

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 3, 1979

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Eberhart, Mia Gardiner, Lars Hanslin, Debbie Hutton, Wally Macnow, Tom McHenry, Don Nichols, Dick Rodgers, Nancy Schatz.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Lieberman, Nina Perkins, Arlene Rodenbeck.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dolores Nichols, Mike Rivers.

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

MEMBERSHIP - Don Nichols: The membership figures for December are: 36 new members, 53 renewals, and 84 expirations, for a net for the month of +5, and a total membership of 1069.

Board members who asked for the list of members' phone numbers now have it.

Don showed the Board the new renewal notices, new membership applications, the mock-up for a new membership flyer, and a sample of the suggested format for the directory.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Debbie Hutton: The Ed Trickett and Bill Livers concerts are both confirmed. John McCutcheon will call the Sunday night dance the 28th. The Watsons would not accept our final offer, so we will not be presenting them this year. There is no word about the Indian musician, nor about Joe and Antoinette McKenna. Alex Campbell's concert has been set for Feb. 17; we will guarantee \$150.

Debbie apologized for missing the Mini-Festival meeting planned for the night of the December program; she was ill. There will be a Mini meeting at Mia's house on Wed. the 10th.

Christmas caroling drew about 20 people and was very pleasant.

Debbie has heard nothing more from Norman Kennedy.

PROGRAM - Wally Macnow: the February program will be half concert and half dance, with the Hickory Kingdom String Band (Paul Brown). Richard Schuman will be the caller, so we need an exception to the rule about ~~mm~~ members not being paid. Board agrees to pay Schuman.

The December program brought in \$270 in membership, and \$50 at the gate.

DANCE: Nina was absent; her report was delivered by Mia. The December monthly dance took in \$132 at the door, but expenses were \$202.70, for a loss of \$70.70. The Cloggers were to have been paid \$25, but decided not to accept the money when they realized that the dance was losing money.

The dance workshops for the Mini-Festival are pretty well set, but the schedule is not firm.

For the February dance, Nina hopes to get Sandy Bradley from Seattle, who does traditional Western squares.

There has been no progress on halls. A number of suggestions have been received, but so far nothing suitable has been found. There will be a further report next month.

There was a discussion of the problem of the monthly dance losing money. Some feel that we are presenting too many dances and should drop this one, but others disagree. Tom feels that we should drop the Sunday night dances and go with the monthly dance, because it is the Sunday dances that are the big financial drain. No decision was made.

PUBLICITY - Dick Rodgers: Dick has flyers for the Jane Sapp, Ed Trickett, and Bill Livers concerts. There was a discussion of whether flyers are worthwhile and who should do them. It was suggested that there are several volunteers who could do this; Jane Cockey has already volunteered. Press releases should be concise and have only essential information. Only one event should be covered by each release. Dick will put an ad in the U. Md. paper.

In an effort to resolve the issue of who is to be officially Publicity Chairman, Jonathan suggested that Dick should have the title of "Acting Publicity Chairman," and should have the vote for that Board position. Dave has offered to help with specific jobs when asked. All Board members who have events to publicize should cooperate by getting information to Dick as far in advance as possible.

TREASURER: Linda was absent; there was no report.

PUBLICATIONS: - Mia Gardiner: No mail has come in during the month of December; apparently Arlene has not picked it up. Mia will call her.

The display of exchange mail was very good and got favorable comments. Mia would like to continue to do this when there are items to share.

Special thanks to Wally, Jonathan, Jeff Deitchman, and Keith Gardiner for helping with the newsletter mailing.

OLD BUSINESS: The Getaway post-mortem was held in December. Linda should have figures on how much we made; Tom guesses about \$17-1800. High praise went to the food and the Sunday night concert. There is still some Getaway equipment stored at various people's homes; it should be brought to Lars'. Tom recommends Julie Ball for next Getaway chairman.

We still have not heard from the koto player.

The new publicity-membership brochure was discussed, along with the renewal notices, etc. A sentence about contributing, sustaining, and lifetime memberships being partially deductible should be added. The brochure probably should be a project for the publicity chairman, but Don and Dolores, who have started work on it, will finish it.

Lars presented the proposed amendments to the bylaws (SEE NEXT PAGE) and moved that the bylaws be changed as suggested. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mike Rivers gave a status report on the new sound equipment, all of which has now been purchased. The total cost was \$1574. Mike is still owed \$74; a motion to authorize payment was passed. Mike would like to do a sound system workshop.

We still have a problem with the tape recorder. The old one simply doesn't work-- there has been no usable tape from the last two programs. There was a discussion of what kind to get. We probably should consider a 2nd-hand machine, which would run about \$5-600. It would be possible to go to cassette, but some feel this would be a problem because we have 12 years' worth of reel-to-reel archive. Tom moved we table discussion until next month, at which time a decision will be made. Meanwhile, the President should appoint a committee to investigate alternatives for a new tape recorder and report next month. The motion was seconded and carried. The president appointed Mike Rivers and himself to the committee.

Don & Dolores have gotten together a sample page for the membership directory, with 93 names to the page. The Board feels this size is acceptable, but would like to have last names printed first. Wally moved we print the directory in the form Don and Dolores have presented. The motion was seconded and defeated. Mia suggested we table discussion on the directory until after we get cost estimates.

NEW BUSINESS: It is time to work on nominations for next year's Board. Jonathan will appoint a committee, as provided in the Bylaws, and report next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 p.m.

ADDENDUM: A quorum of the Board was present at the Mini-Festival meeting on Jan. 10, and the following business was transacted:

Debbie moved that 25% of FSGW's profit from the Mini-Festival be allocated to the Dance budget. The motion was seconded and passed.

Linda asked for authorization to pay the \$40 annual rental for the Post Office box. This is a raise in price from \$25 in the past. Board agrees to this payment.

1. Paragraph V.D. is amended as follows: (New material is underlined. Excised material is crossed out.)

D. Except as particularly described below for Officers-at-Large, no Officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, nor shall any Officer hold more than one office concurrently. Officers-at-Large may not serve consecutive terms and must not have served as an elected officer of the Society for the three years preceding the term for which they are nominated.

2. A new paragraph V.N. is added as follows:

N. Officers-at-Large shall be responsible for assisting other officers in their duties as requested by the President of the Society.

3. Paragraph VI.D. is amended to read as follows:

D. ~~Immediately-after~~ Prior to the April May meeting, the membership shall be sent authenticated ballots for the election which shall include the names of all candidates. The ballots are either to be returned by mail to the Board prior-to-the-May-meeting by May 21, the envelope to be marked "ballot", or brought to the May meeting. At-the-May-meeting,-the-mailed-ballots,-unopened,-and the-ballots-brought-to-the-meeting,-shall-be-collected and-tabulated-and-the-results-announced. After May 21, the ballots received by that date only shall be tabulated, and the results announced in the June newsletter. Write-in votes are permitted. Only authenticated ballots sent by mail to the membership shall be counted.

4. Paragraph VI.E. is amended to read as follows:

E. For each office, the candidate with the most votes will be elected. In case of a tie, the membership ~~attending-the-May-meeting-will,-be-secret-ballot,-elect between-the-two-candidates~~ Nominating Committee, by lot, shall select the winner. The newly elected Officers shall take office as of July 1.