

Minutes of the Executive Board meeting held May 19, 1965,
at the Schneyers', Kensington, Md.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. promptly!
Carol Lee was not present.
2. The minutes were corrected and then approved as corrected.
3. Reports:
 - a. The mailing list consists of 811 general and 88 member names and addresses. ~~Extra copies are to be sent to the Archive of Folk Song, Library of Congress.~~ To add names or change addresses, the new information (including zip) should be given to the Secretary. Perhaps an insert could be put in odd names' newsletters to ask if they really want to continue to receive our newsletter.
 - b, c. The tape of the April meeting (Mrs. Cotten) was termed good in quality. The acoustics of the hall for May were reported to be good, and no p.a. will be necessary for the May sing.
 - d, e. The auditing committee and the tape recording policy committee had nothing to report.
 - f. IRS status. The Society is officially an educational, non-profit organization. This official recognition is to be announced in the next newsletter, along with mention that all donations (but not membership dues) to the Society would be tax-deductible. Maybe buying privileges are available - if applied for.
 - g. Post Office boxes. Lani Herrmann has collected more information on rates for boxes. Service given such a box does not include the forwarding of mail from the box to a street address. The question of a consistent address such as a PO box was tabled until after elections (May meeting).
 - h. Philadelphia. The report on the liaison trip was discussed. Two copies of the report are to go into the record. An oral report on the trip is to be given at the May meeting by Sol Schneyer. Acceptance of the report was moved. Consent was unanimous.
 - i. Poster process. Chuck Perdue showed the Board something received in the mail, Craftint process for posters.
 - j. Picnic. 500 feet of extension cord will be needed to set up a p.a. at the picnic. It was noted that the Alexandria Rec. Dept. is prepared to allow us to put up signs, etc. Further reports on progress of the picnic plans are to be given (the Board?).
4. May meeting. As mentioned previously, Jon Eberhart is to personally urge that the response card of the recent tape recorder survey be returned; Lani Herrmann is to conduct elections. Elections are to be timed to follow the business meeting. Then comes the special event. See item 9.
June meeting. The hall for June is the Union Methodist

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Episcopal Church, 814 - 20th St., NW, near G. W. U. Prof. Buckley has sent encouraging correspondence to the program chairman, and the title of his talk is to be: "The plow, the Loom, and the Hearth". Slides will be shown. Much information about research going on at Cooperstown (State Univ. at Oneonta and New York State Historical Association) was given.

5. Membership cards. Indeed, we have cards. The cards were printed by Roland Hoover, a printing hobbyist. It was suggested that \$7.50 be paid Hoover and go immediately back into the treasury to buy the Hoovers a family membership. So moved. The motion passed. Cards are to be distributed at the May meeting. Renewals are to be urged so that the expiration date written thereon will be 1966.

6. Linda Brennan presented a rough draft of the brochure she was charged with writing.

7. Editorial policy comments. The name of the newsletter is "Newsletter of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington". Three publications were suggested: the announcement, the newsletter, and the journal. The journal should be sold on newsstands and paying subscribers. If editor will have free hand and dependable help, a monthly journal shouldn't be very difficult to do. The newsletter should be all Society business and, at the end, notes of interest. No advertising should be sought for newsletter, but some would be OK in journal. The Publications Chairman (or someone) should be manager of all publications and the editor be editor only. Regular features were suggested - columns by FSGW President and others in area. Programs should be known and planned one year in advance. *The above* there was discussion, and the matter was referred to the Publications Committee, which is to meet after elections.

8. George Simpson resolved the following: it is the policy of the FSGW to tape-record special events and programs of the Society with the written consent of the performer or performers involved. Tapes are for the Society's archived, and without the express consent of the performer(s) involved no other tape-recording will be allowed of Society events and programs. The resolution-motion was approved. (Newsletter item)

9. It was moved that we donate \$10 to Clarendon Methodist Church which will be our hall for May. Passed.

10. Performers available. Doc Boggs may be available in June. Any contact must be made with Manny Greenhill, agent. (W/be in New York the 18, 19, & 20th of June) Willy (the Lion) Smith has become available says member Ed Morris now that he and Prof. Sterling Brown know that we are not the Nat'l Folk Festival.

11. Member Dave Rosenberg will be conducting a folk-dance festival next January, for the D. C. Rec. Dept. They would be happy to have us organize a presentation to be a part of the festival

Joe McKerson conveyed this.

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12. Instruments for Mrs. Cotten and Mr. Ed Green.
Member Ed Morris informed the Board that there is a guitar - Guild or Epiphone - for sale in Boston at \$50 if it goes to Mrs. Cotten (information received from Bill Givens). Also, a banjo - Gold. Mastertone - is available for Mr. Green. How to deal with this matter: ask donations, buy the guitar and then ask donations, ask donations of half the amount needed and pay other half out of the treasury of the FSGW. Or Society could set up a committee. Or an amendment to the By-laws to set up a general fund to help fulfill such needs and to purchase collecting equipment, or such purposes as clearly stated as possible... \$200 amount mentioned for such fund, if treasury would be in the shape to stand it... The guitar offer is not really clear nor is it very understandable as to the reason a one-month time limit on it exists - a strange package. If Martin Co. is approached, they might replace Mrs. Cotten's old guitar. John Dildine was directed by the Board to write Martin Co. Ploy to be tried by Jon Eberhart with advice of Louisa Spottswood - a guitar trade... Further discussion was postponed until intermission of May meeting - the Board is to go into a huddle with Ed Morris.

~~* Tom Dylan, fiddler, has gall-stones.~~

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

June Silverman, Secretary

AGENDA

REPORTS

Tape Recording policy committee to report findings on "use"
PO Box - see new biz
~~Committee~~ Auditing committee

OLD BUSINESS

Regular meeting day. If second Saturday of each month, we would be co-ordinated with Philadelphia somewhat.
FSGW address like an office
Setting up a fund
~~Recieve the~~
~~mail, also~~

NEW BUSINESS

Membership ideas
Monthly meetings, monthly programs, and monthly singa
Group swap with Atlanta (as with Philadelphia)