

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 1976

Board Members Present: Mary Cliff, Jonathan Eberhart, Nan Goland, Rich Galloway, Lars Hanslin, Caroline Hoover, Debbie Hutton, Don Nichols, David Olive, Helen Schneyer. Board Members Absent: Carly Gewirz, Alan Mackall. Also present Dolores Nichols, Dick Rodgers GILBERT M. GLAUBINGER

The meeting was called to order by president Helen Schneyer at 8:10. The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

Membership: Don Nichols

There has been a drop of 23 members. This gives us a total of 660 members.

Program: Jonathan Eberhart

Ken Morse happened. The international program is all set. The first part of the program will be done by a drummer-storyteller from Ghana. The second part will consist of Gamelan music from Java done by the University of Maryland music Department, taught by the attaché of the Indonesian Embassy. Pete the Spy will cook Shrimp chips and Peter Hoover will provide African Ginger beer. The first third of the program will cost \$75 and the second part will consist of a donation of \$150 to the World Music Program at the University of Maryland. We did not make use of the grant for this program so we could possibly have an extra program between now and the end of June or could use the Grant for Special Events if something should come up. In June we will have Peg Leg Sam Jackson, who will travel to Norfolk for the next night to do a program there.

Special Events: Don Nichols reporting

Don and Dolores are acting as intermediaries for the Pik-Nik in Alan's absence. The Pik-Nik is scheduled for June 12 at Glen Elg, Md.. This is located part way between Baltimore and Washington - the initial idea being a joint picnic for the two societies but Baltimore has already set a date for their picnic and some people may join us at ours. The twelve acres of land belongs to Dick and Cherry McCullough, members of the Folklore Society. Dick R. suggested either an alternate date or an alternate location in case of rain. Other areas were discussed and tents were considered but dismissed because of the prohibitive cost of renting them. There was continued discussion about Alan's absence. It is impossible to reach him by phone (disconnected) and there may be some things that come up for consideration for Special Events during the next month or so that we will want to act upon. There is no way the Board could take over the pik-Nik or any other function of Alan's job without dismissing him. Caroline moved that Alan Mackall be suspended as Special Events Chairman because of his continued absence and inaccessibility. Debbie seconded the motion. Eight members were in favor and one abstained. The motion was carried. Don said that he would communicate this news to Alan. It is possible for Alan to appeal this decision at the next Board meeting if he wishes. David did get a chance to talk to Alan in person to explain that it would be necessary for him to come in person to explain why the Board should reimburse him for the Bill Steele event. Helen Appointed Mary Cliff as Pik-Nik Chairman. Gordon

Bok was considered for Special Events for May 22 but was unavailable.

Treasurer: Lars Hanslin

Ken Morse: \$200, performers fee, \$75 - Hall Rental, \$37 taken in in admissions, \$43 dollars taken in new memberships.

Lars is waiting for Andy Wallace to come to town so that he can get his signature to dissolve the Getaway account.

I.R.S. eliminated the penalty fee for late filing because of the letter that Lars wrote explaining the situation.

Lars filed the first application to the NEA for Grant funds for about \$1,000 This amounts to about \$100 out-of-pocket for the Society compared to the usual \$200 - \$250 budgeted amount. */per program*

Lars checked into the Stanley-Williams agreement. They explained that the concert was held at Constitution Hall and not at Lisner so our 20% agreement did not hold. Rich remembered that last year's Board tacitly approved the 5% figure for that concert. We have been of mutual benefit to each other so Rich requested that we be notified of this sort of change so that it can be discussed at Board meetings. Rich moved that we accept the 5% figure because the event was at Constitution and not at Lisner. David seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Publicity: David Olive

Dick did publicity for the Folklore Society at the Chieftains concert and at The Tommy Clancey concert. Press releases have been sent out for the International night and David will contact both the Ghanian and the Indonesian Embassies to see that they get tickets. Jonathan moved that Al Kehs be thanked for compiling the list of dances around town and that the secretary write him a letter.

Publications: Nan Goland

The 17th is the deadline for the next Newsletter'.

Old Business:

Noel Clark from the Frederick Crafts Fair is still thinking in terms of big names for the music although he says he wants the music to draw people to other areas of the Fair.

The Application for the Getaway campground is in and we should be hearing about the results soon. Tom McHenry has expressed some interest in being chairman of the Getaway this year.

Prince Georges Bicentennial Commission will be putting on a festival on Sept. 18 and would pay us for an hour or for a series of 1/2 hour sets. If The Folklore Society is not interested Debbie would see that there are some musicians ~~are~~ there. Jonathan felt that it would be a good idea for us to do since we could really do publicity for the Society there.

The Square dance went well except that Sidwell Friends had forgotten to write a memo to the maintenance people to clear the gym of equipment. There were many children there and the parents were enthusiastic. We broke even with no outside publicity. Bob prefers to work with his own band. Debbie would like

to recommend to next year's board that three dances be set up in the fall.

Mike Holmes would like to use the Folklore Society sound equipment for a benefit for NFFA to be held at Gulf-Reston on the 23rd of May. The Board felt it would be fine if Mike would run it or find someone to do so.

Heather and Roy~~Seton~~ Wood will be in town sometime between July 23 and Sept. 3. Jonathan moved that it be acceptable to the board to use \$200 of performer fee, \$75 for a hall and \$80 of a mailing if it looked possible to set up a concert with Heather and Roy~~Seton~~. There was a unanimous ok.

~~Young Traditions~~
Roy~~Seton~~ & Heather
Young Traditions were suggested as a possibility as an extra Grant program in August. Getting an adequate hall would be the problem - with air conditioning.

Dick suggested that we run off extra Newsletters for publicity purposes during the summer months.

All the ballots have been sent out and will be counted at the May Program.

New Business:

Carpets will be needed for the Gamelan. Hoovers will bring theirs.

We will decide at the June meeting about the ad for the NFFA.

Rescrewable bottles needed for ginger beer!

Another reminder to Alan for a list of the people who played at the Labor day program so that they can be paid.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25.