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FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 2, 1981

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Cliff, Fink, Fitterer, Goland Hickerson, King, Kravets, McCracken, Nichols, Olive, Schatz, Turner, Winters

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Day, Jonathan Eberhart, Linda Lieberman

The meeting was called to order by Mary Cliff .

MEMEBERSHIP : Dolores Nichols: for June we have 84 new members, 42 renewals, and 91 expirations for a net gain of 35 for the month and a total of 1377 paid members. Nichols proposed raising the the out of town subscription to \$5.00 per year. Goland moved the motion and Nichols seconded. The motion passed. Goland suggested not increasing the dues at this point. No action was taken.

PUBLICITY - Claudia Kravets suggested that new flyer procedure is needed. Also, that to hit the monthly publications, she needs the information 8-10 weeks ahead.

PUBLICATIONS - Kathy Hickerson: The next newsletter will cover the 2nd half of July and all of August. It will be 6 pages. After that deadlines will be the 15th of the month, every month, NO EXCEPTIONS. No phone call s will be made about it. Do not call even with short information unless it is an emergency. A new feature of the newsletter will be a brief summary of motions carried by the board each month. Hickerson would like us to get a First Class Mailing Permit, which would eliminate the need for stamps. It would cost \$40.00. Discussion followed - a meter was discussed, but we would have to rent it and they break down and give problems. Bob Hitchcock has a Cheshire machine but it is in Landover, Md. Pre-sorted mail was discussed and is too difficult. The Mailing permit was felt to be a good idea and the board reccommended we do it. Newsletters will be distributed to board members AT board meetings unless there is an event before the Board Meeting which would require special distribution. A suggestion to make exchange mail available to members was discussed. This was done at monthly program meetings but was a hassle. All exchange mail goes to Joe Hickerson for the Archives at the library of Congress. We will remind members, through the newsletter that the Archives are available. The question of announcing recent records by members in the newsletter was discussed. It was decided to do so on a case by case basis. A master list <sup>could be</sup> is published once a year. The question of including a subscription to SINGOUT as a part of membership was discussed and rejected. An announcement will be put in the newsletter.

PROGRAM - Old business - Hickerson: A copy of what is involved in being Program Chairman will be submitted to the secretary at next month's meeting. New business: Cathy Fink: needs her budget; it won't be ready until next meeting, and she needs to do September before that. The old budget for next year is unsatisfactory. She suggests the Mainers for Sept. or October (They will be here at Wolf Trap in August but she does not think the audience would overlap). They would cost \$500 plus expenses. Expenses would be \$220 for mileage. There is no program in October (get-a-way). There are 9 programs total for the year. The old budget is for \$400/month including \$60/month for the hall. The FSGW does help plan other gigs for performers. The sense of the meeting was that we have plenty of money and that the program budget will be increased, so she can spend it in September.

*\* by a Special Policy - required by the hall*

DANCE - Pat McCracken : Some ideas are a few weekly dances to be called from the floor rather than have a caller; impromptu dances during the summer - July 5th, and July 26 with Bernard Chalk and the Hambone Sweets. These will be on the Hotline. He is putting together a small committee to work on the dances. Sunday night dances are being booked for Sept. and Oct. He brought up the suggestion that we get Liability Insurance. It was discussed at length. Cliff said that a policy for the officers and those acting in the name of the society to cover 80-100 events would cost \$3000/ year. The sound system is insured. Events at Gaston Hall are covered.\* There is only one company that writes this kind of insurance - St. Paul. It was felt that this is of concern and should be looked into. Turner moved that the president appoint a committee to consider our liability position and insurance to cover the society. Fink amended the motion to add that they report at the August meeting and that they be given authorization to spend \$50 for a lawyer. The motion passed. Cliff appointed McCracken, Olive and Winters.

