

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, October 6, 1977

Board members present: Mary Cliff, Jessie Cohen, Jeff Deitchman, Jonathan Eberhart, Mia Gardiner, Linda Lieberman, Dolores Nichols, Dave Olive, Nancy Schatz.

Others present: Rich Galloway, Don Nichols.

Board members absent: Bill Destler, Lars Hanslin, Martin Holmer, Debbie Hutton, Riki Schneyer.

The meeting was called to order about 8:15 by President Jonathan Eberhart. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

MEMBERSHIP--Dolores Nichols: The figures for Sept. are: 30 new, 24 renewed, 34 expired; balance is +20; total membership is 716 (includes expirations from last month, not reported then). Dave would like to see a breakdown of all membership categories.

Dolores wants to switch the membership cards from different colors for 1 and 3 year memberships to different colors from single and family memberships. Board agreed; this change will be made gradually.

PUBLICITY--Jessie Cohen: Jessie needs more advance notice of events to prepare effective publicity. Also needs good pictures and more details about performers. People are needed to distribute flyers. Dave suggests this would be good use of volunteers.

Stephanie Faul will write articles for Unicorn Times in exchange for free ad for FSGW. Board wants her to come to a Board meeting to discuss possible topics and emphasis of articles.

PUBLICATIONS--Mia Gardiner: Service from Batt Bates was good, but there was a problem with the bill, which was easily taken care of except for \$7.00 "service charge." Other Board members had never heard of this, and Mia will question it. Total cost of printing the newsletter is about \$165 for large orders.

Mia did not carry out her threat about late items last month, because if she had, there would have been no material for newsletter. Please cooperate in the future. Deadline for the November newsletter is October 19. Nancy asked if it's possible to put the newsletter out a little earlier, so it can be received a few days before the Open Sing. Mia will try, but it will be difficult to find a time when people can help out. Also, the first time it will mean two newsletters will be fairly close together.

The self-sticking labels have not yet arrived, so still had to glue labels on newsletters. Went fairly well, but will be faster when we have labels. We need people to help with mailing. Mia suggests members-at-large could do this.

DANCE : Martin was not present, and several Board members criticized the way that Dance is being run (or not run) this year. An announced dance at C.U. was cancelled with no notice and no note on the door. People at C.U. knew nothing about it. Supposedly the room was being used by someone else, but no one was there. Martin should find out what's happening or find a new site as soon as possible. It was pointed out that Martin did not do the job of organizing the dances at the Glen Echo Festival, and has not organized the Saturday dances at Sidwell. The Board would like Martin to be at the next Board meeting; we need to discuss what should be done with dancing, and if Martin cannot do the job, we may have to appoint a new chairman.

PROGRAM--Dave Olive: Costs for October program, Dan Womack, will be: fee \$100, travel \$100, hall \$75. It will be a grant program. Dave will have the November program firmed up by the newsletter deadline.

SPECIAL EVENTS : Debbie was absent, and delivered her report by phone. The Sampler was a great success, but Dave pointed out a few difficulties with collecting admissions. Making a membership pitch at the intermission by offering people a dollar off their memberships (because they'd already paid the non-member fee to get in) made for some confusion about where the money belonged. The gimmick was valid, but those on the tables need advance notice and should keep records. Also, Dave noticed a few people who went to the membership table to join, then went in without paying admission. We need to watch for this next time.

The Utah Phillips concert will be Sunday, November 6 at 8 p.m. (should publicize earlier time). Debbie would like to charge \$2 and \$4; this will encourage people to join, and if they won't join, we should get as much as possible from them. The Board says no--we're not here to make money, but to make the music accessible.

The Mini-Festival will be January 28. Debbie needs an organizer for it, and several names were mentioned.

The Children's Series is all set. Performers will be: Jan.-Maggie Pierce; Feb.-Bill Vanaver & Livia Drapkin; Mar.-Jacke Spector (special concert for preschoolers); Apr.-Bruce Hutton (will donate fee back to FSGW); May-Debbie McClatchey.

Debbie would like to have Rick Schoenberg do a house concert and a workshop in December. The Board has no objections.

There was a problem after the September house concert with people leaving a mess in the kitchen. There must be someone in charge who will make sure that dirty glasses, etc., are cleaned up.

TREASURER--Linda Lieberman:

<u>Income:</u> Membership \$ 549.00	<u>Expenses:</u> Sampler-Hall \$ 75.00	Net income - \$1,777.78
Sampler adm. 430.00	Newsletter postage 136.00	
Getaway 1083.00	supplies 5.30	Net worth
Newsletter 6.00	Picnic - outhouse 42.00	3/31/77 \$5,877.43
<u>TOTAL INCOME: \$2068.00</u>	Getaway supplies 14.41	
	General - phone 17.01	Net worth
	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES \$290.22</u>	9/31/77 <u>\$7,655.21</u>

OLD BUSINESS: Getaway: Tom was absent, but delivered his report by phone. So far we have 63 Getaway applications, including 5 guest. Ames has not been able to come to meetings, and it's a problem getting in touch with her--we're wondering about the status of the food committee. At last word there were no volunteers. At this point we have no dance caller, mostly because of a big dance festival in Charlottesville that weekend. Rich will call Tom with suggestions for callers. We will check with Park Service on whether water shortage might cause them to close the Park or restrict use.

Rich reports our \$1000 savings certificate will expire unless we renew it. Rates are 7.5% interest for a 4-year certificate, and 6.5% for 1 year. Nancy moved we renew the savings certificate at the maximum interest rate. The motion was seconded and passed.

Nancy read the draft of the letter to be sent to those who ask to be on FSGW's mailing list. A few changes were made, and the letter was approved.

Rich did not order new letterhead because he thinks it should be redesigned. Board members disagree on letterhead design, but Jessie and Rich are invited to submit designs. Meanwhile, we are almost out, so Rich should order 300 sheets with present motif.

NEW BUSINESS: There has been some tension between FSGW and NCTA, and some Board members wonder if we should find some other place (e.g., members' homes) to hold meetings. It was pointed out that NCTA is a central location, we are not now receiving any other favors (typewriter, addressograph, etc.) from NCTA, and, at least according to Nan, the NCTA staff expects us to be meeting in the office. It was decided that we should continue to meet here unless we get some definite word to the contrary from NCTA.

Mia noted that the program (8 days away) was not yet on the tape message. Dolores explained that two notices were on the tape now, and there is no room for more if time is to be left for caller to leave a message. Don will get information on costs and specifications of a new machine which will allow longer messages by the next Board meeting. We will sell the old machine when we get a new one.

Mike Rivers has agreed to do workshop on sound system.

Don reports that his friend who owns the teletype machine in Don's house, which we have used to print out membership lists, is willing to donate it to FSGW if we will write a letter specifying receipt of the \$300 machine. Linda pointed out that we cannot specify the value, because we have no way of knowing it. He can use any purchase receipt he has, or an estimate of fair market value, for tax purposes. Jonathan moved that we accept the donation and write a letter of receipt specifying no dollar value. *if he is willing,*

Don asked if he and Dolores can be paid for their services to FSGW, and then donate the money back, for a tax break. The Board says no: the bylaws specify that officers cannot be paid. Anyone can deduct expenses on behalf of FSGW if they have bills.

Linda needs receipts for expenses--if you can't get an official receipt, just write a memo listing items and amounts, for the record. Linda will not write checks without a receipt.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.