

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 1975

Board Members Present: Mary Cliff, Carly Gewirz, Rich Galloway, Nan Goland, Lars Hanslin, Caroline Hoover, Debbie Hutton, Don Nichols, Alan Mackall, Phil Saunders, Helen Schneyer. Also present: Bill Destler, Dolores Gauthier, Al Kehs, Wally Macnow, and Mike Rivers.

Board Members Absent: Jonathan Eberhart.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Helen Schneyer. The minutes of June 2 were corrected and accepted.

Membership: Don Nichols.

The society has 523 paid up members, with 303 memberships expired. We were reminded that people tend to wait until fall to renew and since the rates go up in October there will probably be a mad rush in September. There are 21 uncertain memberships. Approval was given to reimburse Don for last year's membership cards and also to place an order for additional cards for the membership files for this year.

Program: Helen reported in Jonathan's absence.

The Alameda Riddle concert is set for September. Since the 'Newsletter' comes out in late August there will be publicity for this event.

Correspondence:

A general discussion took place concerning children at concerts. We all agreed that it is not fair to either the performer or to the audience when there are noisy distractions. This discussion was precipitated by an angry letter from Michelle Schuster concerning a reprimand she received for the vocalizations of her two-year-old during a concert. Rich took care of a plea from Frances Stevens to be reimbursed. All that was needed was her address.

Treasurers report: Rich Galloway and Lars Hanslin.

The budget for last year was a 4 page affair. 1 Page one showed the previous years budget. Page two was an analysis of net worth. Page three a month to month breakdown of funds and page four showed miscellaneous expenses and the 'Newsletter'. The budget projections and outcome for last year showed that we made 285 dollars in spite of ourselves.

The budgett projections for next year are:

Membership	3200	---	+\$3200
Program	500	2025	- 1500
Publications	---	3200	- 3200
Miscellaneous	---	400	- 100
Special Events	500	---	500
Publicity	---	100	- 100
Getaway Stanley	1100	---	1100
Stanley Williams	300	---	300
NET:	\$5600	\$5725	-\$125
	Income	Expenses	Total

Rich moved that we add \$300 to the Special Events and that any other money we come up with be funneled into Program, but that the budget be accepted as is. Debbie seconded the motion and all agreed.

The Folklore Society finds itself in the peculiar position of having to cut funds to the program area of its operation when its specific purpose is to find and present musicians to the public.

Reservations were expressed by the board at having to make this cut in program in Jonathan's\* absence. Many alternatives were discussed and considered.

1. It is possible to give a concert in January if we see that we are losing money.
2. Mary suggested that we call Ralph Rinzler about the possibility of participating in the Folklife Festival.
3. Bill suggested that the money given to us by the Park Service to put on a Labor Day Sing (\$400) and a Presidents' Day Program (\$200) be given back to the Society by the people who perform. Helen mentioned some technicality of the by-laws which says that we cannot pay our own members. But the money would be tax free if given back by the performers.
4. Bill also suggested that performers be convinced to accept lower guarantees for fees with the understanding that they would be paid more dependent upon the intake at the door.
5. The Alameda Riddle concert be called a Special Event rather than a Program since a Program is essentially a gift to the members which we can ill afford at this time.
6. The Newsletter was examined for possible cuts ~~in that~~

in that area. Printers for the Newsletter were discussed. But we've been over all that before. Pinewoods seems to do a good bit of their folding and mailing by hand but they are smaller than we are. We all seem to be in a mild panic about the NFFA and whether they will fold after Christmas for lack of funds. In that case we will have to find an alternative for the machines we rent from them.

Old Business:

Debbie called Sidwell Friends about the possibility of using their gym for a square dance. The person responsible was away for the summer so that will have to wait 'til fall.

Carly will be checking on square dance groups to see what is available in the community in the fall also.

Bill will see Bob about the details of Square dancing. Open or closed sessions? Wally suggested splitting the class between beginners and intermediates. We are still looking for a hall.

Nan renewed the P.O. box for another year.

Because Jonathan is away and also will be tied up with NFFA Wally Lars and Rick volunteered to draft a proposal for matching funds from National Endowment for the Arts.

New Business:

The dates for the Getaway will be Oct. 24, 25 and 26. Bill and Debbie were nominated as co-chairmen. Rich knows out-of-town people willing to supervise food if someone will make up a menu and tell them what to buy. Mary said she would call Pete the spy(?). Helen by decree as mental health expert decided that Doug Dansus not be allowed at the Getaway this year.

Mike wants to give away the job of setting up, taking down and ~~general~~ general responsibility for the sound at Performances.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16

PROPOSED NEA GRANT BUDGET

EXPENSES:

Program Coordinator:	\$540 (54 hours at \$10/hour)
Publicity:	610 (16% newsletter budget and 50% publicity budget)
Equipment:	135 (Tapes and sound equipment at \$15/program)
Hall Rental:	675 (\$75/program)
Fees:	2250 (\$250/program)
Travel:	<u>2700</u> (\$300/program)
TOTAL	\$6910

INCOME:

Gate:	\$600
In-Kind:	1285 (Program coordinator, publicity and equipment)
FSGW Subsidy:	<u>1570</u>
TOTAL	\$3455

NEA MATCHING GRANT: \$3455

TOTAL PROGRAM COST: \$6910

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FSGW- 1974/75 Budget Projections and Actual Outcome

	Income	Expenses	Total
Membership	\$3500	\$---	+\$3500 (-\$415)
Program	600 (-165)	2450 (-315)	- 1850 (-480)
Publications	---	2500	- 2500 (-965)
Miscellaneous	---	370	- 370 (+860)
Special Events	---	---	--- (+525)
Publicity	---	100	- 100 (+75)
Getaway	1100	---	+ 1100 (+670)
Stanley Williams	<u>100</u>	<u>---</u>	+ 100 (+15)
NET:	\$5300	\$5420	\$- 120 (+285)

NB: Ralph, the Spring Getaway and Gifts brought the Society approximately \$2250 in windfall income last year. Even deducting the unusual expense of \$800 for tape equipment, this means that without these unexpected bonanzas, the Society would have lost \$1200 last year. And if the Special Events profit of \$500 is considered a windfall, a loss of \$1700 could have been sustained.

FSCW- BUDGET 1975/76

	Income	Expenses	Total
Membership	\$3200	---	+\$3200
Program	500	<sup>25</sup> 2000	-1505
Publications	---	3000	-3200 <del>-3000</del> *
Miscellaneous	---	400	-400
Special Events	<del>200</del> 500	---	+200 500
Publicity	---	100	-100
Getaway	1100	---	+1100
Stanley Williams	<u>300</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>+300</u>
NET:	\$ <del>600</del>	\$ <sup>25</sup> 725	<del>\$200</del> -125

\* This figure assumes that the newsletter will be cut back to three pages.