

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1975

Board Members Present: Jonathan Eberhart, Rich Galloway, Carly Gewirz, Nan Goland, Lars Hanslin, Caroline Hoover, Debbie Hutton, Alan Mackall, Don Nichols, Phil Saunders, Helen Schneyer. Absent: Mary Cliff.

Also Present: Maureen Limpert, Dolores Nichols, David Olive, Dick Rodgers, Bruce Strand.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Helen Schneyer, at 8:22. The minutes were approved as read.

Membership: Don Nichols

Don reported that a number of people have been calling because they have not been receiving their 'Newsletter'. It seems to have been an error in communication since Nan interpreted the stack labeled 'renewals' as having been removed from the files. There does seem to be a real problem with the Post Office. Jonathan moved that someone go to the Post Office to see if we could get anything done about the non-delivery of Newsletters. Both Nan and Carly volunteered to pursue the matter.

We have 57 new members.

Program: Jonathan Eberhart

We present Neil Rossi this month. Hedy west will be here next month on Friday, Dec. 10.

Possibilities for other programs are:

1. Old Frank Warner for a house concert - stories and songs.
2. A Chinese flute player
3. Zapf, an elderly concert violinist and zither player
4. Royce and Heather will be coming during the time that we are generally inactive and there is a question as to whether we should try to set something up.
5. Uncle Henry
6. Storytelling with the fellow at the Getaway who told Jack tales.

It was suggested that we try to cooperate with the Baltimore group on some things, but, apparently both Mike and Bob feel that there are too many people who travel back and forth. to make it profitable for them.

Neil will be doing a concert for us on Friday and needs something for Saturday.

Special Events: Alan Mackall

Dates that have been set for House Concerts are: Dec. 12 with Wendy Grossman, and March 20th with Bill Steele. Wendy Grossman was guaranteed \$50. No guarantee has been given to Bill Steele yet.

There was a problem with clean-up after the John and Tony Concert. Many beer cans and pop-tops were found. We do not want to alienate the people who open their houses for this type of concert. The board agreed that clean-up could not be taken for granted.

January is a possibility for the Sampler Concert.

Lars moved that Mark Giffelston be approved for a House Concert since the Society cannot pay its members without board approval. Carly seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Alan felt that he would be available to do the job for Special Events. The Board agreed that he should appoint a committee to take care of all the trivial things in his absence in case he is unable to attend.

Christmas again and time for Carolling. The Board discussed meeting at someones house for practice with song sheets all ready.

Miscellaneous stream of consciousness whatsit (Treasurer, Publicity, old and new business?)

There was a general discussion on program. Lars recommended that between what comes in and what goes out we should average \$170.00 per program. Annually we cannot lose more than \$1500. a y

What we did for the E. C. Ball concert was to put a notice into the Star and send notices to some radio stations. For the Neil Rossi concert we should send a notice to the Fox, to libraries (esp. the Library of Congress), Mary Cliff and the Post Calendar. It was also suggested that Phil contact the Unicorn Times to get listed on their calendar.

We made \$1800 on the getaway. Peter did a magnificent job on the food. He was \$300.00 under budget.

There was a discussion about the publicity budget. Phil does not have very much to work with but Jonathan suggested that if publicity was done and Phil went all little over that it would be worth it if it did any good at all.

The Getaway was a success. The port-a-johns were a contribution of the Park Service. They own them and we serviced them for \$12.00.

Wally will work with Debbie for the Mini-festival. It is set for the 23 or 24 th of January.

Only two more sets of Bronson are needed to complete the order.

the Boys of the Lough will be in the area in March or April but the Board feels that \$500 is too much money to spend.

Publications: Nan Golland

The deadline for the Newsletter is the 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.