

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 1978

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jessie Cohen, Jeff Deitchman, Jonathan Eberhart, Mia Gardiner, Martin Holmer, Linda Lieberman, Dolores Nichols, Dave Olive, Nancy Schatz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gail McHenry, Tom McHenry, Don Nichols.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Cliff, Bill Destler, Lars Hanslin, Debbie Hutton, Riki Schneyer.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 at Linda's house. There were several corrections to the minutes: the name of the performer for the May program seems to have been misspelled, but no one is sure of the correct spelling (Rumisongos? Rumisonkos?) Jessie sent out 3 press releases to 30 people, to a total of about 90 (not 30). The Treasurer's report was omitted from the minutes.

MEMBERSHIP - Dolores Nichols: The March membership figures are: 50 new memberships, 19 renewals, and 96 expirations, for a net of -27 for the month, and a total membership of 780.

Dolores may need help sending out renewal notices; this is a heavy month. Notices have been going out after the memberships actually expire; members are then carried for 2 months. The Board feels that first notices should go out before the actual expiration. This will start in July or August.

PUBLICATIONS - Mia Gardiner: People are still not meeting the newsletter deadline, so ^{our attempt to get the newsletter out earlier} the newsletter is late, and some have gotten in the habit of giving information over the phone instead of writing articles. Please write your articles and turn them in ON TIME!

This month we got 1000 newsletters folded and 350 flat (more than last month), and the printer assures us that next month they will be folded right side out.

Deadline for the May newsletter is April 20.

DANCE - Martin Holmer: The four dances in February took in (and paid out) \$381.50, on a pay-as-you-go basis. For March the financial figures are \$513.50.

The callers' workshop had 6-10 people, and went very well. It had to be changed to Sunday because Catholic Univ. reneged on the hall reservation for Saturday. A new person there has been scheduling other groups in the time we have reserved. Hopefully this has been straightened out. There was no dance last Sunday and will be none next week because of the schedule problem--they should resume after that. There was a discussion of the possibility of finding an alternative site. Martin says he's already investigated this and there are no other suitable places, especially for free.

Wally and Martin are starting to arrange participatory dance activities for Glen Echo.

PUBLICITY - Jessie Cohen: Jessie has flyers for the Buffalo Chipkickers and Michael Cooney concerts. She has ordered return-addressed envelopes. We have 2 big ads in the Unicorn Times this month. Releases are going to a lot of places, so we should have better publicity. Jessie has made a paste-up of a complimentary ticket; the Board approves the design. These should be signed and numbered. Up to 15 should be sent out as a trial.

Jessie has been spending about \$35-50/month (some of this comes out of the Special Events budget). Dave moved that the publicity budget be increased to \$50/month, not including Special Events, starting in May. Tom amended the motion to specify that the \$50 will cover all events; if there are extra expenses, they will come out of the Special Events budget. The motion was carried as amended.

Jessie is working on T-shirts for FSGW and Glen Echo. We can sell at Glen Echo if we give 10% to the park. Jessie will get prices and information.

Deadline for publicity information is April 21.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Debbie was absent; her report was delivered by Mia. The Bok/Trickett/Muir concert will be at Einstein High (hall \$75). We will probably use their sound system.

The Children's Concert in March was a big success. Jackie got \$120, and \$60 was split between FSGW and the Ethical Society. But only 8 people came to the house concert.

Our dances at Glen Echo will be May 27 and Sept. 23. Admission will be \$2 at the door. 10% goes to Glen Echo, and they provide the sound system.

Jean Redpath will be in town in ^{June} May, and possibly would do a concert for \$200 guarantee plus half the remainder over expenses (same arrangement as Cooney).

Martin Carthy and the Watsons would like to do a concert in early July (July 4 weekend or a weekday). We'll probably use a high school auditorium--they're air-conditioned.

Debbie would like to have a Sampler in mid-May or in the summer, or both. There was some discussion of alternative dates and the Board agreed that June 23 would be a good time. Some suggestions for performers are Josh Schneyer, Andy Cooper, Roger Sherman, Blake Hanson, Double Decker String Band, Laurie Andrews.

Dolores will talk to Debbie about the FSGW picnic.

PROGRAM - Dave Olive: The April program will be the Buffalo Chipkickers; they are getting a flat fee of \$200. In May will have Rumisongos (Sp?) for \$100 and either a zither player (\$50) or a pipe band (\$50-100). For June, Dave hopes to get Sparky Rucker, a Black blues guitar player. This should be publicized in the Howard U. paper.

TREASURER - Linda Lieberman: There was not financial statement for March, because Linda was busy with the tax season. The February financial report was omitted from last month's minutes because the Secretary blew it. Herewith the figures for February:

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Program	\$105.00	\$323.70
Publicity		89.20
Special Events	477.00	453.47
Mini-Festival		282.76
Children's Concert	72.00	77.00
Publications	8.00	635.69
Getaway (refund)	-75.00	
Membership	419.00	66.56
General (P.O.Box rental - 1 yr.)		28.00
	<u>\$976.00</u>	<u>\$1956.38</u>

Net loss for February = \$980.38.

GETAWAY - Tom McHenry: Tom has applied to Prince Wm. Forest Park for area 4 (2nd choice area 2) for the weekend of Oct. 9 (Columbus Day; 2nd choice 3rd weekend in Oct., which is not a 3-day weekend). We will hear in June about what we get.

Tom would like to have a meeting in May to start planning.

Debbie McClatchy sent a prospectus outlining her proposals for Getaway food service. She wants a fee, wants more volunteers in the kitchen than we have had in the past, and wants people here to do the shopping. The Board feels that since we already have people to do it this year, it is better to have our own members do it, as they always have in the past, rather than hire an outsider. It was moved and seconded that the traditional way of conducting food service at the Getaway should be continued at the 1978 Getaway. The motion was carried. Tom will write Debbie McClatchy about the decision.

GLEN ECHO: We now officially have our NEA grant of \$3040, to be used between 4/1 and 6/30; the grant may not exceed 50% of the total cost of the project. Jeff reported that Nan is working on a combination calendar/program, which will also include a blurb on FSGW and profiles of some or all performers, depending on how much money is available for this.

OLD BUSINESS: Board candidates should get their campaign blurbs in to the nominating committee by the April program. Rich suggests that the nominating committee find out whom the dance group wants for Dance Chairman. The Board urges dancers to come to the program and nominate from the floor. There was discussion of the dance group's feelings about the nominees, and it was agreed that next year's nominating committee should include a dancer.

Nancy had the draft of the membership questionnaire; there was a discussion of changes and additions to it. Nancy will prepare a final version, have it printed, and it will be mailed out with ballots. Family memberships will get two.

NEW BUSINESS: We must decide whether to hold Board meetings at NCTA or at Board members' homes. There was a discussion of various aspects of this issue, and the Board decided to try rotating the meetings among people's houses. Plenty of advance notice will be needed so that members can attend. Next month (May) the Board meeting will be at Mia's, in June at Nancy's, and in July at the Nichols'.

Mia moved that FSGW donate \$50 to the Country Dance and Song Society in memory of Frank Warner. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 11:30 p.m., whereupon the task of labeling, stamping, and taping 1000 newsletters was begun.