Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting held April 20, 1966, at the N.L. of I.S.A., downtown Washington, D.C.

- 1. The meeting came to order at 8:55 p.m. Ed Morris Was absent.
- 2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with corrections.
  - 3. Reports.
    a. Treasurer's

The treasury stands at \$292.56 (bank) + \$25 (petty cash).

No settlement with S-W Presentations has been made yet.

b. Special Events-F.P.M.C. As Pierce Hall will be closed to our use on the date set for the Frank Proffit Memorial Concert a new date (June 5) was tentatively set. Tickets will be available at Dale Music Store, Silver Spring, Md. Another hall for June meeting. Pierce Hall also will be unavailable on June 10th. Arrangements are being made with Wash. Gas Light Co. so that the meeting with Buddy Moss program can be held in that auditorium. Questions as to whether the hall will hold the audience were raised. See item 4. July picnic. A possible site is the Shiloh Dude Manch near Dickerson, Md. Mr. C.B. Warren, manager, has been contacted. He says this ranch has a p.a. system all set up, and facilities for 3000 if outdoor settings are used (1200 if the two barns are used). There are los of country music presentations held here. He would rent the Society the place for #75, or better. He says he could get Bill Monroe for this event. There are pony rides for children here. Never having been to the ranch, George Simpson suggested a trip to look over the place the coming Sturday or Sunday. (keston, Va., was also mentioned as a possible site.) Program ideas set forth for the picnic were a Children's Concert, a Blues Workshop, a Name-Group Show, and, to finish up, a Sing. The Country Gentlemen Would be willing to appear for #250. The tentative budget looks to be # 400. If the Baltimore group mentioned, Jack Cook and the Carroll County Mamblers,

appeared the cost would be less.

- 3. Reports. (continued(
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  - The event would break even financially or even attract huge crowds at this place.

    A 2 general admission was suggested.

    The date July 9 was suggested.

    The place for Pham Duy was shown.
  - c. Membership/9 renewals (out of 50 delinquents) was the figure reported. Telephoning the unrenewed was suggested.
  - d. Publications/A ream or two of stationers was present for distribution. The brochure was at the printer's.

    The emblem. The Ford Museum never replied to a letter requesting permission to use the emblem agreed upon. It was suggested that the Society adopt this emblem (see minutes of 12-1-65, item 4c.) and assume their tacit approval. Jon Eberhart volunteered to contact some Ford wheels here in Washington for definite approval. In the meantime, it was suggested that we use it. Discussion turned to posters and, item 4, halls.
  - September picnic and camp-out. Leservations. The park ranger described the way applications are awarded, and it seems that the more people that can be listed the better the application's chances as the park people operate on the basis of what group has the most people coming and how long they're going to stay. Therefore, more people must sign up. More promotion of the event must be done. The application and deposit are due on June 5. Other facilities (campsites) are available without reservations for individual campers with their own equipment apparently, and likewise for picnickers. A shhedule of charges for the camp-out -- for registered reserved people and day, non-camping people -is needed. There's also a problem with the Fairfax F.D. Ladies Auxiliary. The park is not in their territory and they can't handle the mass dining; they referred us to the Lake Jackson F.D. Auxiliary.
- 4. Will the WGL Auditorium hold the crowd attending the Buddy Moss program? This hall will hold 199 people, and no more. Other suggestions made were Erinity Church and Gallaudet College.
- 5. Honorary member proposed. Jon Eberhart sought Board approval of an honorary membership for Mr. Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior. Objections arose immediately. The feeling that

5. (continued) the first honorary membership(s) should go to a major contributor or contributors to folklore studies was expressed. Names were mentioned\*. The feeling that Mr. Udall had (potentially) benefited Woddie Guthrie enormously and folknusic also was expressed. Eventually this question was put as a motion, with no stipulations as to term of membership: Jon Eberhart moved that we give Sec'y of the Interior Udall an honorary membership in the Society ... because of the fact that he recognized and honored Woodie Guthrie (see item 3g, last time, April 6). Vote: 5 pro, 3 con. Motion DEFEATED (unanimous Board approval required by the By-laws). At this point George Simpson moved that we send a letter to express the Society's approval of and appreciation of his (Udall's) recognition of Woodie Guthrie, and, in addition, include in the letter an offer to put him on the mailing list for the newsletter ... A suggestion that we give a family membership (not an honorary membership) away to Mr. Udall was made but withdrawn. Motion PASSED:

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6. A conservation and outdoor songs collection mught be recorded in conjunction with the Dept. of the Interior. No enthusiasm was shown.

7. Swall we "sponsor" or be a "contributing patron" to the NE. Regional Ballet Festival as a Society in response to a letter from D.C. Rec. Dept.? No enthusiasm was shown.

8. The two evenings of the "Folk Festival of All Nations" the Society representatives will be John Jackson and the Ferduer (May 13) and Helen & Sol Schrever (May 14)

(May 13) and Helen & Sol Schneyer (May 14). and group 9. The sings were mentioned. It was moved that we don't have open sings over the summer until October. One opinion was that we should have them but not if they continue to irritate eople like the last one. Motion passed, no sings this summer

Jeople like the last one. Motion passed, no sings this summer. 10. Etcetera. There will be a Florida Folk Festival on May 5, 6, and 7 at the place where the Stephen Foster Memorial is. The Philadelphia Folk Festival is the Weekend of Sept. 11. And some other events and places and records and occurrences were mentioned.

Meeting adjourned: about 11:00 p.m.

June Silverner Secretary

Frank Proffitt, Horton Barker, Hobart Smith.