

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Executive Board Meeting

March 2, 1976

Board members present: Mary Cliff, Jonathan Eberhart, Nan Goland, Lars Hanslin, Caroline Hoover, Debbie Hutton, Don Nichols, David Olive. Also present: Dolores Nichols, Wally Macnow, Mia Gardiner.

Board members absent: Rich Galloway, Carly Gewirz, Alan Mackall, Helen Schneyer.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Debbie Hutton at 8:12. Jonathan moved the minutes be approved subject to a correction and policy about not writing up a performers fee unless the fee is paid by the Folklore Society for a specific event.

Membership: Don Nichols

Don delivered 1400.00 dollars to Lars from the Carignan concert, The River Road concert and from the Aces. Fourteen memberships have expired. We have 68 new members and 58 renewals making a total of 675 members.

Program: Jonathan

February was a resounding success. Jean Carignan was hassled at the border and we all felt that Customs deserved a letter from us. Edith Wilson will be here with her accompanist Terry Waldo. Transportation is being worked out. They need a gig Saturday night. There will be a column in the Unicorn Times on Edith Wilson.

Mary Alice Delaplane sent us a letter thanking us for the Carignan Concert and offering us the aid of her former Bosses office.

Ralph Stanley is a possibility for the last concert of the year. Larry Older is another. Debbie expressed a fear of always having high-powered concerts because of the grant.

Special Events.

Many of the Board members found out from the Newsletter that the Bill Steele concert was not a house concert but a concert at the Ethical Society. Many alternatives about what to do were discussed but mainly the Board wished that the Special Events Chairman notify Board members of all data concerning Special Events before the arrangements become unalterable. A motion was passed with one abstention that a letter be written to the Special Events Chairman concerning the many misunderstandings that we seem to have had this year.

The letter should specifically deal with his responsiveness to board opinion, the many misunderstandings with Newsletter and publicity, and specifically hiring the Ethical Society Hall at an additional cost of \$75.00 to the Society when everyone was under the impression that the Bill Steele event would be a house Concert.

Maggie Pierce made 70.00 dollars on her House Concert and we added another \$10.00 bringing the total to \$80.00. The Aces were guaranteed \$300.00 and we gave them an additional \$50.00 because they were having transportation troubles.

We all agreed that the Board should arrive at some sort of consensus about giving out extra money.

Treasurer: Lars Hanslin

Bad news: IRS sent us a letter stating that we owe 2,720 dollars in penalty fees for filing our statement almost a year late. Lars wrote a letter stating that our books were so confused that we couldn't get it in on time.

Good news: see attached statement - Budget comparison through January 31, 1976. We are almost \$300.00 behind on long term membership dues. Program is doing well. Special Events is misleading because Alan has not yet submitted the names of the people from last September who need to be paid. Lars expects that half of that amount will come back to us in the form of donations so it is included. Stanley Williams paid us \$159.00 for the Pete Seeger concert a year ago last spring. The secretary was asked to check the letter they sent to us last Fall to determine the percentage we should have recieved.

Publicity: David Olive.

David has flyers and a press release on Edith Wilson. He has contacted radio stations and newspapers and has tried to get some contacts in the black community. The Special Events Chairman must give him a press release and a flyer and must give it to him by March 8 if he is do do any kind of a job on publicity at all. He was under the impression that the Bill Steele event was a house concert which does not get publicized. Having the event at the Ethical Society changes what ought to be done about publicity.

Publications: Nan Goland

The deadline for the next Newsletter is March 17th. The Newsletter went out today.

Old Business:

Debbie has contacted Sidwell Friends about having a square dance there on April 30th. Bob Dalsemer will call and will bring along his band. It would be \$250.00 for the package. It is possible that we could pay the band only \$160.00 if we did not make enough money. The question is - Do we consider this event as a fund raiser? We felt that we should guarantee the smaller amount and then pay the larger amount if we make enough money.

The nominating committee has been selected but with a slight error. There are three Board members on it rather than two. This error will be corrected. Mike or Rebecca Holmes are possibilities.

New Business:

Mary reported on the upcoming concert of Inti Illimani, Los Huachos Quincheros. The question of joint membership with Baltimore came up and was rejected as being far too complicated. The Folklore Society maintains a reference list of its members. This list states whether a person performs and if so what; a singer or instrumentalist. David wondered if this list could be sent to hospitals etc. It was decided that this list was for non-commercial use only. The pik-nik was discussed. Jonathan moved that Debbie be allowed to be in charge of the Pik-Nik. Jonathan also requested that the secretary bring a copy of the By-Laws to the meetings of the Board. There was another plea for someone to do the sound at the programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45