

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 3, 1976

Board Members Present- Mary, Cliff, Bill Destler, Mia Gardiner, Nan Goland, Tom McHenry, David Olive, Dolores Nichols.

Also Present- Keith Gardiner, Debbie Hutton, Don Nichols

Board Members Absent- Jonathan Eberhart, Lars Hanslin, Al Kehs, Wally Macnow, Helen Schneyer.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by President Bill Destler. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Membership(Dolores Nichols) 18 renewals, 7 new, 7 expired. Balance for month plus 18. Balance of membership is 692. The percentage of 3 year membership is 7%.

Publicity(Nan Goland) Heather ^{Wood} and ^{Royce} Wood concert listed in the Unicorn Times and will be announced by Mary Cliff on her radio program. Address labels for publicity purposes available from Don Nichols.

Publications(Al Kehs- out-of-town) Newsletter deadline is weekend of August 7th. Money saving figures and an suggested changes in the newsletter format will be available next month.

Program(David Olive) Concensus of Board was to not have a Gospel group for 1st program, as the last concert of previous season was a gospel group. Program suggested for October was Wade Mainer and his wife Julia with Steve Ledford. For \$200 He also wants another gig(Norfolk or Philadelphia, date too close for Baltimore). Costs would be: Mainers \$200 plus travel, \$428, plus hall \$75
Ledford \$100 plus travel, \$100

If we can't arrange other gigs, alternatives are to subsidize them for Bob ^{Zentz}, take from another program's budget, or to just have Mainers without Ledford.

Letter to be sent to Glen Ohrlin inviting him to do the December program.

Possibilities for future programs mentioned were Johnny Shines, Dan ^{Walters}, ^{Larry} Johnny Older, Molly O'Day, Little Wonders, Rick Shoenberg for February program.

Special Events(Dave Olive for Jonathon Eberhart, who is out-of-town)

In July there were 2 successful house concerts. Bart Lloyd at ~~Bill Destlers~~ ^{Helen Schneyer's} netted \$85, Lewis London at Pete Hoovers Netted \$50. Heather ^{Wood} concert on August 21st, 8:30 at Ethical Society building (They have promised to have air-conditioning fixed by then). Cost will be \$200 fee plus \$250 transportation. Grant to be used to back it up. Admission will be \$2 for members, \$3 for non-members. Iced tea left from NFF may be used for refreshments at this program.

David requested to see copy of actual grant to FSGW at next meeting.

Mark Ross(part of working Americans stage at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival) to give a house concert at the Huttons on Thursday, Aug. 5th. No \$guarantee given. Told to expect between \$30-\$70. Charge will be \$1.50 members, \$2.00 Non-members. Board members urged to make calls advising membership of concerts. Bill Destler reemphasized the importance of getting notices of upcoming events

in the newsletter.

Hymn sing pot-luck supper at Helen Schneyer's with Primitive Baptist group from Roseville, California. Sunday August 8th at 5P.M. \$1.00 donation for parish.

Bruce Green, fiddler, will possibly give a fiddle workshop in September. Jeff Davis was not locatable for Aug. 13th house concert. Other people in town for possible house concerts-Pop Wagner (old-timey and string), Jim Ringer, Jim Griffith (doesn't have time). Utah Phillips may come back to town and give benefit for FSGW in September, \$150 fee.

Square Dance on September 24th at Sidwell Friends School, 8:30P.M. Admission \$2.00, under 16 \$1.00. Bob Dalsimer indicated to Bill that previously discussed arrangements were fine. Bill to write item on dance for newsletter since Wally (in charge of dances) is out of town. Debbie will check with school re precautions on use of gym equipment in lobby during the dance.

Get-Away-October 21,22,23, Cooks are contracted for. Pete is not sure he can be meal coordinator and will let Debbie know by Aug. 13th. If he can't, and no one else volunteers, the cooks could do the job. Pete would do the ordering. Ames Perry has offered to help in this area. Dave Olive has volunteered to run the parking lot. Admission will be \$25 for the weekend, children 2-14 \$14. Deadline for refunds and cancellations Sept. 30th. Deadline for membership first consideration Sept. 20th.

September 18th, afternoon, Tom McHenry, Wallie Macnow, Becky *Minton* and Riki Schneyer will perform at the Prince George's Bicentennial Folk Festival. Will receive \$100 for FSGW.

Old Business- Contacted by Van Leer from Operation Sail, a group from FSGW sang on the Tall Ships for several days. There was an article in the Washington Post on Aug. 7th with photograph and coverage on Channel 9 news.

The Nichols volunteered to take the message machine as they get so many of the calls anyway. They got it! Discussion of membership list tabled due to Wallie's absence.

New Business-Keeping of an album (articles and photos) of the things we do was suggested. FSGW archivist to be discussed in future.

Debbie Hutton suggested that the FSGW hold its own festival in early May. She has talked to Joe Wilson and we have his support. Site possibility is Montgomery College in Rockville, Md. The dean is interested but the people he will have to check with won't be back until end of August. Debbie will keep in touch with him. The college has good outdoor and indoor (in case of rain) facilities. We would use our own Society members, with a couple of outside people, for workshops and concert. This will introduce people to the fact that we have lots of good traditional folk music right here in the Metropolitan area.

Debbie brought up the idea of booking traditional folk musicians at the Red Fox on Sunday nights. Walt *Doderick* (owner) objects to the idea of only two sets and paying at the door rather than having a guaranteed sum. She feels it would be good if various people discussed this idea with Walt.

Tom McHenry will conduct the Open Sing on Friday August 6th on an unannounced theme.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40.