 1965, at the Perdues, Fairfax, Va.

1. Meeting called to order at 10:05 by Vice President C. Perdue after a veritable orgy of preparing newsletters for mailing (743). John Dildine was not present.

2. The minutes were corrected and approved. Each Board member had been supplied with a copy and extra copies were available for non-Board-members.

3. The Nominating Committee feels that the closing of nominations at the April meeting is too restrictive. Therefore it was proposed by the committee to amend section VI, paragraph B, of the By-laws to read as follows: "The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for office and shall report to the membership at the March meeting. At that meeting, and again at the April and May meetings, additional nominations for any office may be made and seconded (by members)\* from the floor."

4. a) The Society's relations with the printer who has been printing the newsletter have deteriorated. It was proposed that the newsletter be mimeographed usually. On special occasions or for posters when warranted, the Society might have the work done by a paid printer. In this way, the Society would be sure that the deadlines set would be met. Although mimeograph clarity and quality (not to mention quantity) were questioned, the consensus was that the mimeograph method would suit the newsletter. However, the Secretary was directed to ~~make~~ <sup>make</sup> out costs of mimeograph versus offset-printing methods. Item: the printing of 1000 March newsletters would have cost \$28.75 if the printer weren't doing it for us free.

b) Three mimeograph machines are more or less available to the Society for this use, viz the Lees', member Tom Nash's, and member John Coffman's. After some discussion of the state of repair of the Lees' machine, Sol Schneyer moved that the Lees be authorized to use \$25 of the treasury for repair of that machine. The motion was passed.

5. Programs, a) As the expenses to the Society of presenting Newport Folk Foundation people would run far above our budget (75 to 100 per individual), the Society cannot present Bessie Jones and the Georgia Sea Island Singers in April. Joe Hickerson has received a letter forwarded from the University of Virginia to the effect that Frank Proffit will be appearing at the U's Folk Festival in April. Therefore Joe Hickerson will work on presenting Frank Proffit in April. If the date(s) he is available is not favorable, something else will have to be arranged. George Simpson moved that the Program Chairman offer Frank Proffit \$50 to put on a program sometime in April. The motion was passed. Carol Lee moved that the Program Chairman approach Mrs. Elizabeth Cotton if an arrangement with Frank Proffit does not work out, and that the Program Chairman be authorized

\* redundant, parentheses mine - Secretary

to offer \$25. The motion was passed.

b). May and June: A program of a lecture-demonstration by Harold Courlander, author of Negro Folkmusic, USA, was proposed. No definite arrangements have been made. And a vague proposal to get Mississippi John Hurt if, if,.. was reported.

6. Joe Hickerson moved that temporary membership cards be printed in two weeks. The chair so ordered. Jim Lee said it would be done.

7. P.A. System: The need for a public address system was noted by Sol Schneyer. Loudspeakers are the most urgent need. Sol Schneyer and Cal Herrmann volunteered to build four loudspeakers which will form a nucleus of a public address system. The total system will cost an estimated 200. Sol Schneyer moved that \$50 be authorized for these speakers. The motion passed.

8. Sol Schneyer moved that the Society use addressograph plates instead of labels in our mailings. The motion was passed. Carol Lee and Gerry Parsons are to handle the changeover. Batt Bates and Co. rates were quoted (\$2.25 to \$3.00 to make plates, \$9.00 per mailing, and the company keeps the addresses current for you.).

9. McPeake concert: there was a question about a reduced rate for children. There will be none. Re the tickets and the taxes, stubs are to be collected in the drop-boxes and then correlated with the sales records. The price at which each ticket was sold is to be circled and this part of the ticket is to be the stub the Society collects. Also, help will be needed at 5:00 at the Hawthorne School.

10. In the treasury, the Society presently has \$530.56.

11. The appended recording agreement was adopted. A definition: the phrase, "may be recorded" = "is permitted to be recorded". In all cases, where recording is permitted, the Society archivist (who he?) may catalogue the tapes. The Secretary was directed to send copies of the agreement to all performers recorded by the Society and to the McPeakes.

12. Joe Hickerson moved that there be set up a Hospitality Committee of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington which will be responsible for arranging for the comfort and well-being of out-of-town participants in Society programs and events. And the selection of the chairman of the Hospitality Committee will be made by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board. The motion was passed.

13. John Dildine's microphone cable having been lost at a Society meeting (January), it was said that the Society will pay for its replacement.

14. Each Board member is to be supplied with a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting several days before a meeting.

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14. (continued) An agenda is to be footnoted to these minutes.

15. Recruitment: a question as to the feasibility of signing up new members on street corners was asked. If it's then or never it would be feasible. But all such memberships are to be transmitted to the Membership Chairman just as are other memberships. The member who recruits a new member in this way should also identify said new member at the next meeting if there is any question in the mind of the Membership Chairman.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

16. On March 9th, a new meeting place for the March 19 meeting was decided upon. A telephone 'vote' was taken on the question of whether to mail a notice of the change to the entire mailing list. The 'motion' was defeated.

*June Silverman*  
*Secretary*

AGENDA - *rough*

- 1) POLICY STATEMENT FOR MARCH 19th MEETING
- 2) OPEN SINGS - HOW MANY? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
- 3) PROGRAMS
- 4) GENERAL MEETINGS! SHOULD WE CUT DOWN ON THEM? SEPARATE THEM FROM PROGRAMS?
- 5) TELEPHONE LIST. SUCH A LIST SHOULD BE ORGANIZED!