

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON - Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, 1 December 1970 - 710 Dupont Circle Building

Present: Frank Daspit, Roni Bowie, Mike Rivers, Gene Anderson, Joan Peterson, Dick Rodgers, Joel Shimberg, Kathy Goldman, Bob Clayton, Board members; Bob Banks, Kathy Clucas, Michael Cooney, Helen Schneyer, Reed Martin, Society members

Absent: Joe Hickerson, George Carey, John Dildine

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m. by Vice President and Acting President Frank Daspit. Minutes of the November 3 meeting were accepted as read.

Membership Report: Roni Bowie

Membership to date: 250 Individual, 184 Family = 434 total.

Special Events: Mike Rivers

The Society will present Bessie Jones on 17 January 1971 (Sunday night) at the Ethical Society Auditorium, at 8:00 p.m. (8:00 rather than 8:30.) Dick Rodgers can write the publicity and will give something to Joan Peterson for the January Newsletter. Prices: \$1.00 members, \$2.00 non-members, children half-price. Bessie Jones will also sing on Monday afternoon (18 January) at Montgomery Junior College for Lester Heller. The Society will pay \$125.00 for fee and expenses for her Sunday performance.

Program for Lincoln's Day (see minutes of November meeting): Ford's Theater was not available to us for 12 February, but it was for 14 February, a Sunday followed by a holiday. Mike Rivers will be out of town that month, but he will sanction this program as a Special Event and turn the coordination over to Joe Hickerson. The Event will be free to all.

Saturday, 19 December, will be the date for traditional Xmas caroling. Meet at Alexandria Folklore Center, which Mike will call and ask to open for the meeting, around 8:00 p.m. It's now too late to announce this in the December Newsletter, but it can be announced at the program meeting on 11 December.

Sunday, 13 December, will be the date of the next Sacred Harp Sing, at which time the date of the January one will be decided.

Roni Bowie will host(ess) and house the next Open Sing on Sunday, 31 January 1971, starting at 4:00 p.m. and including a potluck supper.

Lester Heller was rumored to have money (on behalf of Montgomery Junior College) to spend on folk music programs. He does have a little -- about \$50.00 at a time for little programs in the MJC student lounge. Admission is free, primarily for students but open to all. MJC is a possibility for coordination in bringing people to the Washington area, jointly meeting traveling expenses, etc., but the only date possible for both FSGW and MJC is in May (8 May for us). Mike would like to have the Balfa Brothers (Cajun band), maybe with the Country Gentlemen. Suggestions from others of others are welcome.

(Special Events, cont'd.)

Kentucky Songbag lists people available for bookings. Bluegrass Alliance and Buell Kazee are the only likely looking ones, and for one reason or another both would probably be too expensive.

Publicity Report: Dick Rodgers

Posters for the Kilby Snow concert (11 December) will be at the printer's tomorrow.

Treasurer's Report: Gene Anderson

Net worth, 31 October 1970:	\$1,778.03
Income, November:	324.00 *
Expense, November:	<u>373.07</u>
Net worth, 30 November 1970:	\$1,728.96

\*Income breakdown: \$255 memberships, \$69 from November program.

Frank Daspit asked for a comparison of these figures and the budget.

Publications - Newsletter: Joan Peterson

Deadline for the January Newsletter is 16 December. Joan has just about everything by now except information on the January program.

Program Report: Bob Clayton

Projected programs for remainder of this year: December, Kilby Snow; January, Ola Belle Reed; February, open (hopefully Franklin George); March, John Roberts/Tony Barrand; April, Margaret MacArthur; May, open; June, open (but possibly Kate McGarrigle/Roma Baron).

Old Business

Roni Bowie reached Mr. Nabors at Camp Glenkirk for information on Camp G. as a Getaway site. Sleeping capacity is 150. Registration for 1971 opens October 1970. Weekends in May or September have all been partially filled by now, so we wouldn't be able to have the whole camp. Roni has details on registration fee, other fee breakdowns. They fill up fast, so we would have to reserve far in advance. If we used this place, we'd have to raise prices to about \$20.00 per person. It would be a good idea to look at it, however, and keep it in mind as an alternative to Prince William Forest Park if we ever need or want an alternative.

Steve Winters (Member-at-Large on leave) sent a letter of resignation to Joe Hickerson (see minutes of 6 October for details). The Board voted its acceptance of his resignation.

Roni Bowie now has most of the tape archive from the Silvermans. Bob Clayton and Mike Rivers have a few tapes each from the archive. June Silverman thinks that Arnie Caplin (Biograph Records) has never returned the original of the Buddy Moss tape he borrowed to make a record; a copy is in the archive.

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(Old Business, cont'd.)

Bob Banks thinks an original of a Lou Killen program is not in the archive either. (Ordinarily the Society does not lend out originals but makes a copy. June said the nominal charge was 50¢ per copy, for dubbing time, and the recipient supplies the tape.) Joel Shimberg and/or Kathy Goldman will bring the list up to date and will then be ready to make copies upon request.

Bob Clayton will present a financial report on the 1970 Getaway at the January meeting. A written report is usually submitted to the Board.

#### New Business

Mike Cooney is looking for bookings to make expenses for the High Level Ranters, a ceildh band coming from England in late January. They would be available for Washington area either January 24 or 31. It's a four-member band, and Mike would like to see them get a minimum of \$50.00 each, or \$200.00, but even that would be skimpy for them. FSGW has 24 January open, but Special Events Chairman Mike Rivers is reluctant to have them in a place where the audience can't dance. (Last year's discussion revisited: the Ethical Society Hall produces apathy [even though the chairs could be removed for dancing].) Frank Daspit pronounced that ultimately it was a matter for Special Events Chairman to decide rather than the entire Board.

Reed Martin suggested sending a list of our programs for the year to various newsletters in other cities. Secretary will get suggested places and addresses from Reed, information from Program Chairman, and will send.

Kathy Clucas, who works at WETA, reported that the station is running a listener survey and has received criticisms of Dick Cerri's folk music program (on FM, 6-8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays). This is an opportune time to present suggestions for a good folk music program and Kathy invites concrete suggestions from Society members; she will pass the suggestions along and can also work from inside to influence a different format, more traditional and contemporary music, etc. Acting President Frank Daspit asked Member-at-Large Joel Shimberg to act as liaison between the Society and WETA, and to handle this matter with help from whomever else he can get. Also an announcement will be made at the 11 December program meeting and a note will be put in the January Newsletter asking people to write and call WETA-FM with their requests for folk music programming.

Roni Bowie reported that one of the members offered a 20-acre farm in Warrenton, Virginia, for a spring or summer picnic. Contact: Larry Jones, Route 29-211, Box 208-A, Warrenton, Va., phone 347-2996.

#### Misc. Announcement: Mike Rivers

County Sales is going temporarily out of business after 24 December, so if you want County's discounts, order now. (Address available from Mike.)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 5 January 1971, same time, same place.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Goldman, Secretary