

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1975

Board Members Present: Mary Cliff, Jonathan Eberhart, Rich Galloway, Nan Goland, Lars Hanslin, Caroline Hoover, Debbie Hutton, Don Nichols, Phil Saunders, Helen Schneyer. Also present: Dolores Gauthier, Dave Laning, Wally Macnow, Mike Rivers.

Board Members Absent: Carly Gewirz, Alan Mackall.

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 by the President, Helen Schneyer. Debbie moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Rich seconded the move and the motion was carried.

Membership: Don Nichols

There have been many renewals in connection with Getaway applications and also a rush to join before the price of membership goes up. Mailing applications to Don has been much more effective in getting new applicants processed. Mike wanted to clarify his message in regard to the slow processing of new members - The new members have been concerned whether or not the Society has even received their money.

Program: Jonathan Eberhart

The performer for this month's Friday Concert, Estil C. Ball, has registered much excitement from some quarters of the society.

Future programs: Our finances (whether or not we receive the NEA Grant) plays a major role in whom the Society should consider.

1. Dick Rodgers suggested Jack Elliot for a possible program but the Board was not too keen on the idea.

2. The Balfa Brothers are setting up a tour up North. We feel that they are too expensive but Mary suggested contacting some of the State Societies to see if they might pay a part of a group's expenses to get the music heard.

3. The Louisiana Aces are available on Sunday, Feb. 15. This could be a possible Special Events program. Debbie said that they would run around \$300.00 dollars. Again the State Societies are a possibility for additional funds.

Olabelle Reed and the Little Wonders and The Spiritual Way Quartet are also tempting.

Treasurer: Lars Hanslin, Rich Galloway

There is no word on the Grant application yet. The vote will be taken on it sometime in November.

We lost \$108 dollars on the Alameda Riddle concert. None of her fees were paid so she needed to use the concert money for travel.

Special Events: Wally made some recommendations in Alan's absence.

Brady and Irvine are possibilities to be considered. Also Jeff Warner and Jeff Davies and/or Johnny Shines.

Pinewoods feels that the Grant limits them to their program night. Questions raised by members of the Board are: Does this limit us to using the funds for nine programs as opposed to using it for Special Events and should it be spent equally or unequally?

It was brought out in the course of the conversation that we really have a serious problem with Special Events. The job demands a person who is accessible and responsive to other board members. Alan lives in Dale City and holds a job which makes it impossible for him to attend programs. He has been sporadically present at meetings but has been generally in-
accessible by phone. Helen is empowered to appoint a successor with Board approval. Dave Olive was considered and is available. Helen will call and talk with Alan.

John and Tony are giving a House Concert At Ted Strader's Oct. 22. Debbie got them an additional concert at Sidwell Friends. She suggested that Sandy Springs School is another possibility for performers who need to make additional money.

Publicity: Phil Saunders

Notice for the E.C. Ball concert was sent to The Star but not hand delivered. There will be no notice in the Post because of the strike. Debbie suggested getting things into the Washingtonian on a regular basis. Flyers could be distributed at the Fox and at concerts. Jonathan said he would run them off if Phil made them up. Libraries will distributed flyers to the branch libraries if they are delivered to the main branch.

** they will print one month of whether or not they know what it is.*

Newsletter: Nan Goland.

1. The letter was written to the people on the bulk mailing list saying join or be dropped.
2. All newsletters are now 1st class.
3. A reminder to everyone to get items in for the Newsletter by the deadline.
4. There was a large mix-up on the mailing this month. Some people got two and some got none. About twenty were run through the postage machine that had no address. This was the first time that Ann had done the Newsletter by herself and she does need help. Rich reported that no one in Baltimore received the Newsletter. He had the feeling that the Post Office is not delivering them.
5. Don suggested a printer out near him who does deliver. Regarding Kuilograph, Nan was not sure about the kind of service we would get so we have made no commitment.

Old Business:

Debbie reported the possibility of having another Mini-festival at Sidwell Friends. The Community Service aspect of having square dancing at Sidwell

Friends interested Kit Barker. Debbie proposed the 4th Saturday of each month from January to May, the first of which would be in conjunction with the Mini-festival.

Raising money for the Society came up over and over. Hedy West was suggested and Wally will get in touch with her about the possibility of a concert. Michael Cooney was also suggested. Helen said that he would have to make at least \$500.00 dollars so Wally suggested a double booking with Baltimore.

The Getaway: Debbie reported that we are oversubscribed by 20 people. The workshop schedule is all made up and the Red Fox has agreed to order the food.

More details on Frederick: Sept. 23 next year. The time would consist of Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 4 or 5 hours daily. They really want jamming with no stage or sound equipment.

We only have orders for five sets of Bronson. We need at least ten sets to be ordered to cash in on the discount.

The new Sacred Harp books are now on sale.

Jonathan reported on New Expeditions Inc. They organize research using non-professional people and the participants pay to go along and do the research.

New Business:

Stanley-Williams proposed a reduction from 20% of net to 10% of net. Society members still receive a 25% reduction in price on mail-order tickets. The secretary will answer the letter and agree to terms.

The board Okayed the use of the sound system by Mike Holmes for a benefit dance at the Ethical Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28.