

FSGW Executive Board Meeting  
February 1, 1972

Present: Joe Hickerson, Andy Wallace, Joel Shimberg, Arlene Rodenbeck, Alan Mackall, Dick Rodgers, Kathy Clucas, Gene Anderson, Board Members.

Absent: Margot Greig, Jeremy Sachs, Carter Rila, Mike Rivers.

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m. by Joe Hickerson. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read by all present and approved as corrected, subject to subsequent readings, i.e., any and all latecomers.

President's Report: No report given.

Secretary's Report: No report given.

Publication's Report: Arlene Rodenbeck

The publication's chairman was commended by all for her efforts on the Newsletter. As of this meeting, no decision has been reached regarding an editor for the Journal. Joe Hickerson read a letter from Kay Cothran in which she expressed interest in being the Journal editor. Joe said he would acknowledge the letter. In the meantime, Joe asked Arlene to contact George Simpson for ideas on putting together Volume III before the end of this year. Andy and Joel presented their suggestions (see New Business).

Membership Report: Arlene Rodenbeck for Jeremy Sachs

As of this meeting, individual membership is 337, Family membership is 231 for a total of 568; a net gain of 19. Membership committee meetings are continuing.

Special Events: Andy Wallace

Andy reported that the performance at the National Collection of Fine Arts on January 8 had been both well attended and well received. No money (\$25?) has been received as yet.

Upcoming Events -- March 12 at 2:00 p.m., Department of Interior Auditorium

at 18th and C Streets, will be an all-Irish program featuring Joe Heany, Peggy O'Neill's dance group and John Curry. This program is being jointly sponsored by the National Park Service, N.F.F.A. and FSGW. Costs of the program will be taken care of by the N.F.F.A. In regard to the program, Andy proposed a motion to provide an additional \$50 for Joe Heany to cover his travel expenses. Motion was seconded by Dick Rodgers and passed unanimously.

A Sampler Concert will be held on Saturday, April 8 featuring Joe Hickerson, Helen Schneyer and possibly Howie Mitchell. Additional performers plus more exact details will be forthcoming.

The Open Sing -- Seems to be flourishing and the reports indicated new voices were being heard from.

Program Report: Andy Wallace for Mike Rivers

The January surprise program, for anyone who missed it, was Pete Hoover and Allan Jabbour who performed to a sell-out crowd. One problem incurred during the evening was getting into the auditorium - possibly owing to a misunderstanding with the Smithsonian guards on duty. Kathy Goldman, our liaison, will be informed.

February 11 program is Bill Williams; March 10 is Jon Wilcox and April 12 while not definite, Mike is trying to get Dave and Toni Arthur from Surrey, England. Another unconfirmed possibility is having Rick and Lorraine Lee. So far, nothing has been lined up for June.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Mackall

Net Worth as of December 31	\$2,364.12
Income for January	419.00
Expenses for January	<u>365.71</u>
Net Worth as of January 31	\$2,417.41

Income Breakdown:	\$ 299.00	Memberships
	117.00	Program
	3.00	Miscellaneous

Expense Breakdown:	8.25	Special Events
	250.00	Program
	55.40	Publications
	2.39	Publicity
	49.67	Miscellaneous



The President made a suggestion that a statement of the Getaway account which currently stands at \$1,989.10 be appended to the regular report.

A savings account now exists at First Virginia Savings, having been opened in October. This account includes \$1,000 of our net worth.

#### Publicity Report:

A bill has been presented for publicity efforts.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- I. No new reports from the Tape Archive Committee.
- II. Equipment Committee: Mike stands and microphones have been replaced and an amplifier will be purchased from John Dildine. The other items have been ordered. No specific details on the total cost are available at this time.
- III. By-Laws: Have to determine the best way of incorporating the change into the By-Laws. Also, will need copies of the By-laws for those people who are nominated to the Executive Board this Spring.
- IV. Getaway: Possibility of having a Getaway this Spring is no longer a possibility.
- V. N.F.F.A.: 27 new members to the Board of Directors have been elected.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- I. Nominating Committee: Joe Hickerson reminded all present that it is again that time of year when we must choose a Nomination's Committee consisting of five members, of which two must be Board members. Committee must be appointed by March.
- II. Journal Editorship: Andy opened the discussion with his opinion that we might consider expanding the Newsletter rather than putting money and effort into continuing the Journal. Andy also questioned whether the Journal, in its present format and content, was interesting to the majority of the membership.

In answer to expanding the Newsletter, the format would have to change along with other considerations for meeting a monthly deadline.

Joe asked for opinions on having Kay Cothran as editor of the Journal since she has expressed an interest in the position. Several Board members questioned her editorial style based on articles she has recently submitted to the Journal. The general consensus of the Board was to hold off on pursuing Kay Cothran as Journal editor.

A suggestion was made of having her edit Volume III as sort of a trial run, however, that plan did not meet with approval. Also, as pointed out by Joel Shimberg, it would hardly be fair to bring her on as editor if we did not give her the freedom to select material for the Journal.

Discussion then returned to the rationale for having the Journal. Joe Hickerson indicated that it provided a tangible link with the membership living outside the metropolitan area and that there has been a growing use of the Journal in libraries around the country. Since membership money to the Society goes largely for performances, the Journal remains as the only real benefit of a membership for those who live elsewhere.

Other discussions have been held regarding setting up the Journal as a separate entity. This would entail seeking some independent financial assistance to offset the cost of producing it. Advertising for the Journal has been tried, but never to a very great extent.

Joe concluded the discussion with a decision to wait until he had a report from Arlene who would be talking to George Simpson.

This concluded the business for the evening and the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:31 on a motion from Joel Shimberg.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Clucas