

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 6, 1975

Board Members present: Pat Chambers, Mary Cliff, Bill Destler, Jonathan Eberhart, Rich Galloway, Debbie Hutton, Don Nichols, Helen Schneyer. Also present: Dolores Gauthier, Wally Macnow, Mike Rivers.

Board Members absent: Nan Goland, Lars Hanslin, Phil Saunders, Andy Wallace.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by the President, Helen Schneyer. The Minutes of the April 9 meeting were approved as read.

MEMBERSHIP: Don Nichols

At present count there are 394 individual and 181 family paid-up members; pending renewals - 238; tentative renewal notices have been sent (by stamping notices on top of ballots); paid membership last month - 503, this month - 575.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Bill Destler

A check in the amount of \$200 has been received from NFFA for the Presidents' Day Program. Bill suggested that it be divided into nine shares; one for FSGW and the rest for the performers, who will, of course, be free to donate their share to the Society. Next month's Open Sing will be led by Sue Mathieu, with the topic being "Heaven and Hell and the Lord of Each." The Barbara Carns house concert was very nice. The house concert by Jerry Epstein on May 17 will be at Dale and Bob Blair's. Bill went to Charles Hicks' farm and found it more than adequate for the picnic; the date for the picnic was set for June 21.

TREASURER: Rich Galloway

April Income	\$1,147.50
April Expenses	\$2,444.80
Net Worth as of April 30	\$4,106.83

Jonathan Eberhart suggested that a report be given to membership on what the Society has done and how it stands financially; Helen said that, as a matter of policy, business matters should be discussed at programs.

PROGRAM: Jonathan Eberhart

The final program of the season will be on Friday, June 13. The May program will feature Mallappa Vittal, with music from India, accompanied by a dancer; Kyoko Okamoto, with music from Japan, accompanied by two other musicians; and Mr. Sadi, with music from the Middle East.

PUBLICATIONS: Nan Goland

In Nan's absence, Debbie Hutton reminded us that the June Newsletter will be the last of the year.

PUBLICITY: Phil Saunders

Debbie Hutton will suggest to Phil that a call for volunteers to work on publicity be made at the program.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Re: The D.C. Bicentennial Commission & Assembly, Jonathan submitted that anything FSGW does should be listed in their calendar; Debbie will get in touch with them.

Re: The Getaway, Rich reported that the Park Service sent a bill for \$175, which included a charge for Friday night. Rich will send them \$100 with an explanation that we did not use the park until Saturday.

Mike Rivers reported that the Northern Virginia Folk Festival was pretty good.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wally Macnow suggested that a foundation grant be sought for some facet of FSGW activities. This will be explored.

Debbie Hutton saw some slides in Williamsburg from a folk collection; 15-20 minute films are available which she suggested might be good for a program.

Pat Chambers said she would get an estimate from Beaver Press for doing the Newsletter.

Bill Destler suggested that this Board should make a decision about whether or not dues should be raised. There was no dispute about the financial need. Don Nichols moved that effective October 1 dues be raised to \$6 for an individual and \$9 for a family and that non-member admission to programs be raised to \$2. The motion was seconded and carried.

Helen Schneyer will be in touch with the Park Service to request Getaway dates of October 24-27.

Helen raised the question of whether or not the dancing should be continued. Bill Destler said that the group asked if it could be extended; the hall is available and if enough people pay to meet expenses, it will be extended into June. Bill suggested that there be a series devoted to square dancing in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.