

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 6, 1973

Present: Mike Rivers (presiding), Bob Clayton, Janice Cole, Rich Galloway, Nan Goland, Bruce Hutton, Marietta Plank, Dick Rodgers.

Absent: Lars Hanslin, Debbie Hutton, Alan Mackall, Andy Wallace.

The meeting was called to order at 8:23 p.m. by the Vice-President, Mike Rivers. The minutes were approved.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: Bob Clayton

The April program will consist of Andy Cohen doing some ragtime guitar and piano playing, singing and caterwauling. Andy was with us at the Getaway this past fall. There are only three programs left to fill, and Dan Gellert will be coming sometime in the spring. Leon Redbone and Common Ground are also being considered.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Dick Rodgers

The Sampler Concert of October 6 made \$155, \$87 of which was profit for the Society.

Lisner Auditorium was about 80% full for the Georges Mcustaki concert, but no memberships were sold.

The next Open Sing will be Friday, December 7. There was some discussion about the Open Sing, since there were some problems last month. There is a growing group of people who like to use one of the small downstairs rooms for group singing while individual singing goes on upstairs. Most board members felt that both types of singing could occur at the same Open Sing, but that perhaps some direction should be given, by someone who would function as a leader or M.C., so that the sing would keep moving and not stop dead between songs. This could be done by signing people up, choosing a topic, calling people in advance, etc. Bob Clayton agreed to be in charge of the December Sing. He will choose a topic which will be announced in the newsletter.

Utah Phillips will appear in concert on Saturday, November 24, at 8:30 p.m. at the Ethical Society. The charge will be \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members.

There are two workshops coming up this month, Blues Guitar Workshop and Jam on Saturday, November 10 in Bethesda, and Old Timey Banjo on Sunday, November 18 on Capitol Hill.

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The November Sacred Harp Sing and pot-luck supper will be held on Sunday, the 18th at the home of Dale Pagano in Takoma Park.

The Society is co-sponsoring, with Stanley-Williams Presentations, a concert featuring Joshua Rifkin, ragtime pianist, on Saturday, November 17, at 8:00 p.m. at Lisner Auditorium. Society members can receive a 25% discount on tickets by ordering them by mail from Stanley-Williams.

The Society will be sponsoring another mini-Getaway, consisting of workshops, dinner and squaredance, on Sunday, January 20. It will be held at Cedar Lane Unitarian Church at 2:00 p.m. We will pay \$200 for the use of ten classrooms and the large hall. The charge will probably be \$3 for all day, and \$1.50 for either the workshops or the squaredance.

PUBLICITY: Bruce Hutton

An ad was placed in the "Unicorn Times" advertising the November program and the Utah Phillips concert. An article about Mother Scott, who appeared on the November program, was in the same issue. The cost of the \$20 ad will be split by Program and Special Events. Separate flyers advertising both of these events were printed and distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rich Galloway

Net Worth as of September 30	\$5169.20
Income - October	2208.06
Expenses - October	2003.73
Net Worth as of October 31	\$5373.53

Total income from the Getaway was \$3479.51. Expenses which have been paid thus far amount to \$1156.81, leaving a net profit of \$2322.70. The estimated net profit after remaining expenses are paid is \$1800.

New checking and Getaway accounts are now functioning at the National Bank of Washington. We have approximately \$2073 in a savings account in the Maryland State Savings and Loan.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Janice Cole

The work of putting the membership records in order is underway, and some problems have been encountered. The membership list and the mailing list do not agree. Some cards do not have renewal dates. Complaints about not receiving newsletters should be given to Arlene Rodenbeck.

PUBLICATIONS CHAIRMAN: Marietta Plank

It is necessary to know the number of Society members as soon as possible, so that the correct amount of newsletters and other publications can be ordered from the printer.

A plate has been made of our new newsletter masthead. It was made by Cooper Trent at a cost of \$20. Both the plate and the artwork are stored in the NFFA office.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Rich suggested that we could earn interest on our bank funds if we put some of our money into interest-bearing time certificates at the Maryland State Savings and Loan. He moved, and it was seconded, that we put \$1000 in a four-year certificate paying 7½%, and \$1000 in a one-year certificate paying 6½%. The motion was carried.

There is a closet in the Administration Building of the Ethical Society which probably could be used to store Folklore Society materials. It is full now, but several shelves could be cleared.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Rich has had a problem with bad checks recently. He has made up a form letter requesting another check to be submitted, but allowing a two-month grace period, during which time the person's membership would be continued.

The problem of Society mail distribution and communications in general was discussed. Rich will consider various possible ways of dealing with the problem, and bring his proposals to the next meeting. Mike will look into the possibility of getting a phone number for the Society, and a machine which would give a recorded announcement to callers, then record their message if they wanted to leave one.

According to our by-laws, only board members can sign checks from any account. Bob moved, and it was seconded, that Rich make a proposal to ammend the by-laws so that a Getaway chairman who was not a board member could sign checks.

Rich asks that any requests for reimbursement from Society funds be accompanied by appropriate receipts.

The \$285 cash shortage mentioned in the October minutes has been reconciled. It was a combination of about twelve mistakes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.