

Minutes of the Executive Board meeting held March 16, 1966,
at N.L. of I.S.A., 1200 - 17th St. NW, Washington, D.C.

1. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Chuck Perdue at 8:35 p.m. Linda Brennan and Jon Eberhart were absent.

2. The minutes of March 2 were corrected and approved. Criticism was made of the omission of the reasons involved in the rejection of a motion for multi-recording (item 5) (potential distracting noise), and of the short, short description of the discussion of FSGW election procedures (item 10).

3. Reports (from the President's left around the table).

a. Secretarial The mailing list will now be maintained by member Lani Herrmann.

b. Treasurer's A rather extensive preliminary financial report was given (see appended). The Washington Post has allowed the FSGW a non-profit advertising rate. Already, fifty orders for tickets have been received by S-W Pres. for April 2's concert. It is to be noted that the present understanding of the contract with S-W Pres. is that the April 2 concert of BUFFY STE.-MARIE ends the "season" and earnings will be accounted for after that concert.

Also see item 4.

c. Spec. Events The June 3 Frank Proffitt Memorial Concert has been scheduled into Pierce Hall. It is expected that performers at this benefit will not expect any fees. In other respects the concert is predicted to require an outlay of about the same scale as the Beers Family concert. (see minutes of 12-1-65, item 5...)

Ticket prices will also be set as at that concert. Disagreement arose concerning the member discount. "Everybody" expects to pay more at a benefit and this FMC is supposed to be a benefit for the Proffitt family. But one of the advantages of joining the Society is that members receive discounts. It was moved that ticket prices be 2.00 for non-members, 1.00 for members. Passed: 4 - 2. Tickets will be distributed in music stores and will be available for mail order.

This FMC has, as yet, a short list of performers (the Perdues, J. Dildine), and no comment from the assumed beneficiaries, the Proffitts. A letter to Mrs. Proffitt from J. Dildine will go out this week.

d. Programs The April program has undergone changes.

3. Reports.

Programs (continued)

The Patons are out. A program of fiddling will be presented instead. Gus Meade, will be in charge. Note meeting of March 23.

e. Publicity It was reported that the Society is being termed the Folk. Society in the ads for the April 2 concert. Nobody cared for this new name.

f. Hospitality . There is now someone in charge of this activity, Helen Schneyer.

4. On to business...

Budget. The Treasurer will try to propose a budget for operating year '66 - '67.

5. Nan Perdne proposes * a September weekend event. It can be called the All Day Eating-and-Singing on the Ground. The site proposed is any one of five summer camps at Prince William Forest Park, which will be available after Labor Day. A fee of .50/person/day is charged campers for the use of the facilities -- cottages, a dining hall, lake for swimming, playfield, camp-fire circle. Reservations must be made by June 15. A minimum of 30 people and 30 is needed to reserve a camp for a weekend; a camp will accommodate 155 people, maximum. The Society, as organizer, would charge the people for camping facilities, arranged meals, and a bit of program at the rate of 15/couple and 5/child or maybe more. It is hoped that invited guests, like ~~Gena Jones~~ ^{Jones} Cottrell maybe, would do some informal program for expenses of travel and a carefree weekend. The weekend would start Friday evening going until Sunday at 5:00 p.m. The Atlanta F.M. Society ran a similar weekend on Labor Day weekend last year which tried to do more in the way of program. They got 1500 but spent 2000. The San Francisco P.M. Club had a similar thing last year, is having it again this year. Such an event for the FSCW would gross \$1200 by the Treasurer's estimate. ^{with 60 families} Nan having made this proposal as in the first three sentences of this paragraph, it was so moved, seconded, and PASSED. *Actually she said, "I would like to propose that (digression at this point) sometime after the first of September and during the month of September, on a weekend, that the Folklore Society have a 'retreat' weekend at Prince William ... Park."

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Members and special guests of the Society invited by the Board or by the committee will be the only attendees. A deposit of about 5 will be required, but as the budget for the event has not been worked out, the rates to be charged are only tentative, and if the rates ran too high, this deposit should be refundable. The rates will be set definitely soon. A preliminary notice in the newsletter is suggested. A special mailing with information specifically on the event - rates, accommodations, booklet about park - is suggested to follow up the preliminary notice.

6, Bob Silverman asked to be authorized to use the membership list to invite members to an unstructured picnic this summer, and asked if any present would be interested in sponsoring this "chance to get together." A consensus approved this use of the list of members.

7. Mrs. Harold Ames, Society member, informed the Board that Mr. Pham Duy, musicologist-collector from Viet Nam, is soon to tour the U.S. under the auspices of her bureau in the State Dept. His itinerary will have him in Washington from March 28 to about April 8 or 10. As a State Department grantee, Mr. Duy is not allowed to perform for money. It was asked whether the Board could g--make suggestions about Mr. Duy's Washington stay or h--take some more formal action. Five suggestions were immediately made. It was said that the Society could sponsor something in the afternoon or evening of April 3. Other details were discussed regarding such a presentation.

The meeting adjourned about 11:00 p.m.

Jane Silverman
Secretary