

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 5, 1979

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Julie Ball, Bill Day, Jonathan Eberhart, Mia Gardiner, Nan Goland, Lars Hanslin, Linda Lieberman, Don Nichols, Nancy Schatz, Kathy Westra-Hickerson, Tom McHenry
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Cliff, Lisa Kornberg, *Susan Schwelling*
OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Clamons, *Palau Nichols*

The meeting was called to order by Lars Hanslin. The minutes of the last board meeting were approved.

MEMBERSHIP: 35 New Members, 34 Renewals, 82 Expirations. As of Nov. 13, 1,066 paid memberships.

PUBLICATIONS: 1,313 November newsletters mailed. Deadline for January Newsletter is December 14.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Tom McHenry, in Mary's absence gave the following report: Proposed Boys of the Lough - Easter, want a guarantee of \$1,500. Decision postponed. Michael Cooney has been hospitalized again and will not be performing for at least six months. Proposal to have the Jan. 6 Sunday night dance as a semi-benefit for Michael with the FSGW contributing the hall fee to Michael. Motion passed.

PROGRAM: Jan. 11 - the Black Mississippi group is definite for that date. February - Margaret McArthur, March - undecided, April - Jake Walton & Roger Nicholson (England), May & June open. Jan. 26 - Mini-Festival to be held at George Mason Law School in Arlington, Va. probably. David & Linda to check out acoustics for instruments before making a final decision. Discussion about a Sampler Concert - should it be held before or after mini-festival. Decision postponed. Feb. 16 - Michael Cooney benefit. Undecided as to Gaston Hall or Ethical Society. Caroling set for Metro - Kathy W-H making up song sheet package for carolling and possible future use. Suggestion of putting membership application on back page of Song packet. Will have a total of 500 printed as cost is less than for smaller amount - between \$50 - \$100. Rehearsal for Metro Sing to be held at Open Sing - 7:00 pm.

PUBLICITY: P.R.s and PSA's on upcoming programs & dances disbursed. No ad in Post on Noel Sing We Clear. Suggested ad in Post for Mini-Festival discussed. Cost \$138. FSGW written up in Unicorn Times and 8 different pages of Forecast this month re activities.

DANCE: November Family Dance lost money but was well attended by many new people. Jan. dance will be Michael Cooney benefit Sunday night dances doing fine. Family dances losing money. Next month budget revision.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Getaway grossed \$2,768.36, November program made \$272. November income \$728, expenses \$930. Discussion about asking Ethical Society to reimburse us for expense of having to revise newsletters re date of Christmas Party since it was their goof. Decision to ask but not pressure.

OLD BUSINESS: No further word on whether or not we are entitled to a tax-exempt (sales) number as a non-profit organization, Lisa working on it. The lost sound system was found at Debbie Hutton's. T-Shirts - no news. Ticket prices for family dances - no major policy change - shall be discounts for members as per by-laws. Mia reported on "Festivals, a Regional Conference" which she, Debbie, Jonathan attended - said they didn't learn anything new but came away feeling that we are doing all the right things. Jonathan elaborated.