

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 2, 1979

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Eberhart, Lars Hanslin, Debbie Hutton, Wally Macnow, Tom McHenry, Don Nichols, Nina Perkins, Nancy Schatz.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mia Gardiner, Linda Lieberman, Dave Olive, Arlene Rodenbeck.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Cliff, Dolores Nichols.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. The spelling in the minutes of Lorre Wyatt's and Glenn Bannerman's names was corrected, and the minutes were then accepted as corrected.

MEMBERSHIP - Don Nichols: Membership figures for April are: 18 renewals, 29 new members, and 113 expirations, for a net of -66, and a paid membership of 1082. We now have a total of 3 life members, 2 contributing individual and 1 contributing family memberships. The membership directory will be an updated list.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Debbie Hutton: Debbie has not ~~put~~ done anything about adjusting Trapezoid's fee; the Board agrees that it is too late to do it now.

The Jesse Pessoa concert was very good, but had very poor attendance, largely because there was no publicity. The fee arrangement had been 85% of profit, so their share would have been \$40-50. Most Board members were contacted, and agreed to give them the whole gate, so FSGW took a \$50 loss after paying for the hall.

The Sampler concert was very successful--we made about \$320. There was a complaint from the Ethical Society that we moved the chairs back for dancing after they'd had them set up for Sunday morning. In the future we should remember to put them back.

The Indian musician, Mr. Roy, will do a concert of Baul singing (Bengali street singing) on June 8.

John McCutcheon will be in the area in the fall, touring with I. D. Stamper and Paul Van Arsdale. John is asking \$400-500 for the two of them, and would like to know as soon as possible whether we'd like to have them (this would be late October or early November). There was a discussion of our options on this; we can only give a sense of the Board, because this event will fall under the jurisdiction of the new Board, but the current Board feels that it would be best to offer \$300 plus a percentage, and possibly ask McCutcheon to join the performance.

Upcoming events include Guy Carawan on May 19 (\$150 plus 50% of profit), and LaDuvane on May 6 (no guarantee, but 80% of profit).

TREASURER: Linda was absent, so there was no report.

DANCE - Nina Perkins: The April dance had an attendance of 44. We paid Mary Rhoades \$50 and each of 2 musicians \$25. Laurie Andres' sound system was used because FSGW's old system was in use. There is a problem because our old and new sound systems share the same mikes, and so cannot be used at the same time unless we borrow mikes.

We will be sponsoring the May 12 dance at Glen Echo with Glenn Bannerman. He will be bringing 6-8 couples, and Nina estimates up to 400 people will come. The afternoon workshop from 2-5 will be \$2; evening dance also \$2. Glen Echo vetoed the discount-for-both idea. Glen Echo will get 10% of take. Nina would like to use the sound system.

PUBLICATIONS: Mia was absent; Debbie reported that we mailed out 1363 newsletters. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the ~~mailing~~ mailing. Mia recommends that we do one 4-page newsletter in mid-summer, but this is a problem for Nancy, who will be out of town the first half of July. There was a discussion of alternatives, and a decision was postponed until next month.

PROGRAM - Wally Macnow: Roy Harris is ill and had to cancel on the May program, and Wally was fortunate to get John McCutcheon for that date.

OLD BUSINESS: Mary reviewed the background of the Lansburgh's building project. Up to 10 groups will be offered space. We still do not have to commit ourselves, but we have indicated that we are still interested. Mary indicated that we would be interested in a small office. Meeting rooms, auditorium, and dance space would be available which we could use. The big problem is that there is not good parking around that area, though it is on a Metro line. Another thing to consider is that the auditorium they are proposing would not be significantly larger than the Ethical Society, so might not do us much good. There was a discussion of ~~many~~ the possibilities in this project, but no decision is necessary now.

Tom received the application for Prince William Forest Park for the Getaway, and will send it in requesting October 5-8, with the 3rd weekend in Oct. as an alternate. We still do not have a Getaway Chairman.

NEW BUSINESS: We received a nice thank-you note from the Balfa family.

Several meetings, conferences, and seminars were announced; Jonathan has the information on most of these.

The Center for Southern Folklore has asked for help with their matching grant. The Board would like to consider doing a special event showing some of their films to raise money for them.

Boston Country Dance and Song Society has asked for contributions. The Board feels that we should not contribute to this because it is strictly a local group.

NEA has confirmed the grant for the Washington Blk Festival. The Festival is one month away. Jonathan gave a status report on the Festival.

There is a problem with transporting the sound system to and from various events. It is the responsibility of the person running an event to see that the sound system gets there.

Debbie apologized to Dolores for misspelling her name on the election ballots.

FSGW's 15th anniversary is October 15. A grand celebration will be planned.

Richard Schuman called to say that All ~~the~~ Souls Unitarian Church (16th & Harvard) might be a possible place for Sunday dances; the fee might be minimal. Martin & Lisa should investigate this for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.