

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON - Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 6, 1971 - 718 Dupont Circle Bldg., Washington, D.C.

Present: Joe Hickerson, Jeremy Sachs, Kathy Clucas, Joel Shimberg, Mike Rivers, Andy Wallace, BOARD MEMBERS. Also, Arlene Rodenbech, Kathy Goldman, Gene Anderson.

Absent: Dick Rodgers, Alan Mackall, Carter Rila, Margot Greig, George Simpson.

The meeting was called to order by President, Joe Hickerson at 8:15 p.m. Copies of the June 1 minutes had been sent out prior to the meeting. Joe first called attention to several corrections to be made with regard to these minutes.

1. Page 2, item 3: the word "coma" should read "comma."
2. Page 4, Para 4: "...action which would" should be changed to "...action which may."
3. Page 4, Para 10: Price of the Christian Harmony book should be \$3.60 each which includes postage.
4. Under New Business: regarding the Getaway VI application, it should be noted that the report of no application having been made as of June 1 was an error. The application had been sent in prior to the time of the meeting.

These corrections were noted by all present and the minutes were then approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Kathy Clucas

All the outgoing and newly elected officers of the Board had been sent a copy of the minutes and a notice of the July meeting.

The secretary also reported that flowers and a card had been sent to Miss Knott at her home in Kentucky as per the motion made at the June meeting. No reply has been received in regard to this.

Program Report: Mike Rivers

At this time Mike had nothing definite to report on in terms of specific programs. He has several performers in mind and will begin contacting them individually during the coming month. While not definite, a suggestion has been made to put together a sampler concert for early October.

Membership Report: Jeremy Sachs

As of June 30, 1971, memberships are 289 Individual and 210 Family for a total of 499; a gain of four members.

Jeremy reported that no tickets were used at the June concert. However, several persons did ask if the price of the admission could be applied toward a membership. They were told to indicate on the back of their application form that they had attended the concert and would like to have the \$1.00 applied toward their membership.

Publications Report: Joe Hickerson

Joe reported to the Board members that Joan Peterson, elected to this position on the Board has moved out of the Washington area since the last meeting. While Joe has received no formal letter of resignation from Joan, he nevertheless, moved that the Board accept her resignation.

Joe also reported that he had spoken with Arlene Rodenbech, formerly Assistant Editor for the Newsletter. She has agreed to accept the position of Newsletter Editor for this year.

Arlene mentioned that Mr. George Simpson has volunteered to put together the second issue of the FSGW Journal, which George Carey had begun working on. He was not asked whether he would assume the position of editor for the Journal so we will still be looking for someone to fill this post more permanently. Joe asked if there was any discussion concerning the motion to elect Arlene Rodenbech as Newsletter editor. All the members present agreed this was a very good idea, and the motion to have Arlene as Newsletter editor passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Gene Anderson

Net Worth, May 31, 1971:	\$1,709.29
Income, June, 1971	301.50
Expenses, June, 1971	<u>249.14</u>
Net Worth, June 30, 1971:	\$1,761.65

Income includes \$190 for Membership; \$110 for Admissions from June program; \$1.50 Miscellaneous.

Expenses include \$106.92 for publications; \$100 for program; \$9.50 for Publicity; \$24.44 Miscellaneous; and \$8.28 for Membership.

Special Events Report: Andy Wallace

Andy opened his report by explaining that a carefully written letter/notice of the Getaway VI to be mailed out to the membership had unfortunately been left in another folder. The information was rather general giving the date (Sept. 17 through 20), place - Prince William Forest, Camp 4 and the deadline for overnight reservations and pre-registration for daytime visitors. Because it is a National Park, we are technically not allowed to take in money the day of the Getaway. We are using the pre-registration form to overcome this stipulation.

Andy also informed the Board that the Getaway committee has decided to invite only 3 performers, who will each be paid \$100 plus expenses, for the evening concert.

Tentatively, they will be Bessie Jones, Franklin George and Grant Rogers. ^{Ed} (~~Frank~~ McDermott will be invited if any one of the other three performers is unavailable.) It is expected that the Getaway will attract enough other performers to provide ample talent for the workshops.

A question was raised as to whether some places could be set aside in the camp for performers who are not members, but might want to come without being invited. This idea seemed agreeable to all present.

Andy also suggested that the person who takes charge of supervising the food preparation be allowed to attend the Getaway free. This idea met with the approval of those present, and will be initiated this year. It was reported that Alan Mackall has agreed to take on the job of ordering the food supplies. The individuals to do the cooking and the person to supervise have not been chosen at this time.

Andy expects to have these first general notices about the Getaway sent out by the end of this week. The two forms (Overnight reservation & day pre-registration) will go out later this month. Deadline for the overnight reservation is set at August 20 with priority being given to members; and the deadline for day pre-registration is September 10.

Sampler Concert - (See program report)

Andy suggested we plan for a Sampler concert either the latter part of September or the first weekend in October. He asked about the possibility of using the Smithsonian Auditorium for this event. Kathy Goldman reported that she had not approached anyone at the Smithsonian to check out use of the auditorium as yet since she felt it was too soon for them to have decided on anything for the coming year. Kathy said she would try to find out something definite in the next few weeks and report at the next meeting.

Publicity Report: Dick Rodgers not present.

Old Business

- I. Budget Meeting - Kathy and Joel agreed to have the meeting at their house on Tuesday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. Address is: 1018 Danville Street, Arlington, Virginia. Secretary will notify the Board members prior to July 20 of the meeting.

New Business

- I. Joe called attention to the fact that the American Folklore Society will be having their annual meetings in Washington at the Hotel Washington on the second weekend in November (11-14).

The Executive Board for A.F.S. voted to have their meeting co-sponsored with FSGW. This is a customary procedure wherever the meetings are held. Alan Jabbour and Ralph Rinzler are going to be directing the meetings for the A.F.S. Joe

suggested several areas in which the Folklore Society could be of assistance.

1. Publicity in our Newsletter.
2. Enlist volunteers to do some legwork during the meetings and handle hosting duties.
3. To provide a top-flight entertainment program (possibly Saturday evening after the traditional banquet). It should be mainly local performers both black and white.

Since the Friday of this weekend (Nov. 11) is the date of our regularly scheduled program, perhaps we could use this as the entertainment or perhaps change the date of our program for this month only. No decisions were reached at this time concerning the event.

Miscellaneous

Jeremy Sachs picked up a pipe left at the picnic on July 27th. It was not claimed by anyone present.

Joe is attempting to locate an interview done by someone in Manassas with a black baseball player. He would appreciate any information on this that might be available.

The Society received a thank you letter from Priscilla Urner, Festival Coordinator for the N. Virginia Folk Festival for our "generous cooperation and participation." (See attached)

The National Folk Festival Association has moved its offices to Room #718 in the Dupont Circle Building. All future meetings (August 3) will be held in this office.

There being no further business or announcements, the meeting adjourned promptly at 9:24 p.m. by unanimous acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Clucas, Secretary

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