

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 5, 1974

Board Members present: Pat Chambers, Mary Cliff, Bill Destler, Jonathan Eberhart, Rich Galloway, Nan Goland, Debbie Hutton, Don Nichols, Helen Schneyer. Also present: Alan Mackall, Dave Olive, Phil Saunders, Louis Thompson.

Board Members absent: Bette Hamman, Lars Hanslin, Andy Wallace.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by the President, Helen Schneyer. The minutes of the October 1 meeting were approved after correction of the spelling of Howie Bursen's name.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Bill Destler

House Concerts - The Bill Price concert, held at the home of Bruce & Debbie Hutton, was a big success. Bill Price was paid \$65. Howie Bursen is willing to give a house concert, possibly in January. There are some other possibilities, but no commitments.

Carolling - Bill is looking for volunteer hosts.

Tenth Anniversary Celebration - Plans are coming along well. Bill's one concern is publicity. Bill prepared a news release which Mary Cliff said she would get to the Post.

Open Sing - Dave Olive led the November Open Sing. Plans are being made for December's.

TREASURER: Rich Galloway

Not all reports are in, but a rough estimate for the Getaway is a \$1,000 profit.

MEMBERSHIP: Don Nichols

Don plans to cross-check his files with Rich and he expects to hold a membership workshop. He has prepared a form letter to send to expired members.

PROGRAM: Jonathan Eberhart

This month's program will feature Eugene O'Donnell and Mick Maloney. The December program is not yet resolved. January will feature Louis & Sally Killen. Jonathan has some interesting prospects for spring programs. For the record: Jonathan achieved a long-time goal by having a traditional piano player -- Big Chief Ellis -- featured at a program.

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PUBLICATIONS: Nan Goland

The deadline for the next Newsletter is November 18. Nan is looking for volunteers to help with mailing.

OLD BUSINESS

Getaway Report - Dave Olive said that the Park Service had no complaints. Dave has been in touch with the Park Service about the possibility of our holding a Getaway in March in conjunction with Bob Zentz' group. Camp 4 will be available March 21, and there is also the possibility that the Park has a "winterized" camp-site which might be available.

Debbie Hutton reported that the hymn sing and pot luck dinner held at Nan Goland's November 3 was a big success; a fiddle tunes workshop is scheduled for November 17 at the Hanslin's; and a blues slide workshop at the Hutton's on November 10. There were a few problems at the square dance workshop -- in the future money will be collected before the dance workshops held before open sings.

NEW BUSINESS

Debbie Hutton suggested structuring workshops on certain Sundays, and is looking for hosts for hymn sings and fiddle tunes workshops in the future. She is also looking for a place to hold a mini-festival. Jonathan suggested she check the availability of high schools.

There was some discussion of presenting Bette Hamman with a gift in appreciation for her efforts as food chairperson at the Getaway. Jonathan moved that we discuss the possibility of a January or February event in honor of the "food lady" at our next meeting. The motion was seconded by Don Nichols and was carried.

Louis Thompson, President of Blackthorn Stick, a group of individuals organized for the purpose of promoting traditional Irish music and dancing, proposed that FSGW co-sponsor with them a performance by The Chieftans in the Washington area. The Chieftan's fee is 500 pounds (\$1,250). He estimated a total cost, to be split 50-50, of \$2,100 (including promotion fees and hall rental). The general feeling of the Board members was that it is too great a financial risk and that the timing is bad -- it would be the same weekend as the Tenth Anniversary Celebration. A motion was made by Rich Galloway and seconded by Nan Goland that we make our mailing list available to Blackthorn Stick and lend our name to the event if they wished to use it. The motion was carried.

Helen said that Bette Hamman is unable to carry on her duties as publicity chairperson at this time because of her job. Debbie Hutton said that Carolyn Arlington is willing to work on publicity. Rich Galloway moved that we accept Carolyn's offer to handle publicity as a temporary assignment. The motion was seconded by Jonathan and was carried.

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