

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 1981

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Cliff, Nan Goland, Lars Hanslin, Claudia Kravets, Dolores Nichols, Dave Olive, Nancy Schatz, Susan Schwelling, Bill Day, Jody Fitterer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Clayton, Kathy Hickerson, *Bob Hitchcock, Claudia Kravets*

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Healy, Jonathan Eberhart, Eric Ilot, Don Nichols

The meeting was called to order by Lars Hanslin. The minutes were corrected to indicate that Bob Clayton was not absent from the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP - Dolores Nichols: For February we have 76 new members, 52 renewals, and 93 expirations, with a net gain of 35 for the month and a total of 1316 paid members. 1614 newsletters were mailed out. 30 new memberships and renewals were taken in at the door of the mini-Festival and we received a lot in the mail the following week.

PROGRAM: no report. Lars will be out of town for the March program but Dave and Linda will be at his house so someone can pick up the sound system.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Mary Cliff: Guy and Candy Carawan made \$232. There will be 3 house concerts this month. Mary arranged for Ed Sweeny to appear at Mike Rivers. The other two concerts were requested by the residents of the homes at which they will be held. The Battlefield Band will appear April 18 at the Ethical Society. Michael Cooney has been booked for a May 15 concert for a guarantee of \$350. On May 31 Ray Fisher (guarantee \$250) and the Tannahill Weavers (guarantee \$500) will appear at Gaston Hall. Tickets will be 4 and 5 dollars by advance mail and 5 and 6 dollars at the door. Cyril Tawney would like to appear the 9th or 10th of June for a guarantee of \$350. The Smithsonian Festival this year will be June 24 - July 5. The Wolf Trap Festival will be the second week in July. Martin Wyndam Read will be coming through this area in May. A Ballad Workshop has been planned and announced in the newsletter for the Sunday after the Ed Miller concert.

PUBLICATIONS - Nancy Schatz: Everything was in by the deadline last month! Nancy would like to put a description of the board positions and the names and phone numbers of those currently holding them in the next newsletter. There was some discussion of switching to presorted 1st class mail for the newsletter. It would save 2 - 3 cents per piece and several hundred dollars per year but the systemization required would not be feasible for a volunteer group such as ours so we decided to not even try it.

TREASURER - Nan Goland: The Feb. program, Cranberry Lake took in \$196, possibly due to a combination of good publicity and featured dancing. Income for Feb. was \$1779. Expenses were \$1868.

PUBLICITY: no report

DANCE: Dave Olive: There will be a family dance at the Takoma Park Jr. High on April 4. There will also be one on May 2 with Kate Charles calling.

OLD BUSINESS: The following slate was submitted by the nominating committee; Pres., Mary Cliff; Vice Pres., Nancy Schatz and Bill Day; Secretary, Miriam Maxwell and Joanne Turner; Treas., Dave Olive; Program, Kathy Fink;

Special Events, K.C. King; Publications, Kathy Hickerson; Publicity, Claudia Kravets; Dance, Pat McCracken and Chris Cunningham; Membership, Dolores Nichols; Member at Large, Jody Fitterer, Pete Kramer, Bruce Olson, Dwain Winters. April 1 is the deadline for biographies to be sent to Debbie. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the March and April programs. Elections results will be published in the June newsletter.

Don passed out copies of the By-Laws as ammended Jan. 1981. The committee to ammend the by-laws has not yet met. Proposed by-law changes must be submitted in writing to them.

The WFF is coming along fine, except still no transportation committee. The next meeting will be Tues., March 10 at Dwain Winter's house.

The letter Mary drafted to the park service about Glen Echo was delivered to Becky Hanslin after the last board meeting for Lars, but got lost. Mary will try to draft another one.

The WHAACO office should be ready in mid May.

NEW BUSINESS: Nancy and Nan were appointed Getaway chairpersons. Oct. 12 weekend was decided to be our first choice of dates because there is a Mon. holiday, even though this conflicts with the regular program date. The following weekend will be our second choice.

Mary is waiting for an estimate on the insurance for the sound system as a rider to our present policy.

Dolores asked if she should put the folk telling group meetings on our tape. We decided that if the group wants to be officially sponsored, Chuck should come to a board meeting and formally request it. Joe Glazer would like to start a continuing topical song workshop. We now have a "fuzzy" relationship with a number of events but our phone can be used only for FSGW sponsored events.

Tim Healy from the International Conservatory of Music announced a concert, Music of the Nile, with Halim El-Dabh, clarinet player and Hamza El-Din, oud player, on April 26. He asked if we loaned out our sound system for such events and if we would make our mailing list available to him or include his announcements with our mailing. The answer was no to all requests, but we said we would publicize his event in our newsletter if he submitted a short article. Tim also wondered if we had a list of music teachers around town. We do not but will publicize his desire for names in the newsletter.

The next meeting will be April 1 at Claudia's.