

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 5, 1976

Board Members Present: Mary Cliff, Bill Destler, Nan Goland, Lars Hanslin, Al Kehs, Wally Macnow, Tom McHenry, Dolores Nichols, Dave Olive.

Others Present: Rich Galloway, Don Nichols.

Board Members Absent: Jonathan Eberhart, Mia Gardiner, Helen Schneyer.

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m. by President Bill Destler. The minutes were approved as corrected.

**PUBLICATIONS** - Al Kehs Al would like to be able to spend more time making the Newsletter look nice, rather than having to write all the articles himself. He asks those who have material for the Newsletter to put their information in writing. Deadline for the November Newsletter is October 20.

Part of the system for mailing out the Newsletter will soon change. Instead of using the Scriptomatic machine to address the Newsletters, labels will be made by the same machine used to keep track of memberships. The labels will be faster and easier to use than the temperamental Scriptomatic--fast enough if it is working right, but frequently it is not.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Dolores Nichols We have 7 new members, 8 renewals, and 40 expirations, for a total membership of 691. When we start using the label-making machine, we will also be able to print "RENEW" in red ink on the appropriate Newsletters each month.

**TREASURER** - Lars Hanslin The square dance on September 24 was planned to break even, and did so.

**PUBLICITY** - Nan Goland Flyers have been sent to newspapers and radio stations announcing the Glenn Ohrlin program. It was listed in the Star and will be listed Friday in the Post.

**PROGRAM** - Dave Olive Glenn Ohrlin will be driving his camper to Washington. We were unable to arrange any concerts for him in New York, but he will perform in North Carolina after appearing for us. Also, we will provide \$100 for Glenn to appear at the Old Dominion Festival in Norfolk.

Our November program will be Johnny Shines. He will be paid \$300 plus air fare from Holt, Alabama. Chief Ellis (piano) and Phil Wiggins (harmonica) may be invited to join Johnny for part of the program.

The December program is not definite yet, but may be either Harmonica Frank Floyd or Red River Dave McEnery. The Little Wonders are planned for January, Rick Schoenberg for February.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Dave Olive for Jonathan Eberhart (Jonathan will be back from California on October 19 or 20)

A Sampler Concert is planned during November at the Ethical Society. No performers are definite yet, but possibilities include: Lin Barnes, Susan Cahill and Bill Schmidt, Hazel Dickens, Steve and Linda Hickman, Caroline Hoover, Reed Martin, Roger Sherman, Faysioux Starling, Sweetwater String Band.

Tony Saletan was guaranteed \$50 but made \$80 at his house concert on October 2.

Lou Killen has been guaranteed \$50 for his house concert at Helen's on Thursday, October 14.

Jerry Epstein has been guaranteed \$50 to give a vocal styles workshop at the Hutton's on October 30 and 31. Each participant will pay \$10.

We will soon know whether Mike Cooney will be available for a January concert. It was agreed to guarantee him \$200, and pay up to \$300 if we make enough on the concert to do so.

The square dance at Sidwell Friends School on September 24 made more than we guaranteed the band and caller. The next dance at the school will be Saturday, October 30. Jim Morrison will call, and Steve Hickman will arrange the band. Both the band and the caller will be paid \$100. No dances are scheduled beyond October, since the school will be closed for Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations.

There was good singing led by Joe Hickerson at the October Open Sing. The November sing will be led by Wally Macnow. Tom has openings available for sing leaders. It was suggested that themes for Open Sings be published in the Newsletter a month in advance, so people will have more time to prepare songs.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Tom reports that Getaway registration is now full. Some, but not all, of our invited guests have responded. A final meeting will be held to finish planning the workshop schedule, assign cabins, and send out registration letters.

Jim Morrison will come to a future board meeting to discuss our affiliating with the Country Dance and Song Society. Bill suggested we change our by-laws to include a board position of Dance Chairman. He and Rich agreed to prepare and present a proposal to the board.

So far, no new names have been added to the list of volunteers for manning our membership table at the Ethical Society Craft Fair.

#### NEW BUSINESS

River Road Unitarian Church is interested in having the Society present another concert there. The idea generated little enthusiasm, so we agreed to plan one only if they would guarantee a contribution of \$100 to the Society.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.