

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 1975

Board Members present: Pat Chambers, Mary Cliff, Bill Destler, Jonathan Eberhart, Nan Goland, Lars Hanslin, Debbie Hutton, Helen Schneyer. Also present: Dolores Gauthier, Dave Olive, Dick Rodgers.

Board Members absent: Caroline Arlington, Rich Galloway, Don Nichols, Andy Wallace.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by the President, Helen Schneyer. The Minutes of the January 7 meeting were corrected under Special Events to show that the Kathleen Restle and Dillon Buston house concert was a big success. The minutes were approved as corrected.

MEMBERSHIP: Don Nichols

In Don's absence, Dolores Gauthier reported that they have a number of new members to process after which they will send out the next batch of renewal notices.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Bill Destler

Upcoming events: March 1 - Howie Bursen house concert at the Straders'; March 11 - Gordon Bok at the Ethical Society; March 25 - Stanley-Williams will have Pete Seeger and Arlo Guthrie at Constitution Hall.

The Sampler Concert was very unusual -- and made a lot of money. Bill noted that the sound system, which was not working properly at the Sampler Concert, is now fixed.

So far, 31 people have signed up for the dancing "pilot study" -- the financial situation is tight enough that Bill would like to have at least 38 people in the group.

Some of the people scheduled to perform in the Presidents' Day Program, set for February 16, are having difficulty in coming up with songs dealing with the topic. It was suggested that the problem could be solved by using some period pieces.

There will be an Open Sing next month, with the leader and topic yet to be chosen.

TREASURER: Rich Galloway

In Rich's absence, Lars Hanslin reported the following:

January:	<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
	Stanley-Williams	\$113.10	Mini-Festival	\$141.00 *
	Sampler Concert	202.00	Special Events	400.00
	Mini-Festival	521.00		
	Program	140.00		
	Membership	162.50 **		

* Debbie Hutton said this figure should be higher.

** Dues received to date this year: \$1,357.50; this is less than the budgeted \$1,700.

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Lars will have to do some further checking into the status of the gift from Ralph Rinzler and will let us know his findings at the March meeting.

PROGRAM: Jonathan Eberhart

The Gospel Harmonizers will perform at the February Program, with Lucy and Vgo appearing after the intermission for about 20 minutes. There is nothing definite yet for March or April.

PUBLICATIONS: Nan Goland

The deadline for the next Newsletter is February 18.

PUBLICITY: Caroline Arlington

Fliers have been distributed for the Program. Dick Rodgers suggested that other available sources of publicity be tapped. In this connection it was suggested that volunteers be enlisted and that a publicity workshop be held.

GETAWAY: Dave Olive reported that 8 applications have been received thus far and that invitations to out-of-town people are being prepared.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was reported that Mike Rivers has purchased new tapes.

Pat Chambers reported that the phone company was not able to help us out with a recording on the number listed incorrectly in past Newsletters as FSGW's. The Newsletter has since listed the correct number.

Debbie Hutton reported that Sidwell Friends was very happy with the Mini-Festival and is looking forward to having us back again.

NEW BUSINESS:

Helen Schneyer took suggestions for the Nominating Committee, which she will appoint, and will report back to us at the next meeting.

Debbie Hutton received a call from someone whose daughter is taking a folklore class at Western Junior High; she wondered if we had group rates. Jonathan moved that we invite them to attend programs at \$1.00 per person (properly chaperoned). The motion was seconded and carried.

Alan Jabbour, in his position with the National Endowment for the Arts, is looking for someone to submit a proposal to be the liaison to promote traditional music in the Washington area (schools, etc.).

There have been complaints that the noise in the lobby of the Ethical Society during programs is getting to be a real problem. Jonathan or Helen will make an announcement at the February Program.

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Bill Destler would like to assemble a list of active members so that they could be called for summer events.

Debbie Hutton said that she has talked to various people about a possible new Board position which may be required in the future for arts and crafts. It was suggested that the Members-at-Large could be better utilized for the present.

In response to a request for information from a group at Frostburg State College, Debbie moved that we create a first-class Newsletter publicity mailing list for groups within the Washington area; Jonathan moved that the motion be amended to include a \$20 ceiling per month. The motion was seconded and carried, as amended.

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