

FSGW Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 5, 1971

Present: Joe Hickerson, Dick Rodgers, Arlene Rodenbeck, Mike Rivers, Margot Greig, Alan Mackall, Jeremy Sachs, Joel Shimberg, Andy Wallace, Gene Anderson, Kathy Clucas - Board Members. Kathy Goldman, Roni Bowie, Michael Cooney - Non-Board Members.

Absent: Carter Rila

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by President Joe Hickerson. The minutes of the October 5 meeting were read by those present and several corrections were noted.

1. Virginia Folklore Society meeting was Oct. 29 instead of the 19th.
2. Mike Rivers new phone number was recorded incorrectly; it should be 892-6117.
3. Malvina Reynolds name spelled incorrectly.

Minutes were then approved as read and corrected.

President's Report: Joe Hickerson

Joe distributed printed information concerning the American Folklore Society meetings being held on November 11-13 which included a schedule of events and meetings.

Publication's Report: Arlene Rodenbeck

The Batt Bates account has been reconciled by Alan Mackall. Arlene also talked with George Simpson who related that Volume 2, Number 2 of the Journal was at Batt Bates and should be arriving in the mail within a week or so. The cost will be approximately \$450. He said copies of the Journal would be ready for distribution at the A.F.S. meetings. George declined to act as editor for any forthcoming issues of the Journal, but offered his assistance where needed.

Membership Report: Jeremy Sachs

Membership as of November 1 is 316 Individual; 225 Family for a grand total of 541, a net gain of seven from last month. Jeremy has finally begun his seasonal adjustment (purge) of the mailing list. Some exceptions to the list of names to be deleted will be designated by Joe Hickerson.

Jeremy also reported that new Membership forms were given to Dick Rodgers and announced that the solicitation drive to English and Folk clubs in the area high schools had been completed.

Special Events: Andy Wallace

There is still no complete and definitive report on the GETAWAY, however, the gross income was approximately \$2,777.35 with some people still owing money. Expenditures thus far total \$2,072.96 for a net profit of \$704.39. Andy was able to supply a brief breakdown of income and expenses as follows:

Performer's expenses	\$ 2,442.70
Park	250.00
Miscellaneous	115.00
Food (made up the remainder of the expenses)	1,265.26
	<u>\$ 2,072.96</u>
Income from Registration, etc.	
Overnight	\$ 2,201.50
Daily	500.00
Cokes and soda	71.85
	<u>\$ 2,773.35</u>

There was a loss of approximately \$35 on sale of soda due to unreturned bottles and disappearing money.

The official body count was 167 Overnight and 260 Daily guests.

Andy reported that no money had been received as of the time of the meeting for the Sampler concert on October 1. He was told that the person in charge (?) was out of town. Alan Mackall also tried unsuccessfully to reach somebody who could provide specific information on the money.

Also announced at this time was a Clancy Brothers concert to be held at Lisner on Saturday, November 20. This is one of the concerts regularly co-sponsored by Stanley-Williams and FSGW. It was suggested that in the future the Newsletter editor check with Harding Williams before printing of the Newsletter for any last minute scheduled events.

A question was raised as to whether Harding Williams would send out a notice to the membership about the concert and if he should even be asked to do so. Joe didn't ever recall Stanley-Williams Presentations as having done anything like that before. Accordingly, no action was taken. Owing to the lack of time, Joe suggested that Arlene prepare a notice giving details (ticket prices, date, time, etc.) and have about 1,000 copies made for distribution at the Sloop concerts and also at the Malvina Reynolds concert.

Andy reported that he was still awaiting an answer from the Smithsonian about definite dates for the Mummer's Play and Christmas Sampler. It is hoped that arrangements can be made for Christmas caroling again this year, possibly the Sunday before Christmas.

Open Sing - The Ethical Society coffeehouse will charge a dollar per person and will supply food and beverage. Joe suggested waiting for an on-the-scene report before making a commitment. It would solve the persistent problem of finding a location for the Open Sing each month.

Program Report: Mike Rivers

David Bromberg is definitely coming on December 10. The Division of Performing Arts will man the box office and tickets will be used. For this performance only members will be required to make advance reservations by calling the Smithsonian. There will be no limit on the number of guests a member may bring. The January program will be Pam Ostergren and the February program is tentatively Bill Williams. Mike reported that Jon Wilcox of the San Francisco Folk Music Club will be coming East and Mike would like to schedule him for March.