SPECIAL EVENTS - K.C. King: Old business: The Waterson's gate was \$852; \$1000 were paid to them and the hall cost \$125. Cyril cost \$375 expenses and \$60 for the hall. New business: Jane Voss and Hoyle Osborn will be at house concert at Schwellings on July 31. They want to charge \$3 and \$4. August 10 Piano Red will perform for \$200 guarantee against 20% of the net. Sept. 19 Spaelimenir i Hoydolum, a scandinavian string band will perform for \$3 and \$4. Sat Oct. 24 Ken Perlman would give a house concert at the Hanslin's. There will be a workshop in the afternoon. Is a \$10 fee for the workshop acceptable? Fink said that the House of Musical Traditions is opening a store in Takoma Park on Saturdays at noon. It would be available for workshops from 10-12. It is near metro. King continued: Jenny Park in September, Trapazoid (wants \$700). Other Special Events: Sept. 25 - Sampler; Oct. 31 - Halloween Party (Freaker's Ball); Dec. - Holiday party; Jan. - Sampler; February - Valentines; March - Sampler; April - fool's party. We should really publicize the samplers. Jonathan Eberhart suggested that samplers should include some foreign acts. An International Series was suggested with King and Eberhart as co-producers. It has to break even, or not lose very much. Hickerson brought up the question of whether an expenditure of \$500 for a special event should be cleared by the board. No motion was made.

SECRETARY - Joanne Turner: passed out minutes of previous meeting which were read by the board and approved.

TREASURER - Dave Olive gave monthly income, expenses, and status report. The treasurer will be at events to take in money and write checks. Goland said thanks for IRS Form 990 receipt regarding late payment. *we received*

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 OLD BUSINESS - Lieberman reported on the Glen Echo Grant that they claim they lost the status report. But they had to receive it before they gave us the money, and they have given us the money. Open Sings are being coordinated by Barry Schlesinger. *Ken Tim* Slattery is scheduled for Sept. The PICNIC is scheduled for July 25th and is all set to go except for needing a port-a-John, according to Nichols. Sacred Harp is functioning under *Jennifer Woods, Frank Lianas*. GETAWAY: Goland and Schatz, co-chairs, reported that confirmation of space came today. However this year we will be in Camp 2, as our usual camp is being renovated. Camp 2 holds 182. Our permit is for 190. The date is Oct 9-12/ There is no theatre building; nor other large gathering place. It has an amphitheatre if we have good weather. There is no main lodge; but there IS a dining hall. Cabins hold 2, 4, 6, 8, people. There will be a Get-a-Way meeting at Schatz' on July 14; an August meeting also. Two positions are not yet filled: Coffee, and Signs. SOUND SYSTEM; *it* now works. The microphones went to *S mithsonian* for the weekend in return for the use of theirs. Olive requested that borrowing others sound systems and loaning ours should come before the Board for approval. a Motion was made by Hickerson that

"lending the sound system to anyone for any event not sponsored by FSGW requires board approval" Olive seconded. Passed. Where will the sound system be stored? Winters will keep it in his garage in Bethesda. Combination locks will be used to facilitate the use of the system by authorized persons. Winters would like to build cabinets on wheels. He believes they will extend the life of the sound system. Cost would be under \$100 for materials. Schatz moved that he be allowed to do so. Goland Seconded. Passed. LIGHTS: Winters suggested and moved that we also build footlights sidelights. We should have 4 of them at a projected cost of \$150. Winters moved. Turner seconded. Passed. BYLAWS: Joe Hickerson will call a meeting. King moved to give labels one time for them to use to NFFA - NCTA for a mailout for their festival. Winters seconded. Much discussion followed centered around our policy NOT to give out members names and addresses. The motion was withdrawn. Fink moved that we not give them the membership list, as the information about the festival is in our newsletter with a phone number to call." Olive seconded. Passed 7-4. King moved that the society affix the labels to NCTA's flyer" He volunteered, also Cliff and Eberhart. Motion was seconded by Schatz and passed.

The next meeting will be at Turner's in Kensington.

Meeting adjourned 11:40 P.M.