

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 1975

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: Dolores Gauthier, Wally Macnow, Dave Olive, Phil Saunders.

Board Members absent: Andy Wallace.

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by the President, Helen Schneyer. The Minutes of the March 12 meeting were approved as read.

MEMBERSHIP: Don Nichols

A working session will be held April 10 to bring the records up-to-date for the renewal notice and ballot mailings. At Jonathan Eberhart's suggestion, a membership count will be given at Board meetings. At present there are 343 individual and 160 family paid-up members; 272 renewal notices will be sent.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Bill Destler

There will be an Open Sing in May. There will be a house concert by Barbara Carns at the Straders' April 25. A house concert by Jerry Epstein, a traditional performer from New York, is planned for May 17, with the location to be determined. Bill is planning a picnic for sometime in June. Helen Schneyer said that Charles Hicks has volunteered the use of his farm near Annapolis. Bill will be in touch with him. Jonathan suggested that it might be a good idea to have the June program in conjunction with the picnic. This will be considered. Bill is thinking about having a sampler concert in May and is looking for suggestions for performers. Bill is working on some other possible special events.

TREASURER: Rich Galloway

March Income	\$ 1,617.51	Year-to-Date Income	\$11,452.52
March Expenses	\$ 3,063.61	Year-to-Date Expenses	\$11,228.73
Net Worth as of March 31	\$ 5,404.13		

PROGRAM: Jonathan Eberhart

The Central Park Sheiks will perform at the April Program. Jonathan is working on possibilities for the May and June Programs.

PUBLICATIONS: Nan Goland

The deadline for the May Newsletter is April 19.

PUBLICITY: Phil Saunders

Press releases have been issued for this month's Program. Phil is organizing a team of leaflet distributors and plans to add certain members of the media to the general mailing list.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Debbie Hutton reported that the blues harp workshop held at the Huttons' was quite a success.

Dave Olive reported that despite the windy, cold weather, which forced the Getaway to begin Saturday rather than Friday, the Getaway was quite a success. There were a few problems with staff support; some 25 chickens were left on Bette Hamman's porch, which caused a shortage for Saturday's dinner. Bette will not be able to cook next year, and suggested that it would be better to have two people assigned the responsibility. There was some discussion about whether day people should be provided meals and, if so, whether the day rates should be raised. It was decided to leave this up to the next Board. Clean-up went better than ever, and the Rangers were most cooperative.

Helen Schneyer received a call from an organizer of the Northern Virginia Folk Festival who said that any funds we could contribute could be earmarked for transportation for traditional musicians. Helen asked if anyone wanted to reconsider the matter. Bill Destler moved that we give \$50 for the support of traditional music. The motion was seconded, but failed.

Rich Galloway moved that Phil Saunders be appointed Publicity Chairman and a Member of the Board. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dave Olive is assisting with the Parkmont School Folk Fair.

NEW BUSINESS:

Helen Schneyer said that a questionnaire from the D.C. Bicentennial Commission and Assembly had been received inquiring as to whether FSGW plans anything for the Bicentennial which they could list in their calendar. Jonathan Eberhart said that Richard Smith, who is in the recording business, suggested the possibility of some FSGW members making a record of Bicentennial-related music. Jonathan will look into the matter further.

Wally Macnow asked if there is any interest in putting on the Music Hall in the Washington area. Bill said that he has given a lot of thought to it, but feels that the financial risk is too great. Helen suggested that this be held for the next Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.