

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, February 14, 1974

Board Members Present: Andy Wallace, presiding, Bob Clayton, Nan Goland, Lars Hanslin, Bruce Hutton, Debbie Hutton, Marietta Plank, Mike Rivers, Dick Rodgers.

Visitors Present: Don Nichols, Dave Olive.

Board Members Absent: Janice Cole, Rich Galloway, Alan Mackall.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by the President, Andy Wallace. The minutes were approved.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Dick Rodgers

The February Open Sing led by Nan Goland, whose theme was "Mother," was a success. The March Open Sing will be led by Bill Destler. His theme is "Occupational Hazards."

The Mini-Festival at Cedar Lane Unitarian Church on Sunday, January 20, was a roaring success and added \$170 to the treasury of the Society.

The next sampler Concert will be Saturday, April 6 at 8:30 p.m. at the Ethical Society. Featured performers are Sam Rizetta, Tom McHenry, Marv Reitz, and Joe Hickerson. Admission will be \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members.

Bruce Phillips will not be available for a concert this season.

We will schedule a concert for Bai Konte who is arriving in the area mid-March.

We have gained about \$100 from Bob Stanley productions this season. He does not plan to sponsor a Clancy Brothers concert, but is working on arranging a Pete Seeger concert.

Peter Bellamy will give a concert on Saturday, March 30 at 8:30 p.m. at the Ethical Society. Admission will be \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members.

There is a possibility that Black Thorn Stick, an Irish Ceilidh band, will play for the annual Pkknik.

A house concert featuring Murray Callahan may be arranged at the home of Ted Strader. Contributions would be collected rather than setting an admission price, the suggested contribution being \$1.

PUBLICITY: Bruce Hutton

Ordinarily, both press releases and flyers are printed to advertise monthly programs and other events. This month only flyers were printed, and were sent instead of press releases to the publicity list. They were found to be just as effective as press releases, maybe more, and it is less expensive to have only one item printed. This practice will be continued.

PUBLICATIONS: Marietta Plank

The last Newsletter was six pages long. Printing was delayed about a week because the six-page format requires a different printing press than the one ordinarily used to print the Newsletter. The next Newsletter will be eight pages. If we are to continue to have an expanded Newsletter, we will have to get enough items to fill it. Songs, drawings, record and book reviews and articles are solicited from members and friends of the Society.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Lars Hanslin

We must vote at the March meeting about the change in election procedure or it will be too late to initiate the change in time for the coming election.

PROGRAM: Bob Clayton

The March program is a double bill featuring Virginia music. Herb Smoke is a 76-year-old fiddler from the Blue Ridge who was with a group that did some recording for the Library of Congress in the early 40's. John Jackson is a black blues guitarist and banjo player from Rappahannock County whose style is a mixture of blues, white country, and jazz influences.

Bob would like to have several programs each year which feature musicians from the surrounding general area. Suggestions of performers who live not too far from Washington would be welcome.

Dick suggested Jim Ringer, Owen McBride, and Gordon Bok as possible performers for programs.

The possibility of having a film as a monthly program, or of having a film series was discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dick Rodgers for Rich Galloway

Net worth as of December 31	\$4872.61
Income - January	914.61
Expense - January	972.92
Net worth as of January 31	4814.30

OLD BUSINESS

It was moved and seconded that we raise our membership fees to \$7.50 a year individual and \$10 a year family. The motion was defeated.

Bob moved and Dick seconded that we offer a three-year membership, at no reduction in price, as a convenience to members with the benefit of putting extra money into the treasury which will draw interest for the Society.

The new membership cards have been printed and are being given out to members.

A business telephone, listed under the Folklore Society name in the Washington directory, is scheduled to be installed in Mike's home on Tuesday, February 19. The monthly cost will be \$13 plus tax plus 30¢ for the business listing. A \$25 installation charge will be made. Mike paid the deposit of \$100, which is to be returned in one to one and one-half years at six percent interest. The tape machine will give callers a message about coming events then record a message if the caller wants to leave one.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter was written to the Ethical Society complaining about tobacco smoke in the auditorium during the Andy Wallace and Jonathan Eberhart concert on January 25. The Ethical Society Board has decided to ask people not to smoke in the main room during programs and concerts. Bob moved and it was seconded that the Folklore Society maintain a policy of not allowing smoking in the main room of any hall we use during programs and special events.

Don Nichols showed us a method of record keeping called a punched-card system. It would simplify the sending of renewal notices and, if the new election procedure is accepted, would be useful for separating family and individual memberships. We could purchase new cards and equipment which are made commercially or we could adapt our own index cards to a punched-card system. The Board felt that this system would be very useful to us, but chose not to take any action on the matter at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.