Mike was notified that January program will also be in the History & Technology auditorium. It doesn't appear as if this will cause any special problem.

Is it possible to obtain additional tables for the regular program meetings? Kathy Goldman has asked that that item be included in the regular monthly form that is filled out for use of the auditorium.

Publicity Report: Dick Rodgers

The Publicity Committee sent out 25 press releases on the Grant Rogers concerts specifically to the daily papers and radio stations. Joe stressed the need for contacting the monthly publications as far in advance as possible preferably NOW. As a matter of courtesy since they are co-sponsors, the Smithsonian should receive a copy. Also releases must note the co-sponsorship with Division of Performing Arts.

Dick will have materials for a table to be set up at the Sloop concerts.

Tape Archive Report: Joel Shimberg

A question was raised as to whether there would be a tape made of the A.F.S. program on Thursday, November 11. Joel affirmed the program would be recorded and that we should use our own sound system. Labor Day program tapes were sent to Fred Haller and Archie Green.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Mackall

Net Worth as of September 30	\$ 2,211.47
Income - October	317.50
Expenses - October	<u>706.18</u>
Net Worth as of October 31	\$ 1,822.79
Getaway Account current balance	\$ 2,174.90
Income Breakdown:	314.50 for Memberships
	1.00 for Publications
	<u>2.00</u> for Miscellaneous
	\$ 317.50
Expense Breakdown:	271.26 for Publications (Newsletters)
	150.00 for Program (Alan Stowell)
	33.92 for Special Events (publicity)
	<u>251.00</u> for Miscellaneous
	\$ 706.18

It should be noted that there is approximately \$180 income outstanding from the Sampler Concert.

OLD BUSINESS

- I. A.F.S. Meetings - Margot Greig reported on the housing situation for those attending the meetings. Only 6 people have specifically requested places to stay as of this Board meeting. Several Board members offered floor space, etc. for any last minute requests.

Jeremy will have a FSGW membership display with some individuals lined up to man the tables at critical times.

- II. By-Laws Committee - Roni Bowie, Chairman

It was reported that only Section X .A of the By-Laws requires an amendment to the By-Laws. This pertains to funds in the checking account over and above those needed for operation. The proposed amendment reads as follows:

"The funds of the Society shall be kept in checking accounts only to the extent needed for current operation. Additional funds and all reserve shall be kept in interest-bearing accounts insured by an agency of the Federal Government, the institution to be approved by the Board.

The following is the procedure for presenting a proposed amendment to the general membership.

1. Read proposed amendment at any regular Board or membership meeting. (November meeting)
2. Publish in December newsletter, advising that voting will be held at January meeting.
3. Vote at January meeting. Passage requires two-thirds majority of those voting.

The second item under consideration, i.e., nominations, elections, quorum requirements will only require procedural changes rather than an amendment to the By-Laws.

Recommended change as follows:

1. Nominations - existing procedures should be retained with the exception that nominations should be closed at the intermission of the May meeting prior to voting.
2. Elections
Printed ballots should be distributed at the May meeting at the time of admission upon presentation of a valid membership card.
Write-in votes will be permitted.
Ballots should be placed in a box during intermission. Results should be posted at the end of the program.
Nominating committee should act as the Election committee. The ballots should be retained for one calendar month and then destroyed.
3. Quorum Requirements - at any voting meeting, the number of members present should be tallied as they present their cards for admission.

After hearing the proposed changes Joe called for discussion on them from the Board. Since no discussion was initiated, Joe called for a motion to accept the proposed resolutions as presented by Roni. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Michael Cooney proposed presenting a benefit concert for Sing Out Magazine either by himself or in conjunction with FSGW.

The Society has set a precedent of not giving benefit concerts but rather to sponsor programs in which the performer (s) gives his fee to the organization. The Smithsonian does not sponsor benefit concerts.

It would most likely be necessary to find a place for the concert. George Washington University auditorium was suggested. Andy volunteered to investigate possible places for the concert.

A motion to adjourn was passed with unanimous acclamation at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Clucas, Secretary