

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON  
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, April 4, 1979

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Eberhart, Mia Gardiner, Linda Lieberman, Tom McHenry, Don Nichols, Nina Perkins, Arlene Rodenbeck, Nancy Schatz.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lars Hanslin, Debbie Hutton, Wally Macnow.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Cliff, Dolores Nichols, Dick Rodgers.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 by Vice-President Tom McHenry. President Jonathan Eberhart took over as presiding officer when he arrived. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

MEMBERSHIP - Don Nichols: Membership figures for March are: 37 new members, 23 renewals, and 95 expirations, for a net for the month of -35, and a total membership of 1148.

The camera-ready original of the membership directory was passed around.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Debbie was absent. The Trapezoid concert was very successful; the gate was \$830. There was a problem with how much the performers were to be paid; they said that they had understood ~~that~~ they would get 85% after expenses, and no one who was at the concert knew. Debbie later said the agreement had been \$200 plus 50% of the profit. They were paid the 85%; Debbie will try to get this adjusted. It is very important that some responsible person be delegated by the Special Events or Program Chairman to handle details of paying performers when the Chairman cannot be at an event.

There will be a sampler concert April 28, and a concert by Jesse Pessoa and some guitarists (who were at the Festival last year) on April 29.

~~Laurie~~ <sup>Lorre</sup> Wyatt will be here the last weekend in April and would like to do a concert. We already have 2 events scheduled that weekend, and the Board feels we should not schedule another one; perhaps we can do this another time.

TREASURER - Linda Lieberman: The financial report for March is as follows:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Program (Thorpe)	\$ 40.00	\$ 200.00
Special Events	1184.00	1022.00
McKenna	334.00	242.00
Trapezoid (may change)	850.00	680.00
Hall for both		100.00
Publications		455.55
Publicity (covers more than March)		97.24
Membership	427.00	66.84
Dance 3/17	166.00	166.00
General expenses:		
Sunday dances (to Martin)		400.00
Sound equipment		35.67
Miscellaneous		12.00
	<u>\$3001.00</u>	<u>\$3477.30</u>

DANCE - Nina Perkins: The April dance will be on the 21st at the McLean Community Center, with Mary Rhodes from Baltimore calling an English country dance. The Morris dancers probably will be there. The musicians will be Laurie Andres and Richard Schuman and whoever they get to join them. Don will run the sound system. Nina has not finalized the financial arrangements. Admission will be \$2 for everyone, because the Center is co-sponsoring. We probably will pay Rhodes \$50 (or more if there's a large crowd)-- this is planned as a break-even event.

We are sponsoring the May 12 dance at Glen Echo with <sup>Glenn</sup> Glen Bannerman. Finances are not firm yet; Glen Echo sets the admission price; perhaps they will will work out a

price schedule like we use for the Mini, with one price for afternoon or evening, and a larger, but not double, amount for both.

Nina is working on dance workshops for the Folk Festival.

PUBLICITY - Dave Olive: Dave had flyers for the Sampler, Jesse Pessoa, Zenska Pesna, and the calendar flyer. Dave will try to send material to Embassies for Pessoa and Zenska Pesna. Nina has flyers for the April dance.

Thanks to Dolores for getting Trapezoid publicity in the papers.

PUBLICATIONS - Mia Gardiner: We will mail out newsletters after this meeting. Mia had to reduce two pages in order to fit everything in. The volunteer form for the Festival takes a whole page, not reduced. In the future we should try to get members-at-large to oversee the newsletter mailing.

PROGRAM: Wally was absent. The Dwayne Thorpe program was very good and successful financially.

OLD BUSINESS: Tom has not yet sent in the application for the park for the Getaway; will do this soon.

Tom called Senator Byrd's office trying to make him aware of FSGW.

The membership directory is ready to go to the printer. A cover page with a warning about not using it for commercial purposes will be included.

The sound workshop was quite successful. There were 18 people there (which some felt was too many). ~~■~~ Almost all were members; most had some technical background. We have a list of people who can be called to help. There was a discussion of the ways such workshops should be run in the future.

The Post Office box situation remains the same.

No tape recorder has been purchased yet; Dave moved that we increase the amount authorized for a tape recorder from \$600 to \$1000 for a new or used machine. The motion was seconded and passed.

The grant application to the D.C. government for the children's concert series was passed around. Joe Hickerson and Dick Ring ~~■~~ wrote nice letters of support.

Work is progressing on the Washington Folk Festival. The program committee has met, and there will be a meeting of committee chairmen on April 10. Glen Echo tells us that the Bumper Car pavilion will be available, but it still seems chancy, in view of the fact that the contract for the repair work specifies a completion date of May 15, and there is no contractor yet.

We do not yet have a Getaway Chairman; there was a discussion of possible choices.

NEW BUSINESS: Mary reported on the situation with the Lansburgh's building at 7th and Penna. Ave. The National Archives has taken over the building and will be using all but the 1st floor and basement. They are offering use of that space at \$1.50/sq. ft. per year for permanent office ~~space~~ and storage space to non-profit groups. Mary wrote a letter explaining our program and expressing interest in office space (450-500 sq. ft.). We are not committed to anything at this time, but if we do use office space, we will be eligible to use the other space (perhaps an auditorium) that will be in the building. There was a discussion of pros and cons of getting into this arrangement, but no decisions can or need be made until the project is further underway.

We have been getting material on grant-writing workshops, and might be interested in sending someone if they have an inexpensive one.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m., after which newsletters were mailed.