

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON  
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, October 4, 1978

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Eberhart, Mia Gardiner, Lars Hanslin, Debbie Hutton, Linda Lieberman, Tom McHenry, Don Nichols, Dave Olive, Nina Perkins, Arlene Rodenbeck, Dick Rodgers (Acting Publicity Chairman), Nancy Schatz.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Wally Macnow.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dolores Nichols.

The minutes were corrected to say that the NCTA might "arrange to have the sound system donated" for the Dee & Delta Hicks benefit, not donate it themselves. The minutes were then accepted as corrected.

PUBLICATIONS- Mia Gardiner: Mia had some of the newsletter type reduced this month; it worked well, giving more extra space than anticipated. Debbie asked that FSGW events be in larger type, and other items be reduced when we do this again.

1218 newsletters were mailed this month, most of the increase attributable to a big increase in the exchange list.

Sorting by zip code might save us about \$40 per month, but would present a problem in that Don would have to put the list in zip order and maintain it that way, which would make it very hard to find individual names. Don will try to see if there is some solution to this problem.

Mia has been having trouble getting mail; the P.O. box is not checked often enough. Arlene will pick up the mail once a week and mail or bring it to those who need it. There is a problem with checks, which should get to Linda fast, but shouldn't be mailed to her house because of mail delivery difficulties.

PUBLICITY - Dick Rodgers: Dick would like some money to buy 2¢ stamps to put on the 13¢ envelopes he inherited with the publicity materials. Board agreed.

Dick will not go overboard on flyers, but will use his judgement on which performers they would be effective for.

Dave will not officially resign until he knows for sure if he's leaving. Dick, for the time being, is "Acting" Publicity Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP - Don Nichols: Membership figures for September are: 1 deletion, 48 new memberships, 109 expirations, and 41 renewals, for a net of -21 for the month and a total at the end of September of 1067. However, the actual membership is larger than this, because some other names were found on a tape not included in this tabulation.

GETAWAY - Tom McHenry: At this point we are over-enrolled by about 10 people. Tom needs help transporting Getaway supplies to the Park.

PROGRAM: Wally was absent; his report was delivered by Debbie. The October program is Roy Bookbinder. For November, we will have John Cohen, who will devote half his program to films and a talk about his collecting. December's program will be Malcolm Dalglish and Grey Larsen, and January's will be Jenska Pesna.

Mia said that she has heard comments that we should present more ethnics. Debbie and Dave report that Wally is making some contacts now.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Debbie Hutton: The banjo workshop had 4-5 people. The dulcimer workshop was rescheduled for a weekend afternoon.

There will be a house concert with Paul Geremia in October.

The Dee & Delta Hicks benefit will be Nov. 24 in Gaston Hall (which will be free). Performers will be Mike Seeger, Alice Gerrard, Alan Jabbour, and John Jackson. The price will be \$3 for everyone. There is a possibility we will have advance ticket sales. Mary would handle mail-ins.

The performers for the Sampler will be Double Decker, Andy Cooper, and Balintore. There will be dancing. People will be asked to bring refreshments.

The Killen/Warner/Davis concert was successful, but drew mostly members, so made only about \$17. Many records were sold.

Utah Phillips will do a concert Nov. 12 at the Ethical. Guarantee is \$200, hall \$100, FSGW and Phillips to split the remainder. Admission will be \$2 and \$4.

Trapezoid will do a concert the same weekend as the December program. The admission will be \$2 and \$4.

Ed Trickett wants to do a benefit concert for FSGW, possibly in January. There is some question about how much to charge. Some feel \$2 and \$3 is appropriate; Debbie will ask Ed what he thinks.

Mia moved that the Board extend a special thank-you to Mary Cliff for all the work she did on the Alan Stivell concert. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

DANCE - Nina Perkins: There will be no Family Dance in October, because Nina didn't get things together by newsletter deadline.

There is a problem with the Sunday dances: Martin raised the price for members, so that there is no discount for members. This was done without consulting the Board or ~~the~~ the Dance Chairman. The Board feels that there should always be a discount for FSGW members at FSGW events, but the major issue concerning the Board is the way this change was made: unilaterally, by a non-Board member, without Board approval, and in a way that adversely affects FSGW members, but not others. The Board would have no problem with a price raise for everyone, and the argument that the musicians were not getting enough money undoubtedly has merit, but Board approval should have been sought for any change that involves a policy matter, such as member discounts. There was some discussion of the possibility that the Sunday dances may be separated from FSGW, especially if there is to be no member discount. Board members do not want such a split, but feel that if those running the Sunday dances are not willing to cooperate with the Society, that we should not lend our name and assistance (publicity, etc.) to it. Tom moved that we table discussion of the Sunday dances until the next Board meeting, with the hope that Martin will attend, but with the proviso that whether he is there or not, we will reach a decision regarding funding policy for Sunday night dances. The motion was seconded and passed.

TREASURER - Linda Lieberman: So far the income from the Getaway is \$2063.

The matter of the missing money from the June Sampler has been resolved. Paul Goland was the person collecting admissions. He wrote a check for \$100 cash, and says there was some cash left over, but has no idea what the total take was. Debbie gave some money to Don & Dolores, who later gave it to Linda, who assumed it was for membership. As close as anyone can figure out, there was about \$147, which Linda will now switch from Membership to Special Events.

Linda will switch money from savings into the checking account, so Mike can buy sound equipment.

Debbie would like to have monthly financial reports. Lars says monthly reports are irrelevant and meaningless, and Linda says she doesn't have adequate information on which to base such reports. She will try to prepare a 6-month report.

OLD BUSINESS: We met the application deadline for the Glen Echo grant. Special thanks to Mia, Debbie, Jonathan, and Dick Ring for their work.

Linda checked with the Ethical Society about the possibility of our holding Board meetings there. WES wants \$15 for "custodial services," and is unwilling to have us donate such services. The November Board meeting will be at Nina's home, and the December one at Lars'.

Mike Rivers wants to verify that the \$1500 voted for sound equipment is in addition to the \$500 he has already spent. Board says yes. There was some question about why the tape recorder was omitted from the list of items Mike is to buy. There was no decision on whether to buy a new recorder; Don says that the old one is not worth fixing, because it is not durable enough and would go out again soon.

Mia has not heard from Jim Scott of Fairfax County.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom got a call from someone in Springfield, Va., who's having an open stage for amateur performers the weekend after the Getaway.

An Episcopal Church on Lorcom Lane in Arlington wants to start a coffeehouse, and are having a meeting the last Wednesday of the month. They hope to find someone to run the coffeehouse.

Meeting adjourned 10:40 p.m.