

Minutes of the Executive Board meeting of April 21, 1965, held at the Schneyers, Kensington, Maryland

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:40 p.m. by Pres. John Dildine. Chuck Perdue and Jim Lee were absent.

2. The minutes of the April 7th meeting were read and approved (with corrections). Also, the minutes of March 17th were read and approved.

3. The Treasurer's report, prepared for the April general meeting, was entered in the record. The balance as of April 15 was \$484.67.

4. Reports.

- a. Programs. April. Hawthorne School has scheduled a play in conflict with our April general meeting. Mr. Orr apologises for the inconvenience and will put us in Hawthorne somewhere.
May. See below.
June. See below.
- b. Untitled committee that records programs. Robert Silverman reported that the McPeake concert tape has not yet been dubbed. (to be sent the McP's). Also, their copy of the recording agreement signed by them has not yet been sent them.
- c. Tape recorders. Jon Eberhart asked Board approval of his idea of sending a post-card to each member asking them to tell him what kind of tape recorder they might have and also whether they have tapes they would let other members copy. The cards would be sent at his expense. Questions raised about the project were: can you use the membership list? And must you do it without personal contact? And what about the quality of their equipment? Since the Board approved the project (see below), the list of April 7 (computer list) was given Jon. Doing it through the mails was approved but Jon was asked to stand up at the May meeting and call for the return of the cards thus establishing personal contact. As there is no intention of setting up a Folklore Society tape-copying operation in Jon's (or another's) home, but rather Jon intends to have a file of information (a clearing-house) for the use of interested members, the quality of equipment isn't an issue. This clearing-house will put people with similar interests in tape recordings in touch. Sol Schneyer moved that Jon be empowered to proceed with his canvass as outlined. The motion passed.
- d. Halls (and Hospitality). No chairmen have been found.

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Lee Aaron has invited the Board to Philadelphia May 8 and May 9 to discuss our organization and theirs. This trip will

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5. (cont.) be a liaison trip between officers of our Board and officers of their Board. No expenses will be charged the Society for this trip. Any announcement should say that a delegation from our Society will go up to Philadelphia for this liaison purpose, there being J. Dildine, C. Perdue, S. Schneyer, and maybe J. Hickerson in the delegation.

6. The June or whenever festival is stalled because there is as yet no place to have it.

7. \$20 were authorized for Prof. Buckley for the June meeting, a lecture on "American Folk Culture Research".

8. Newsletter name. a. The name used for the most recent newsletter was "Penny Dreadful". The name was used in order to arouse a response or better name. No reaction from the membership came. It was moved that the newsletter be entitled "Newsletter of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington". The motion passed.

b. An editorial policy suggested was: the newsletter will include nothing that does not pertain to members and their activities except at the direction of the membership and/or the Executive Board. As discussion continued, the publishing schedule was stated to be monthly (by the first of each month of Society programs). Perhaps it will be possible to have more than one publication in future, like a newsletter and a quarterly.

9. Tape recording policy. One consideration in having members borrow tapes from the burgeoning archives is that the tapes should not be degraded. As yet there is no policy on tape use.

10. An auditing committee was set up to perform an audit.

11. One-man committees. As yet there are no members under the chairmen of various committees. It was proposed that each committee chairman appoint at least two members to their committee and submit names of these committee members to the Secretary. The president so directed.

12. May meeting. Since we can't get Willy (the Lion) Smith, we shall have the proposed sing. It is to be a special event, and will occur after the business meeting which will be concerned with elections. This sing will be informal. It was moved that we not charge admission and seek a free hall or one for nominal cost. The motion passed. The sing should be considered a social event after the meeting. John Dildine offered to run it.

13. The idea of recruiting a telephone committee at the April meeting was approved.

14. There has been a feeler from Mr. Ron Connally in re the projected Old Ragged Mountain outdoor atmosphere festival to occur every weekend this summer in Sperrysville, Va. The Society will have to hear more about it. Also, contact

was made by Family services of N Va asking for performers April 21, 1965
for a benefit concert
14 (cont.) for a benefit concert. They are to be advised to
submit a formal request addressed to the Executive Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

AGENDA for May 5th

Reports: Addressograph
Mailing
Picnic-festival
other

Old business:

Hospitality committee
Halls committee - a permanent hall?
features desired are good acoustics,
off-street parking
Brochure to have available at monthly meetings
when
what
Specific problems to be discussed with Philadelphians
May meeting - completely anarchistic? Or salted?
To record or not to record
other?

New business:

Planning next year in advance and having regular schedule
Old Ragged Mountain festival - to set up a medical-
legal fund for folksingers