

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 3, 1974

Board Members Present: Pat Chambers, Mary Cliff, Bill Destler, Jonathan Eberhart, Rich Galloway, Nan Goland, Lars Hanslin, Debbie Hutton, Don Nichols, Helen Schneyer. Also present were Linda Ford and Mike Rivers.

Board Members Absent: Bette Hamman. *Andy Wallace*

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by the President, Helen Schneyer.

The minutes of the August 6 meeting were approved as read.

PROGRAM: Jonathan Eberhart

Big Chief Ellis, who will be performing at the September 13 program, will be accompanied during the second half of the program by Ed Morris on guitar and Barry Foley on bass.

Jonathan is checking into possibilities for the November program. He received a call from Fred *Coon* who will send Jonathan a tape of David Holt, a traditional musician and singer. Helen and Debbie suggested that Kendall Morris might be good to have for a program. Jonathan requested that he be provided with a tape.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Bill Destler

The Martin Carthy concerts were a big success. People were turned away the first night and a second concert was held Saturday. Martin was paid \$200.

The Labor Day Songfest was also a success -- It didn't rain! There was an "incredible" turnout.

The Open Sing of Friday, September 6, will be led by Ted Strader. The topic chosen is "Hardships and Good Times." The price is still \$1.

Alistair Anderson will give a house concert Tuesday, September 17, at the home of Ted Strader, at 8:00 p.m. He will be paid \$75 or the gate, whichever is greater.

Bill is tentatively planning to have a square dance in November and a sampler concert in December. Debbie mentioned that she would like to have workshops in October-November -- to be coordinated with special events. Jonathan suggested a Christmas presentation involving members.

As to the Tenth Anniversary Celebration, Bill's current thinking is to have the Founders' concert from 8:30 to 10:30-11:00 p.m. followed by an all-night quasi-organized program as an inducement for people to stay all night, featuring 20 minute sets from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Some Board Members felt that it would be difficult to keep the mood by having things that broken up. Lars suggested a square dance. Jonathan suggested a square dance at midnight and breakfast around 2:00-2:30 a.m., with general picking before and after. Debbie volunteered to work on food. Jonathan suggested that Bette might be willing to help with food. Jonathan also suggested that we invite people from other groups to join us. Bill said there has been some confusion as to who is a Founder. After some discussion, the general consensus was that if the list of Charter Members can be found, it should be used. If the list cannot be located, Bill will attempt to determine who was involved in the early organizational meetings.

TREASURER: Rich Galloway

The net profit for 1973-74 is \$602.75.

MEMBERSHIP: Don Nichols

Don has prepared a large collection of punched cards which can be sorted for various functions: family/individual memberships; month/year of expiration; first four letters of last name; and zip codes. Don will draw up an instruction sheet for use by "morons" (as suggested by Jonathan). Debbie suggested that the scripto cards be set up according to monthly expiration dates so that those who should receive renewal notices can be easily located. Mike Rivers suggested that separate renewal letters be sent to the large number of expired members. Don will do this. Don will check with the person who sent in a renewal on an NFFA membership form to see if it is actually for FSGW. Rich asked Don to check with our former membership chairperson about the \$10 cash fund which she kept.

PUBLICATIONS: Nan Goland

Submissions to the October Newsletter should be in writing and turned in by September 16-17. A special hand was given to Nan for the fine quality of the September Newsletter and especially for the inclusion of the picture. It was requested that the FSGW phone number be listed and that it be noted that the recording will give information about scheduled events. Mike Rivers asked if the performers' questionnaire should be placed in the Newsletter; it was agreed to do so.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Helen talked to Ralph Rinzler about his gift to FSGW and suggested that he get in touch directly with Rich Galloway. Helen asked Rich to call him.

Rich will handle a recent letter from the IRS about our status as a non-profit organization.

Mike Rivers has purchased a <sup>ndong</sup> Tamberg tape recorder for \$718 (including microphones).

Linda Ford presented Jonathan with a copy of the rules for the Getaway. There was some discussion about the letter from the Park Service which listed "embarrassments." Two portable sanitary facilities will be rented to supplement those of the park. Only 50 cars may be parked in the main lot, with parking facilities for 70 cars at the ball park. Parking permits will be issued at check-in. No sleeping is permitted in the lodges. Helen suggested mentioning in the Getaway letter that there will be no special facilities or activities for children. Linda said that most of the letters inviting guests have been sent. A nurse (Mia Gardiner) will be available. A workshop brainstorming session was set for Wednesday, September 11 at 8:00 p.m., at Linda Ford's house.

Jonathan has not been able to reach anyone at Dumbarton Church about the concert there on October 26.

NEW BUSINESS:

Helen read a letter from John West about the AFS annual meeting to be held in Portland Oregon October 31-November 3. It was agreed to send copies of the October Newsletter to be displayed.

Jonathan suggested that the Publicity Chairperson have a poster made with a rack for membership applications to be placed in places like the Red Fox. Debbie mentioned that Walt would like to put up album jackets of members.

Jonathan suggested getting together groups to pick and sing at different places (hospitals, firehouses, etc.).

Debbie plans to schedule workshops -- a hymn sing in late October at Nan Goland's; and would like to have a fiddle tunes' workshop at a large house. Debbie received a call from someone in Leesburg who is trying to start a folklore group for teenagers and would appreciate any guidance we might provide. Debbie has talked to Bob Zentzof Norfolk about getting together with another folk group for a weekend sometime in the future.

Mike Rivers would like to have a workshop on the operation of our sound system. Jonathan suggested that a few tips be put in the Newsletter. After some discussion a workshop at Mike's was set for October 8.

In addition to Nan Goland and Bill Destler, Debbie Hutton will also have a key to the Ethical Society so that it can be opened before events.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.