

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON  
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, November 5, 1980

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Cliff, Nan Goland, Lars Hanslin, Kathy Hickerson, Dave Olive, Nancy Schatz, Susan Schwelling

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Clayton, Bob Hitchcock, Craig Johnson, Claudia Kravets, Dolores Nichols

OTHERS PRESENT: Julie Ball, Joe Hickerson, Linda Lieberman

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

MEMBERSHIP: For October we have 70 new members, 35 renewals, 66 expirations, and 1 death, for a total of 1299.

PUBLICATIONS: Next newsletter deadline is Sat. Nov. 15, preferably earlier.

PROGRAM: There were 80 paid admissions to the Oct. program. We also took in \$200 in renewals and new memberships. It was a good concert attended by a large enthusiastic crowd. We will pay Betty Smith \$250 for the Nov. concert. Lars will not be able to bring the sound system. The Dec. program will be the Gospel Jubilators. Kathy will need money from the program budget to get publicity pictures printed. Jan. is Barry O'Neill, Feb. open, March Paddy Tunney April Roy Harris, and May open. Kathy wants group concerts for Feb. and May. David suggested Graham Townsend (plus 2 others). Mary suggested Bessie Jones.

SPECIAL EVENTS: The Metro Sing will be Dec. 20 at 1:00 starting from Metro Center. Kathy is working on details and a prior rehearsal time. Pete Benson will lead the Dec. Open sing. Subject: Mountains and Valleys. We took in \$204 at the Sally Rogers concert. She made \$150. The Folktellers took in \$211 and were paid \$200. The Valley Partners house concert took in \$35 and were paid their \$70 guarantee. Mail orders are coming in for the Bruce Phillips concert on Nov. 19. There will be no Sampler in Nov, but hopefully one the first weekend in Jan. Our Lou Killen concert on Dec. 7 conflicts with the Gaelic League scheduling of Joe <sup>Heaney</sup> Henry. Joe and Antoinette MacKenna will be here the night before. We won't be able to schedule a house concert for them. Ken Perleman wants to come in Jan. The Backwoods band wants to come back for another gig. Trapezoid wants to come in March. We decided to have the Xmas party on Dec. 19 and include as part of it a rehearsal for the Metro Sing.

DANCE: Dave has tentatively set up a family dance with Maurice Flowers calling for Dec. 13. He still has to confirm a location. He hopes to have a beginners class starting in Jan. It would run for ten weeks, cost \$2/time/person with a guarantee of \$100 to the caller, and only take place if we get enough subscriptions. Lou Shapiro has been teaching an intermediate-advanced class at Glen Echo this fall. It was suggested that we have a children's dance and/or play party games at the mini-festival.

TREASURER: Without the Getaway the Oct. income was \$2696 and expenses were \$1300. With the Getaway income was \$8209, expenses \$4724. Adelphi mill cost \$148. We now own a washtub!

OLD BUSINESS: Nan and Nancy submitted a written Getaway Report which will remain on file with last months minutes. Dave said that Prince William Park has portapots available if we ask so we don't have to rent them. Lars reported on a recent meeting at Glen Echo at which the Wff dates for next year were confirmed. The Park Service has resisted pressure from Mrs. Byron White to change the dates because of a conflict with the Frederick Craft Fair. K.C. will attend the Public Meeting at Glen Echo on Nov. 7. Except for putting the agreed upon election bylaw change in next month's newsletter (Susan will call Don to write it up), other discussion of the bylaws was tabled until next month. Joe suggested that we appoint a committee to study the bylaws for insonsistencies and proposed changes. He and Dave both volunteered to be on it. Jonathan has the new T Shirt order. Nan asked who gets the questionnaires for safe keeping. Dave will keep them to look at for one month, then give them to Susan for the archives.

NEW BUSINESS: Joe brought up the idea of a benefit concert for the Archives of Folk Song of the Library of Congress. Participants would be established performers like Pete Seeger, Odetta, and Harry Belefonte who have themselves utilized this archives. The concert could be two nights in Lisner or one night in Constitution Hall. The Board of Directors of the American Folk Life Center have indicated interest in such an event. The consensus of the Board was that we would be glad to sponsor it. Joe will convey this to the LC. Mary announced that more office space for arts groups has opened up at Lansburg's Dept. Store. FSGW could rent a ten by twelve office (unpainted and uncarpeted) for \$180 a year. Rental of an office would give us access to all activities, meeting rooms, concert and dance halls, etc. in the building. By using the space in this building we could bring more folk art into the downtown area. Our concert liability insurance policy (with St. Paul Fire and Marine) could be expanded for little additional money to cover any liability in this building. Insurance should not cost more than \$150. It was suggested by some that if we take the lease we do not immediately move all or even most of our activities downtown, but rather consider this an experiment, have some events there that we would like to have downtown anyway, and think of the room mostly as a storage place, though involvement with the DC Foundation for Creative Space does offer many future possibilities for us. Mary moved and Kathy seconded that he or she who signs the lease (with all its implications) be authorized to do so by the Board of FSGW. The motion carried. Mary will sign the lease.

The Mini-Festival will be on Jan. 24 at George Mason. (place to be confirmed tomorrow). The next Festival meeting will be on Wed. Nov. 12 at Linda's. John Mac Cutchon will call the dance on the 24th with a 90% chance that he will be accompanied by the Lou Smather String Band.

Mary thanked those members of FSGW who contributed to the WETA marathon from the Getaway.

The next month's meeting will be on Dec. 3 at Susan's.

NOTE: KATHY'S NEW WORK PHONE NUMBER IS: 202-463-2379