

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 1978

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Cliff, Jessie Cohen, Bill Destler, Lars Hanslin, Riki Schneyer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom McHenry, Don Nichols, Nina Perkins.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. at Nancy's house. The minutes were corrected to say that the McKennas (not FSGW) made \$80 on their house concert. The minutes were then accepted as corrected.

MEMBERSHIP - Dolores Nichols; The May membership figures are: 57 new memberships, 27 renewals, and 44 expirations, for a net of +40 for the month, and a total of 886.

At the Glen Echo Festival we got 39 new memberships and 7 renewals, and two memberships have already arrived in the mail--only two days after the festival!

PUBLICATIONS - Mia Gardiner: Mia wants to thank Nancy for meeting the deadline each month, and Jonathan for helping with the June Newsletter.

About a dozen people have complained that their June newsletters had blank pages. They have been sent new copies.

The July newsletter will be a 1-pager, and the deadline is June 20.

PROGRAM - Dave Olive: The June program is Sparky Rucker, who will be paid \$200. We may need a place for him to stay.

PUBLICITY: Jessie was absent; there was no report.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Debbie Hutton: The Sampler will be as in the newsletter. Eleanor should join before the concert. Prices will be \$3 and \$2.

The Jean Redpath concert is all set for June 18.

The Martin Carthy and Watsons concert will be at Walter Johnson High School on July 2. The hall will cost \$75-80, and the performers are getting \$400 plus 80% of the profit. Mike Rivers is renting a sound system. Debbie hopes they'll have their van by then so we won't have to rent one to transport the sound system. We will need help at this concert. There is an Irish festival at Walter Johnson two weeks before--we can publicize there.

FSGW sponsored a dance at Glen Echo on May 27, and lost \$117, because of a small crowd and a large guarantee. We are also doing a dance there on Sept. 16, with Glen Bannerman calling. ^{possibly}

Debbie is working on the children's concert series for next year. May make it cheaper, or possibly free if the Ethical Society will go along.

GETAWAY - Tom McHenry: We will hear about the date and the campsite after June 15. The letter to Debbie McClatchy has been sent. Tom would like to have people assigned to specific jobs, such as clean-up and registration. He also wants to get letters out to invitees early, so some of the people may be able to show up.

DANCE - Martin Holmer: The 3 dances in April took in (and paid out) \$281. The special dance with Graham Townsend took in \$412, of which \$350 went to Townsend, \$50 to the caller, and \$12 to the Special Events budget. The other dances in June made \$376 total. There is \$38.50 in the dance budget now.

There will be 3 dances in June, then no more until September.

TREASURER - Linda Lieberman: Because of the tax season, there is no treasurer's report now; there will be one next month, and a budget will probably be ready by July.

Expense vouchers for Glen Echo must be kept separate from others, and they must be real receipts (not memos), and signed.

OLD BUSINESS: The possibility of having free monthly programs in July & August was discussed. Wally was absent, but he has indicated that he is not particularly interested in doing summer programs, though he might if the Board wants them. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that it is not necessary to have programs in the summer, especially as we will be having several special events.

Debbie and Bruce cannot store the FSGW sound system any more; we will have to find a new place (must be accessible!) by September.

There was a discussion of a new sound system, which would probably cost \$1600-2000, but a decision was tabled until after the budget meeting. Mia will explore possibilities of a grant for the sound system.

The Glen Echo Festival went very well. There will be a post-mortem meeting next month. All staff members are to submit written reports, and bring in copies of any publicity

Don reports that a new phone-answering machine will cost about \$280. Dave moved that we authorize Don to spend up to \$300 for a new answering machine. The motion was seconded and carried.

On the matter of contracts for performers, David feels that they (contracts) are unenforceable, and may offend some performers, so we should not require them. Other performers want contracts, and we can use them (contracts) if necessary and desirable. The Board agreed.

Jessie was contacted by phone on the matter of the FSGW T-shirts. She reports that she has not yet gotten the color separation done, but does have the photo. She can do the separation herself in about 2 months. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to the effect that no work be done on T-shirts, and no money expended, until further notice.

NEW BUSINESS: Nancy had a call from Fred Nelson of Parents Without Partners, who would like to publicize our events in their newsletter. Dave will call him.

Dolores wants to have a meeting on June 15 to discuss the questionnaires.

Nothing has been done about the FSGW picnic. perhaps it could be held in September, possibly at Carderock. Debbie will investigate.

Tom will look into the possibility of our having a party on the Canal Clipper.

The August Board meeting will be at Linda's, and the September one at Tom's.

There is about \$200 left over from last year's NEA grant. Dave moved that he be paid \$40, and Debbie \$20 (as reimbursement for expenses), and the balance be sent to Dan Womack (because he was paid much less than anyone else). The motion was seconded and passed.

Nina reported that she and Martin have agreed that he will continue to run the Sunday night dances, while she will arrange a monthly dance and other dance activities. She has prepared a questionnaire for dancers, which was passed around.

The meeting was adjourned at a ridiculously late hour which the Secretary failed to note.