

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 4, 1974

Board Members Present: Pat Chambers, Bob Clayton, Mary Cliff, Janice Cole, Bill Destler, Jonathan Eberhart, Rich Galloway, Nan Goland, Lars Hanslin, Don Nichols, Mike Rivers, Dick Rodgers, Helen Schneyer, Andy Wallace.

Board Members Absent: Bruce Hutton, Debbie Hutton, Alan Mackall, Marietta Plank.

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

The Minutes of the May 7 meeting were approved as read.

PROGRAM: Bob Clayton

Our June program will feature Dan Gellert, as stated in the May 7 minutes.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Dick Rodgers

Marv Reitz will be leading the Open Sing on Friday, June 7. The topic will be "Transportation".

The Bai Konte concert could not be classified as a financial success; however, it was enjoyed by all who attended.

Plans for the annual Piknik on Sunday, June 23, are about complete. Soft drinks will be available. A sound system will be necessary for square dancing and the planned open stage.

TREASURER: Rich Galloway

There was no formal report for the month of May. Membership income for May was \$240. An estimate of net worth at year end is \$3,800.

OLD BUSINESS

There was some discussion of the continuing problems with the mailing list and membership; also discussed was the lack of membership support for programs.

NEW BUSINESS

Andy Wallace announced that Ralph Rinzler is planning to present the Society with a gift of money.

Mike Rivers suggested that the Society might want to look into the possibility of purchasing its own sound system. There was also some discussion of the Society purchasing its own tape recorder and microphones and possibly ear phones. It was suggested that there is a need for a central location for the tape archives.

There was some discussion of updating a listing of members seeking work for publication in the Newsletter. However, the point was made that FSGW is not a booking agency.

Mike Rivers will continue to keep the FSGW phone. He stated that most calls deal with membership problems.

Dick Rogers stated that he feels FSGW is not receiving the recognition it deserves as a cultural force. He suggested that the policy of issuing press releases be reinstated and that more people work on publicity.

Andy Wallace brought up the subject of the Getaway and the appointment of the overall Chairman. Betty Hamman has already volunteered to be Food Chairman. Jonathan Eberhart suggested Dave Olive for overall Chairman. Dave was reached at the home of Marv Reitz and agreed to consider the matter and will give us an answer after discussing details with Andy Wallace.

Jonathan Eberhart, as the new Program Chairman, asked for suggestions for performers for the coming year. The following ideas were mentioned: Pete Seeger, Hank Schwartz, Andrew Forman (Banjo - Harper's Ferry), Traditional Foreign Music, Zion Harmonizers, Sedalia String Band, Irish Cultural Society (Philadelphia), Gene O'Donnell and Mick Maloney (Irish School - suggested by Dick), Gaelic - Breton Group (New York-Detroit), Walker & Helfer, Cowboy Songs - Carl Spaig, Harry Smith, Harry Jackson, Storytelling.

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