

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of meeting of Executive Board, held Wednesday, 2 December, at the home of Cal and Lani Herrmann

1. Meeting was called to order by John Dildine at 8:50 p.m. Carol and Jim Lee were absent.

2. The Lees are moving and unable to produce the December newsletter; Lani Herrmann volunteered to take over temporarily.

3. Sol Schneyer asked when the check for the remaining treasury of the Washington Folk Music Guild will arrive; John Dildine will press their officers again.

4. After a discussion of arrangements for/availability of/and costs of meeting and concert halls, it was determined:

a. That we need a permanent file of information concerning halls, etc.

b. That we should appoint a chairman, not a member of the Board, to compile such a file (George Simpson volunteered to help). Sol Schneyer will ask John Eberhart if he will do the job.

5. For the December program we will use the auditorium of the Hawthorne School (6th and I, S.W.) and will pay \$25.00 to the school. Permission was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Jim Orr of Hawthorne. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. and the program at 8:30 on Saturday, December 19.

We will need a slide projector, screen, and some kind of public address system for the meeting; also, John Putnam and Howard Mitchell have given verbal permission to John Dildine for tape-recording the program. Cal Herrmann will be asked to operate the recorder and p.a. system; John Dildine and Chuck Perdue will investigate possibilities for borrowing a screen.

6. Items suggested for inclusion in the newsletter:

a. Call for volunteers and suggestions for the program and other committees

b. Summary of minutes of the last meeting; publication of the proposed amendments to the By-Laws.

c. Include the Lees' new address as mailing address for the Society.

d. Notice of the December program; also of the January program and of the sing for Jan. 8

e. Mention, if there is space, the appearance of the Beers family on the "Tonight" TV show Christmas eve.

7. George Simpson reported on arrangements for the folksing. He has arranged for the use of the Alexandria Recreation Center (Cameron and Harvard Streets in downtown Alexandria) for January 8, at a cost of \$20.00. Sing will begin at 8:15 p.m. After further discussion George was empowered to make all arrangements necessary, including decisions on admission prices and publicity.

8. George Simpson presented a written report on his investigation of alternatives for mailing the newsletter. A committee consisting of Sol Schneyer, George Simpson, and Lani Herrmann was empowered to study the possibilities and report back to the Board with recommendations.

9. George Simpson also reported on his investigation of incorporation. It would cost approximately \$30.00 to incorporate in the District of Columbia (as a non-profit corporation) and there are no clear advantages; it is advantageous to apply to the Internal Revenue Service for non-profit status and exemption from taxes, which he recommends. Sol Schneyer moved that the report be accepted; motion was seconded and passed. George Simpson moved that the President appoint a committee to fill out the IRS forms and submit them to the IRS, and to recommend such changes in the By-Laws as are required to conform to IRS regulations to the Board; motion was seconded and passed, and John Dildine, George Simpson, Sol and Helen Schneyer were appointed to the committee.

It was suggested that we use the term "donation" rather than "admission" in future publicity and announcements.

10. Joe Hickerson and Ed Morris reported on plans for the January program. Joe Hickerson formally moved that the program be held Saturday, 23 January, at the Hawthorne School (meeting at 8 p.m.; program at 8:30), to consist of a workshop-program with three local Negro blues and gospel musicians (Flora Molton, Ed Green, and John Jackson), moderated by Ed Morris. Motion was seconded and passed. After a discussion of finances it was moved, seconded, and passed to offer each of the three musicians a minimum fee of \$10.00 each with a maximum of \$15.00 if income from the program is great enough.

11. Joe Hickerson suggested a film program for the February meeting; no action was taken.

12. There being no further new business, John Dildine reported some items in which the Society is involved:

a. He has been asked to write an article or column on the Society for "Night Life," an entertainment paper to be distributed in the Washington-Baltimore area by Frank and Patsy Grist.

b. He will be interviewed by Dick Cerri on WOL radio, about the December program and the Society.

c. The Beers family has offered to present a program and/or concert for the Society in March, when they will be in West Virginia.

d. Charlotte Daniels and Pat Webb have offered to give a benefit concert for the Society. It was moved, seconded, and passed that we write them a letter thanking them for the offer but not making any definite commitment for the present, as a concert would involve committing funds we do not have and raises other questions on which the Board has not made final decisions.

13. The meeting was adjourned at about 12 m. No time was set for the next Board meeting.

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Secretary