

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Clayton, Mary Cliff, Nan Goland, Bob Hitchcock, Claudia Kravets, Dolores Nichols, Dave Olive, Nancy Schatz, Susan Schwelling

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lars Hanslin, Craig Johnson, Kathy Hickerson

OTHERS PRESENT: Jonathan Eberhart, Mia Gardiner, Don Nichols, Linda Lieberman

The meeting was called to order by Bob Clayton. The minutes were accepted with the addition of "board members absent", spelling corrections, and the change from "We will have a free ad..." to "We have purchased an ad for the WFF..." at the bottom of the first page.

Dolores Nichols

MEMBERSHIP: For June: 81 new members, 28 renewals, and 99 expiration with a gain of 10 for the month and a total of 1128 paid members.

Mary for absent Kathy Hickerson

PROGRAM: Because of the Getaway there will be no Oct. program next year, but we will have a September program. The Nov. program will be Betty Smith

PUBLICATIONS: Nancy Schatz: Summer newsletters will cover June and 1/2 July, then the second half of July plus August. The deadline for the next issue is July 8. Next year Mia will help Nancy by acting as Editor for some of the issues. All material should still be sent to Nancy by the 15th of each month unless the sender is certain that it is Mia's month. As of now Mia is scheduled to do Oct. and Dec. with Nancy doing all the other months through Jan. Bob Hitchcock volunteered to help with newsletter mailing. Susan will gather names and phone numbers of board members for the newsletter. A notice will appear in the newsletter that we did not give out our mailing list for the NCTA mailing; rather we did the Festival mailing for them. Nancy needs someone to help with the exchange mail. Mia suggested setting up a table of exchange mail at the programs so people can look at it.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Mary Cliff: The Paton's Kids Concert took in \$100.25. They were given \$100. We lost \$49.75 because of the \$50 charge for the hall. Martin Carthy made \$511. Only one of two air conditioners was working for that concert. John Molineux and Maddy MacNeil will perform at a house concert at Ursy Lueder on July 22. Frankie Armstrong will appear at the Ethical Society on Aug 2. A Bob Zentz concert will be in early August if we can find a date. The Backwoods Band wants to do a concert, not dance, in early Aug. Tom Anderson, a master fiddler in his 70's, is available the 1st, 3rd or 4th week in Oct. Mary will talk to Joe Radner of AU about the possibility of co-sponsoring a master class there. Planksty will be here on Sept. 18. Sally Rogers is available the 4th week in Oct. Dadannon is also available in the fall. Sarah Grey and Joan Sprung are still coming in Sept. We will try for Sept. 20.

Dolores reported that everything is set for the picnic. She needs someone to be in charge of sports equipment.

Mary wants to do an informal kid's series (with no grant) with the Children's Museum on Sunday afternoons.

Mike Jawark of Md. U. said the "Boys of the Loch" concert there was a failure. Mary suggested co-sponsoring a folk series at Md, perhaps hiring local people for a minimum of \$50. Maybe Bill Day would be interested in running it. There was discussion about whether we could pay FSGW members (no consistent policy) or whether we could get Md. to fund the program.

Mary is being flooded with requests from people who want to work for us - 85% of them from the British Isles.

There was discussion about finding a new place to store the sound system. No place in the Ethical society is secure because of student vandals. We should have insurance on the sound system. David will talk to Bruce Olsen about a secure storage place. ~~Kathy and Julie are working with the Ethical Society on the problem of the airconditioning,~~ Nancy made a motion ~~(to be discussed)~~ that the Vice President appoint a committee to deal with the sound system, storage, and transportation and insurance. Mary will check into insurance.

TREASURER - Nan Goland: Mary wanted to discuss what we should do with our profit. Mia reported the cost of food for WFF was under budget, under \$700. Should "DANCE" just break even or make money? Budget discussion was tabled until after the dance report.

DANCE - Dave Olive: The Coconut Brothers, a string band from California, can be here on Fri. July 25. Dave would like them to play for the Concordia dance that night for a guarantee of \$250. The Board agreed that if the Concordia dance wanted to hire them we would publicize it in our newsletter, but not co-sponsor. If Dave can't book them with Concordia we will try to arrange our own dance with them on July 27. Dave suggested having children's dance classes immediately before the family dances. Dave suggested having 3 family dances next year or 3 dances free to members, as the programs are, with Maurice Flowers, Bob Dalsemer, and John MacCutchen as the proposed callers. A suggestion was made to have a Western Swing Band for a dance. A motion was made and passed to have 3 family dances free to members. Dave will talk to Laurie about continuing arrangements for the Sun. night dances.

PUBLICITY - Claudia Kravets: The switchover from Mia to Claudia will occur next week. Mia got 18 out of 40 possibly replies to her questionnaire - but some had no indication of who they were from! Mia needs the bill for labels for the NCTA mailing. Mia asked for the sense of the board about giving a copy of our publicity mailing list to members who want to publicize their own concerts, e.g. Dennis Botzer, the Indo Chinese concert, and Double Decker. It was suggested that if we do give out our list a standard cover letter go with it forbidding the use of the FSGW name for publicity or with any contacts. Another suggestion was to take up the requests on an individual basis as we do the use of the sound system. Claudia stressed that any FSGW publicity must go through or be coordinated with her in order to avoid any conflicts. Let Claudia know if you have any publicity contacts. Mia suggested that Claudia have a helper to do all flyers on a regular basis. The mailing of the National Folk Festival flyer went smoothly. In return NCTA put an acknowledgement to us in their program and contributed 2 sound systems to our festival.

BUDGET (continued): Dave requested that the Dance budget loose \$500 until Feb. and then be adjusted. The publicity budget will now include special events, dances, and whatever, except for semi-autonomous events such as the Sun. night dance. WFF has its own budget. Linda said that contributions should be separated from membership fees in the next budget for tax purposes.\*\*

OLD BUSINESS: Tom has requested to borrow the old sound system on Aug. 23. It was proposed and agreed that we change the By-Laws regarding ballot deadline so that instead of having a constant special date for ballot return, instead they will have to be returned prior to the deadline established for the June newsletter. The next Getaway meeting will be July 15 at Nan's. Invitation letters will be sent out. Attendance at the WFF was 15,000 for the weekend. Thankyou letters are in the works. We will give Stan (the sound man) a one year honorary membership in FSGW for working above and beyond the requirements of his job. According to new park procedures we will be sent a prospectus to apply for having our festival again next year.

NEW BUSINESS: The Chatuaqua season at Glen Echo did not get its grant for the month of Sept. and has asked FSGW for volunteers for its programs. A motion was made and approved to give them a grant from FSGW matching the Maryland Art grant or \$500 (whichever is less) in order to hire performers of traditional music who have not already been paid through grants this summer. We will recommend some people to them for this program.

The National Theater is now associated with the National Park Service. They are having a Saturday morning children's series there.

Mia suggested that FSGW rent a room near the Ethical Society for an office and storage space for files, tapes, etc. Mary will call Bill Day and Dick Rogers about looking into this. We should find out who buys Marjorie Webster and check further into utilizing this facility in some way.

Nancy asked if we have a sales tax exemption number. We will ask Lars to find out.

The next meeting will be on Aug. 6 at the home of Don and Dolores Nichols.

\*\*The proposed budget was approved with the following changes: Program 1980-81 expense changed from \$2500 to \$3000; Dance budgeted to loose \$500 through Feb.