

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, August 1, 1979

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Julie Ball, Mary Cliff, Bill Day, Jonathan Eberhart, Lars Hanslin, Tom McHenry, Don Nichols, Nancy Schatz, Susan Schwelling, Kathy Westra  
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mia Gardiner, Nan Goland, Lisa Kornberg, Linda Liberman  
OTHERS PRESENT: Dolores Nichols

The Meeting was called to order at 8:30 by President Lars Hanslin. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

MEMBERSHIP - Don Nichols: Membership figures for July are: 12 new members, 40 renewals, and 77 expirations, for a net loss of 25 for the month, and a total of 1106 paid memberships.

The previous Board has approved a format for the Directory. Members will be charged to cover printing expenses. Last year Debbie got a bid of \$200 from Takoma Park INSTANT PRINT. Dolores wants to take the computer print-out to several other printers for comparative bids. The Board agreed. The Directory will only be available to FSGW members (1 per family), not for commercial use. We will have an initial printing of 500. Kathy will also get a bid from a printer who is a friend of hers.

PUBLICATIONS - Nancy Schatz: The deadline for the next Newsletter is August 15. Nancy requested that a member-at-large assist her with Newsletter matters. Bill volunteered. Nancy wants to stay with the current printer, who knows what we need, rather than shopping around for a cheaper one now. Still, Don will get a quote from a place in Virginia that picks up and delivers.

PROGRAM - Kathy Westra Hickerson: The DeBusk-Weaver Family from Oxford, Pa. will do our September program for \$250 guarantee. It is a group of 4 people who do old-timey country mountain music.

The Andean group (Tuhuantansuyo) wanted \$400 plus expenses for the same program because they would have to take a Friday off work to travel. That is too much for a program now; maybe we can have them as a special event sometime.

Kathy has been trying to reconfirm our program dates with the Ethical Society, but every time she calls she gets a recorded message.

Kathy wants to know what performers were suggested by people who returned questionnaires -- also who can provide lodging for visiting performers.

Jonathan suggested Cas Wallin from North Carolina. Other suggestions from the Board included the Burke Family from the National Folk Festival. We should ask Ben Williams for the name of Black Gospel singers from Cavalier Days. The Mentratone Baptist Church Choir from the National would be good for Glen Echo. The Intermediate (?) Gospel Choir would also be good.

Kathy is also considering the Brodewater Family (four brothers, old-timey country band from Western Maryland) and the Ivan G. Miller Family (Mennonite shape-note singing).

SPECIAL EVENTS - Mary Cliff: The High Level Ranters concert is all set. Mary will ask Reed to tune the piano. Dolores is doing the publicity.

The picnic is also under control. Lisa is trying to find a caller. Dolores is rounding up sports equipment.

The Open Sing is set through December. Helen will lead in October at the Getaway, Lois Bruckner in November, and Alan and Carly in December.

Everyone wants a Christmas Party.

Plans for the Dave Swarbrick, Peter Bellamy concert on Sept. 8 are moving along. We deferred discussion of the plans for the Ed Trickett, Gordon B ~~o~~<sup>k</sup>, and Ann Muir concert at Gaston Hall on Oct 9, until old business.

We are considering John Roberts~~on~~ and Tony Barrand at the end of November or the beginning of December. They want \$600.

Gypsy Gypo is not available for the concert on Aug. 8.

Concerning the Vin Garbutt concert on Sept. 21, it is still not confirmed because we haven't heard from him.

John McCutcheon, I. D. Stamper and Van Arsdale want to come at the end of Oct. So do Rick and Lorraine Lee.

OLD BUSINESS - Jonathan has received a check from the Bodymonger for \$250 and from Orpheus for \$450. These were donations for the Washington Folk Festival.

Plans for the anniversary party were discussed. Tentative plans call for a concert by early members starting at 8:30, then the Morris Dancers, then a dance, then an open sing, -- all to be followed by a very late (or early) breakfast. K. C. and Carley will work on food. Besides food we will also have expenses for a band and caller, as well as transportation for some out of town founding members such as the Guildines and the Purdues. Possible October dates were discussed next. The original by-laws were adopted on Oct. 3, 1964, the first open sing was Oct. 21, and Nov. 8 was the first concert. Since this year the Getaway is the first weekend in Oct., the program on Oct. 12, and the family dance on Oct. 27, dates for the party in order of preference are Oct. 20, 19, 13, or 26. The party will be at the Ethical society. Bob Dalsemer was suggested as the caller. Would he call for \$50 and would he work with a volunteer band if we could get one. Jonathan will check. Tom will run the open sing. We should ask Pete the Spy for punch recipies. Julie also volunteered to help. We discussed how to best plan for food. Should we sell tickets in advance and also have some at the door? We would like this event to break even money-wise as do all special events. There will be a meeting held at Mary's house on Tues Aug. 21 (alternate Thurs. Aug 23) at 8:00 to try to finalize plans and make remaining decisions. Those who should attend are Mary, Jonathan, K.C., Carley, Tom, Lars, and Nancy. It was suggested that at the party we put around FSGW memorabilia.

There was more discussion of special event concerts. Gordon ~~Boon~~<sup>Bgk</sup> et al. still request a \$600 minimum because they are getting \$1200 at universities. We can rent Gaston Hall in Lars name (since he is an alumna) for only \$150. Mary thinks we should go ahead. We can start publicity now and make lots of money, hopefully. The date, Oct. 9, is still a problem. If Mary's show doesn't get back on the air, we have no free publicity. Kathy has reservations about using the same people every year. In the end the concensus of the Board was to go ahead with the concert.

The Getaway program committee has not yet met. Getaway prices were raised to \$30 for adults and \$15 for children. Tom has addresses and copies of letters that were sent to out of town guests last year. Mazo~~f~~<sup>f</sup> Le~~ar~~<sup>ch</sup> will deliver food to the park.

Mary never got in touch with Cyril Tawney. He has gone back.

Rick and Lorraine Lee want to do a workshop and house concert on either side of a Fox appearance at the end of Oct.

It was suggested that Allan Block be pursued for a house concert.

We need a Virginia location for house concerts.

One possible new location for FSGW events is the Capital Hill American Legion

Hall, at 4th and Pa. Parking is a problem but it is close to Metro. Mount vernon College Chapel and All Souls Church were also suggested as possible locations

Julie will pick up the mail in mid August. Jonathan will ~~do~~ <sup>consider doing</sup> it regularly after that.

The new <sup>FSGW</sup> tape recorded that Mike Rivers purchased ~~used to be~~ Mike Holmes!

Neelie Bruce will teach sacred harp at the Getaway.

*was purchased from*

Will we have a Fall Sampler?

Kathy Condon will continue to be in charge of the Gospel sings.

It was suggested that an up to date membership number be a Newsletter feature.

The next Board meeting will be at Bill Day's on Wed., Sept. 5.