

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 2, 1974

Board Members Present: Pat Chambers, Bill Destler, Rich Galloway, Nan Goland, Bette Hamman, Debbie Hutton, Don Nichols, Mike Rivers, Helen Schneyer. Also present were Linda Ford and Dave Olive.

Board Members Absent: Mary Cliff, Jonathan Eberhart, Lars Hanslin.

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 p.m. by the President, Helen Schneyer. (The meeting was held at the home of Nan Goland as no one had obtained a key to the NFFA office.)

The minutes of the June 4 meeting were corrected as follows: under New Business, Mike Rivers had suggested that "The Society should up date its own sound system by purchasing some new microphones and a tape recorder." Also under New Business, Mike Rivers stated that the listing of members "available for performing" not be published in the Newsletter, but be "accessible by phone." Also corrected under New Business were the spellings of Bette Hamman's and Andrew Borman's names. The minutes were approved as corrected.

PROGRAM: Helen Schneyer

In Jonathan's absence, Helen announced that Jonathan has set up the October program. However the Getaway will take place over the second weekend in October, so other arrangements will have to be made.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Bill Destler

Tom McHenry will be leading the Open Sing on Friday, July 5. The topic will be "Our Fine Feathered Friends (Birds)".

Bill has written Martin Carthy, who will be in the area in late August, and invited him to give a house concert on August 30 at the home of Helen Schneyer.

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After lengthy discussions with other Board Members, Bill is planning to hold a Tenth Anniversary Celebration in late October or early November, to consist of (a) concert by all of the Founders (unpaid); (b) following the concert an all-night sing and song swap for more recent members. Bill will make reasonable attempts to get people from far away to attend. To be decided is whether (a) everyone should be charged (\$1.50), or (b) the concert should be free to members. Nan will attempt to obtain use of the Ethical Society for free. It was suggested by Debbie Hutton that if there is no October program, that money could be used for the concert. Bill favors the first alternative, in order to swell the Special Events budget. If admission is charged, the Ethical Society would be paid. It was generally agreed that the concert should be a fund-raising event. After discussion the date for the concert was tentatively set for the fourth Friday in November, the 22nd. The date will be confirmed next month.

Bill is planning some informal things this summer: possibly another Piknik, since the rain kept people away on June 23; a house sing. There may be three samplers instead of two this year; Nan Goland had suggested to Bill the possibility of an all-women sampler. He feels it might be a good idea, and, after much discussion of the pros and cons, said he will keep it under consideration. Bill asked for suggestions of places where house concerts could be held and the following were offered: Ted Strader, Andy Wallace, Bruce & Debbie Hutton, Nan & Paul Goland, Mike Rivers, Dave Olive & Linda Ford.

TREASURER: Rich Galloway

May Income:	
Membership	\$ 355.00
Program	30.00
Special Events	72.00
Miscellaneous Income	36.96
Total	<u>\$ 493.96</u>

May Expenses:	
Program	\$ 165.15
Newsletter	173.09
Special Events	224.80
Miscellaneous Expense	25.68
Total	<u>\$ 588.72</u>

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June Income:	
Membership	\$ 182.50
Program	98.25
Newsletter	1.00
Miscellaneous Income	16.92
Total	<u>\$ 298.67</u>

June Expenses:	
Program	\$ 215.00
Newsletter	196.00
Miscellaneous Expense	94.42
Total	<u>\$ 505.42</u>

Net Worth as of May 31	\$3,823.10
Net Worth as of June 30	\$3,616.35

Net Totals For The Year:	
Membership	\$3,329.49
Program	(14.30)
Special Events	64.00
Publications	(21.33)
Publicity	(54.00)
Miscellaneous	(5.86)
Getaway	13.96

The program fee has been raised to \$250.00.

PUBLICITY: Bette Hamman

Bette will see that more personal contact is made with the Washington Post and the Star. Rich Galloway stated that contact might be made with Bob Rodriguez of a west coast publication, who had expressed interest. Debbie Hutton suggested that contact be made with the Unicorn Times.

PUBLICATIONS: Nan Goland

Plans are being made to put out a Newsletter with the Getaway mailing in mid-August which would include information about the Carthy concert and other activities planned for late-August and September (specifically, the Labor Day concert).

MEMBERSHIP: Don Nichols

Don is presently working on a new punch card system and will need assistance in making the changeover. Linda Ford volunteered her office as a place to hold a membership workshop.

Helen Schneyer congratulated Don on the form he drew up for questions about membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rich Galloway has not received checks which Janice Cole is supposed to have.

The potential gift from Ralph Rinzler, in the approximate amount of \$1,000, will be in the form of a handling fee. Helen Schneyer will contact him to see how he wants to proceed.

After some discussion, it was moved by Rich Galloway and seconded by Don Nichols that Mike Rivers be given the go-ahead to purchase for FSGW ear phones, microphones, and a tape recorder. The motion was passed.

An announcement will be made at all future FSGW events, and published in the Newsletter, that the only tape to be made of any FSGW event is the official Society tape.

Mike Rivers passed around a sample performer's questionnaire to be used in compiling a listing which he will keep. The questionnaire may be sent out with the early Newsletter and perhaps given with each new membership. Notice will then be placed in the Newsletter that the list is compiled and available.

Discussion then turned to the Getaway. Debbie Hutton has received a letter from the Park Service granting us use of Prince William Forest Park over Columbus Day weekend, October 11, 12, and 13. The letter listed previous embarrassments caused by members of FSGW. Debbie will turn this letter over to Dave Olive and Linda Ford, who were appointed overall Chaircouple by Helen and approved by the Board. Helen suggested that a meeting be held the first night of the Getaway to discuss clean-up and other responsibilities of each individual. Helen also stated that it is most

important that Dave and Linda plan the Getaway their own way. A Getaway meeting was planned for Tuesday, July 8, to discuss possible co-chairpersons and their responsibilities. It was mentioned that a large first aid kit should be available at the Getaway. Helen mentioned that in the past a limited number of out of town guests had been invited in advance to attend the Getaway. Dave asked for volunteers for chairmanships and received responses from Mike Rivers, Nan Goland, Rich Galloway and Debbie Hutton. Mike Rivers specifically volunteered to be Program Chairman. Rich Galloway suggested Robin Johnson as Program Chairman. Suggestions for workshops included the following: one geared to beginners, yodeling (Debbie suggested inviting Andy Cohen), and unusual sources.

NEW BUSINESS:

Helen mentioned that she had heard that the Ethical Society plans to raise its rental rate by \$5. and that now might be the time to raise FSGW membership dues. Debbie suggested that we wait until the budget meeting is held before making any decision. Debbie suggested that Nan check into what other groups charge and what the members receive in return for their dues. Helen would like to see our dues raised \$1.00 across the board to cover additional costs. It was decided to wait until the budget meeting has been held, which meeting has been scheduled the third Tuesday of July at the Hutton residence.

There was some discussion of cooperating with the Ethical Society in a crafts show. This matter will be further explored.

Mike Rivers made a formal suggestion that we have John Wright for a house concert. (He will be in the area for the National).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.