

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

January 8, 1974

Present: Rich Galloway, presiding, Bob Clayton, Nan Goland, Lars Hanslin, Bruce Hutton, Debbie Hutton, Alan Mackall, Marietta Plank, Dick Rodgers.

Absent: Janice Cole, Mike Rivers, Andy Wallace.

The meeting was called to order at 8:14 p.m. by the treasurer, Rich Galloway. The minutes were approved with the suggestion that members of the board be distinguished from visitors in the listing of who was present at meetings.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Dick Rodgers

The December Open Sing was the first one at which the new format of having a leader choose a theme and direct the sing was tried. Bob Clayton was in charge. Bruce Hutton led the January sing. So far this idea has worked fairly well, although there are still groups going away from the main sing area. Nan Goland will lead the February sing. The theme will be "Mother." Bill Destler will lead the March sing.

Due to very bad weather, there was no caroling after the Sacred Harp sing on Sunday, December 16. On Thursday, December 20, a group gathered but did not go out. On Friday, December 21 a small group went out, and on Saturday, December 22, a group of about 25 went caroling in Chevy Chase. The concept of having caroling groups on several different evenings in different parts of the city has proved to be a good idea.

We are hoping to present Bai Konte in concert sometime in February, but do not yet know the dates he will be available to come.

Performers are being lined up for a Sampler Concert in April. Joe Hickerson and Marv Reitz will be on the program, and Joe Bossom will open each half of the concert playing bagpipes.

PROGRAM: Bob Clayton

The February program will feature Common Ground. Dan Gellert will come in March or May. Andy Cohen is coming in April. The March program will be a concert of Virginia music if Dan Gellert does not come then.

PUBLICITY: Bruce Hutton

Flyers and press releases for the January program have been printed and distributed. A large poster-calendar has been made for posting at the Red Fox, the Open Sing, and other Society events. "The Washingtonian" magazine has been notified of our February program.

PUBLICATIONS: Marietta Plank

Marietta checked with five different printing companies to see which would give us the best price for an expanded newsletter. We will continue to use Batt Bates since they were the least expensive for the printing of either a six page or an eight page newsletter. They could print photographs at a cost of \$5 each.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Debbie Hutton

The schedule of workshops for the Mini-Festival on Sunday, January 20, is complete. Ellen Franke is in charge of food. If the festival can not be held for some reason, for example bad weather, we will be responsible only for paying the sextant and will not be required to pay the full \$200.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rich Galloway

Net Worth as of November 30	\$5373.27
Income	578.26
Expense	1078.92
Net Worth as of December 31	\$4872.61

Rich thinks we may be missing some membership checks from the October mail, since the amount received is unusually low for that month.

MEMBERSHIP: Janice Cole (by telephone)

Our total membership is now 512.

OLD BUSINESS

Bruce Hutton will design and have printed some new membership cards. Since we are planning to offer a 3-year membership soon, it was suggested that these cards be a different color than one-year membership cards.

A work night will be set up sometime in February to help Janice with the membership and mailing lists, probably to be held at the Hutton's. Members who are not receiving their newsletter should write to Janice at her home address, and, hopefully this situation can be cleared up soon.

Nan moved and Dick seconded that we offer a three-year membership as well as a one-year membership, and that we raise our membership fees after June 30 as follows:

	Individual	Family
one-year	\$7.50	\$10.00
three-year	17.50	25.00

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Members would be allowed to renew their memberships before June 30 at the old rates for either one or three years. Lars thought the increased rates were too high, and moved the the one-year rates be \$6 and \$8.50. Motion was seconded by Rich. Dick moved and Bob seconded to table the motion until next meeting. Debbie suggested that we should get our membership files in order before we raise our prices.

Bob moved that publication of a separate Journal be suspended and features of the Journal which are of interest to members be included in the Newsletter. Lars seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Dick moved and Bruce seconded that \$650 of the budget allocation for the Journal be transferred to the Newsletter. Motion carried.

Debbie found that a commercial telephone listing for the Society in Maryland would cost \$12.95 per month, and a \$30 installation fee would have to be paid if a new phone were installed. The Huttons would be able to use the answering machine on their phone without having another one installed. Further discussion of this matter was tabled until we can get a clarification of the rates for a commercial listing in Virginia.

Lars wrote up the changes in the by-laws which would need to be made in order for the Society to hold its election by mail. The slate chosen by the nominating committee would be presented at the March and April meetings. Nominations from the floor would be accepted at both these meetings. Biographical information on candidates for office would appear in the April and May Newsletters. Ballots would be mailed to members immediately after the April meeting. Ballots could be returned by mail or brought to the May meeting. Votes would be counted and results announced at the May meeting. In case of a tie, the membership attending the May meeting would elect between the two candidates. Lars moved and it was seconded that these changes be announced in the February Newsletter and presented at the February meeting for the approval of the membership.

NEW BUSINESS

Lars moved that Marietta be allowed to print ads in the Newsletter at the rate of \$10 for 1/8 page. Debbie seconded and the motion was carried.

Bread and Roses, a record co-op, requested a family membership in the Society for three non-related persons. The Board approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 p.m.