

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON  
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 2, 1980

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom McHenry

OTHERS PRESENT: Dolores Nichols, Dave Olive

The meeting was called to order by Lars Hanslin. Minutes were ammended to include Susan Schwelling listed as absent and Dolores Nichols present.

MEMBERSHIP - Don Nichols: For December: 33 new members, 32 renewals, and 98 expirations for a total of 1033 paid members. Bob Eberhart, on our out of town mailing list, has requested a directory. Request denied.

PUBLICATIONS- Nancy Schatz: 1320 December Newsletters mailed out. Thanks to all who got in material by the deadline. Next month's deadline is Jan 15

SPECIAL EVENTS - Mary Cliff: "Nowell Sing We Clear" was an artistic success but lost money. \$450.50 was taken in; \$500 paid to performers and \$170 for hall and insurance. The Christmas party made \$16. Most people liked the use of a mike for the open sing at this event. 200 people joined in the Metro Sing. They could not sing in the stations, only outside and in the cars. Unfortunately there were no concentrations of people to sing to, but Cody Plansteil was enthusiastic. Song sheets (reusable) cost \$75. Channel 7 filmed singing at the Smithsonian stop. We should consider using the Visitors Center for future events. A Sampler Concert on Jan. 19 will feature the Mill Run Dulcimer Band, Abe Brumberg, Craig Johnson, and Cathy Fink. Silly Wizzard will perform at the Ethical Society on Sun. Feb. 24 for a guarantee of \$350. A benefit for Michael Cooney is scheduled for Feb. 17 at Gaston Hall (fee waver requested). Performers will include Joe Hickerson, Ed Trickett, Cathy Barton, Helen Schneyer, Alice Gerrard, and Mike Seeger. BARD, a French Canadian-Irish group, may be a March special event. Dennis Botzer will give a piano concert on March 28. The Boys of the Loch want \$1500 - too much. Malcolm Daglish wants \$500 - possibility for a March special event. We have not yet received the check for Jacques Brel - supposedly mailed.

PROGRAM - Kathy Westra-Hickerson: Sam Chatmon will not be able to come on Jan. 11, but will send a substitute. The musicians need housing. Susan will check with Debbie about list of Volunteers. If it can't be found a new request should be put in the newsletter. The program has had super advance coverage in FORCAST. Margaret Mac Arthur will be the program on Feb. 8. Archie Fisher is not confirmed for March. Roger Nicholson and Jack Walton can't come in April - will come in the fall instead. May and June are still open.

**PUBLICITY - Mia Gardiner:** Publicity for the Cooney Benefit Dance was in today's Pop Notes and Unicorn Times. Mia has been in touch with Amana Dickerson of the Museum of African Art and the offices of Senators Cochran and Stennis from Mississippi, and the Mississippi representatives about the Jan. program. Our Sampler concert was mentioned in Unicorn Times and the Mini-Festival in Forcast and Unicorn. Mia cannot do an ad for the Mini-Festival. We have a calendar listing in the Washington Guide for the Arts, and we will be in the March Washingtonian. Mia is sending out PSA's.

**DANCE - Lisa Kornberg:** Hours for the regular Sun. night dance are 8:30-11:00. The Benefit dance will start at 8:00. Issues with Steve Hickman have been resolved. 150 regulars attend the dance - now self sufficient. FSGW will pick up cost of hall for Cooney Benefit. Family dances are losing money. Publicity was a problem for the Dec. Dance. A motion to amend the budget to include a loss of \$400 for the year for family dances carried unanimously.

**TREASURER - Nan Goland;** Income was ; expenses . Next month we will have a revised budget.

**MINI-FESTIVAL - Linda Lieberman:** The press release and flyers are done. This year we will have food available. If we use the hall we pay - if not, we don't pay. The cost of 500 flyers was \$24.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jonathan reported on the prices for T-shirts. We decided to order 12 dozen in assorted sizes and styles (at Jonathan's discretion) and voted 8 in favor and 4 against to use our current letterhead logo on the shirts. Lisa will check our non-profit status re taxes. Carlos Van Leer, a community "activist" has been using the FSGW name on his tapes which people call in to hear. Lars will send him a letter by registered mail requesting that he not use our name. We voted against renting the sound system. Lars will investigate the cost of insuring it. Mia, Debbie, and Jonathan will run the Washington Folk Festival. Mia suggested that we have special events for children occasionally even if we don't have a series. A suggestion was made to have a board member for children's events.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We will buy one new microphone and stand for approx. \$180. Mia suggested a new board position of Archivist. At some point we should discuss possible restructuring of board or new volunteer positions. Nan suggested use of an agenda to shorten meetings. Next month's meeting on Feb. 6 at Susan's and the March 5 meeting at Mary's. Nan Goland and Nancy Schatz will be next years GETaway co-chairmen.