

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 3, 1974

Board Members present: Caroline Arlington, Pat Chambers, Mary Cliff, Bill Destler, Nan Goland, Debbie Hutton, Don Nichols, Helen Schneyer. Also present: Linda Ford and Dolores Gauthier.

Board Members absent: Jonathan Eberhart, Rich Galloway, Lars Hanslin, Andy Wallace.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by the President, Helen Schneyer. The minutes of the November 5 meeting were approved as read.

MEMBERSHIP: Don Nichols

The expired member notice has been printed and most have been mailed.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Bill Destler

The Tenth Anniversary Celebration was a big success and made about \$160 after all expenses.

The December Open Sing will be led by Al Gase with the topic being "Weather." A suggestion was made by Linda Ford that we have a 1950's Sock Hop Open Sing. Bill will check with Nan to see if the Ethical Society is agreeable to that idea.

There will be a house concert on December 14 at Linda Ford's by Dillon Bustin and Kathleen Restle.

Bill has located three or four places for carolling. Details will be finalized next week.

There will be a Sampler on January 18 at the Ethical Society.

TREASURER: Rich Galloway

There was some discussion about the necessity for having a petty cash fund in the hands of either the President or Vice President. It was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting when Rich is available.

Don Nichols gave Linda Ford out of membership funds \$55.27 to cover her Getaway expenses and \$18.00 to cover her Tenth Anniversary expenses.

PROGRAM: Jonathan Eberhart

In Jonathan's absence, Helen noted that Louis and Sally Killen will be featured at the January Program.

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PUBLICATIONS: Nan Goland

A plea is being made in the Newsletter for help with mailing. Nan would also appreciate more input.

PUBLICITY: Caroline Arlington

Caroline has received some materials for publicity and will get the rest from Bette Hamman and Bruce Hutton.

OLD BUSINESS:

Debbie reported that the Blues Workshop, led by Bruce Hutton, and the Fiddle Tunes Workshop, led by Tom McHenry, were successes and a good time was had by all.

Debbie has found a place to have the Mini-Festival -- Sidwell Friends Middle School -- at no charge; the only condition -- no alcohol. The Mini-Festival will be held Saturday, January 25, and \$1.50 will be charged for any part (or all) of the day. She would like to have a brainstorming session at her house next Tuesday for both the Mini-Festival and the Spring Getaway.

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Dave Olive has found out that the winterized camp is available for the Spring Getaway and that it holds 110 people. There was some discussion about the lack of space for both FSGW members and the Norfolk group. It was suggested that the matter be discussed at the Tuesday night brainstorming session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Helen said that she has received requests for the sound equipment from people who want to use it for gigs. Her feeling is that we should have some policy, generally that the equipment should not be lent out. Bill suggested that if someone wants to borrow the equipment they should come to a Board meeting and request it. Those present agreed that this procedure should be followed.

Debbie said that there are a lot of people interested in dancing in the Washington area -- what is needed is a place and a caller. She has contacted two groups about space. Her first impulse is to do it on the basis of a class, with a weekly charge for the caller. Bill said that a group in Baltimore uses records to teach dances and occasionally they have live music. He will talk to Bob Dalsimer to see if he is interested and, if so, what nights he would be available. Helen suggested that it be a pilot study -- the first 54 applicants (paid in advance) accepted. If it goes well, then it could be offered to the membership at large. Debbie volunteered to take care of sign-ups. A tentative starting date is sometime in February.

Mary Cliff mentioned that The Chieftans are coming back to this country in April or May.

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