

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 1, 1980

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Cliff, Nan Goñand, Lars Hanslin, Kathy Hickerson, Bob Hitchcock, Claudia Kravets, Dolores Nichols, Nancy Schatz, Susan Schwelling

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Clayton, Craig Johnson, Dave Olive

OTHERS PRESENT: Julie Ball, Jonathan Eberhart, Don Nichols

The meeting was called to order by Lars Hanslin. The minutes were approved.

MEMBERSHIP - Dolores Nichols: For September we have 61 new members, 33 renewals, and 66 expirations with a net gain of 28 for the month and a total of 1261 paid members. The form sent to people whose memberships are expiring has been revised. Last year we printed 500 membership directories and only sold 130 at 50¢ a piece. This year we will print 200, exclude exchange members from the list, and charge \$1.00. We will also print, upon request, listings of particular zip code areas for \$1.50 or whatever it costs, if more.

PUBLICATIONS- Nancy Schatz: Mia edited the newsletter this month, and will do so next month as well. Deadline for the November issue is October 15.

PROGRAM - Kathy Hickerson: The September program was not exactly what we had anticipated because two of the original members of the Broadwater family didn't appear and the substitutions (gospel singers and an electric guitar player, among others) were considerably less experienced musicians. The October program will be Art Rosenbaum with Gordon and Phil Tanner. Claudia has set up some TV coverage with channel 7 on the Wed. prior. Lars will bring the sound system to the program and take it home. The November program will be Betty Smith, Dec. will be the Gospel Jubilators.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Mary Cliff: Joan and Sara brought in \$430.50 and they got \$300.00. The Aldelphi Mill Party was successful. We had about 80 people and alot of new faces. Debbie suggested that next time we do it on a Sat. afternoon and include the Gospel Sing as part of the event. Sally Rogers will appear at a concert Oct. 24. On Oct. 30 we will present the Folktellers, Barbara Freeman and Connie Regan, for a guarantee of \$200. The Ethical Society is not available the night of Nov. 4 for the Valley Partners so they will perform at a house concert at the Schwellings. Bruce Phillips will play at the Ethical Society on Nov. 19 for a guarantee of \$350 and 1/2 the net. Tom Paley will be in town Thanksgiving weekend. Do we want to have a Sampler concert that weekend? Ken Pearlman, an old time banjo player will be in town the 3rd week in January. Hoyle Osborne and Jane Voss want a job March 6 Or 7. Sat. Dec. 20 is the date for the Metro sing. The Ethical Society has had no further decisions of the open sings. They are going ahead as usual. Mary is trying to arrange a Cajan Saturday night dance.

DANCE - Mary (for absent Dave Olive) There will be a family dance with Maurice Flowers calling on Nov. 22. Dave is considering Glen Echo for the place. There is talk of moving the Sun. Night dance. They are looking for a place with a wooden floor and an adjacent kitchen. The Sun. dances have been very successful.

TREASURER - Nan Goland: Last month we took in \$1493 and spent \$1886. This doesn't include Dance or Adelphi Mill.

PUBLICITY - Claudia Kravets: Ed Tourney will firm the Tanner Brothers. It will air Thurs. night Oct. 9 on channel 7. Taylor Baxter, on Critic's Place, will do something on the Mini Festival. On the Wed. before Thanksgiving WETA Arts magazine will feature traditional arts. We will try to work up something for it. The Capital Hill Rag and the Northwest Current are two new publications we want to get into. We will begin work on the PSA videotapes next week.

OLD BUSINESS: We have written confirmation of June 6 & 7 as the dates of next year's WFF. The coordinating committee will meet in December. Kathy requested that the Board allocate \$24 for Mia and Kathy (as well as Claudia) to go to a publicity conference)ct. 4. T Shirts have been ordered. They will be here by the GETAWAY. Figures from the form Mary has been filling out suggest an operation income of \$30,000 (cash flow) and over 20,000 audience people. We now have 187 spaces at the Getaway (the park opened up more) so we can accomodate the waiting list. Next year we must make clear that members get first choice of spaces and guests do not count as members. The Blue Sky Puppet Theater will work with children at the Getaway. Nan moved that we adopt the election by-law change (at the end of last month's minuter). Approved. We then discussed whether a change should be made in the by-laws (like the second one at the end of last month's minutes) to reflect the status of the WFF. It was decided that a special committed of the board established each year as has been done in the past and has been approved for future with one new member and two old rotating members is consisten with the present by-laws and that no new changes have to be made. Perhaps we should have an ammendment to change a membership quorem from 10% to 5%, and also look more carefully for other inconsistancies or outdates passages. Further by-law discussion was tabled until the next meeting. The Secretary should bring a copy of the by-laws to each meeting. At some point we will have a vote to accept an official copy of the By-laws.

NEW BUSINESS: Calliope House in Pittsburgh has requested information about school programs presented by FSGW. Susan will write them that our Society does not do enough to make suggestions for a structured program. Kathy has heard from the Center for Ethnic Music at Howard. Melvin Deal (African Heritage Dancers) and Yacub Addy (master drummer from Ghana) have a grant to put on community programs for free. They would like us to sponsor them at a program. We would have to pay for the hall. Mary Cliff (special events) will follow through on this and decide what to do. There are 2 residential facilities available at Glen Echo now totalling 1925 square feet. The deadline for the applications to use these was Sept. 30.

The next meeting will be at Kathy Hickersin's.