

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 1981

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Cliff, Fink, Fitterer, King, Kravets, Nichols, Schatz, Turner, Winters.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: McCracken, Olive

OTHERS PRESENT: Julie Ball (co-Newsletter), Miriam Maxwell, D. Nichols, Dave Shapiro, Larry Tepper.

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m. by the President.

MINUTES: Read by Turner. New telephone numbers are:

Fitterer: (0) 301/547-1101, Fink: 301/587-3790, Turner: (0) 202/296-1770 x301.

Winters: Can we have major items identified at the beginning of a meeting and set a curfew? Cliff: Reports will be short.

MEMBERSHIP: 35 new, 51 renewals, 49 expired = +37. Thus 1414 paid as of September 2.

TREASURER: (Via Hickerson) We have a checking account earning 5 1/2% interest.

PROGRAM: Fink: November 13, Paul Geremia. _____ (?), Eritage, Que le toua music. They are affordable. Fink will pursue. Real World String Band. Sent her stuff and she likes their political and womens music -- not thin string band ability. Regressive Cajun music - K.C. will pursue.

SUGGESTIONS: Hickerson: Jean Ritchey -- she has never played for FSGW in 17 years. She call two days ago. Would be available March 14, a Sunday.

Kid's concert? Play Party. Hickerson producer. \$500 guarantee. With Capital Childrens Museum. Always done free, Hickerson will arrange it.

King: Jackie Torrance, folk teller, very traditional. In February? Yes.

Dillon Bustin.

Fred Foster Bloodgood - medicine-show pitchman.

SPECIAL EVENTS: King: K.C. will give it to me.

October 3 Bill Holdstock and Allen McCloud.

October 22 Ken Kretzner (dulcimer) house concert.

October 31 Freakers' Ball

November 5 Bruce Phillips, winters producer.

November 7 Ken Perlman at Hanskin, House Concert and Workshop

Folkmusic Weekend in November.

November 20 Low London and Papa John Kalstad \$200 + 60%.
 November 21 McCutcheon, Hutton, Ethical
 November 22 Sorrells, Cliff, Ethical
 December Holiday Party with the Ethical Society also Carol Sing.
 K.C. needs producers for these.

Hickerson: Re Ethical Society Keys - There is one (1) ^{and} ~~card~~ membership has it. We need more. Winter: We should keep a key with the sound system. We must get it from Ethical. K.C. will get and make copies. Can we tie things together the 14th of September at Hickerson's to produce the September weekend? Fink: Problems with the Hazel Dickens concert. Band needs 5 mikes. Get Mike Rivers, if at all possible. Monitors give feedback problems. We need Mike Rivers. Don Nichols: Important to pick a person who, 1) knows and 2) likes the style of music.

PUBLICITY: Kravets: She needs to know - priorities, profits, etc. She wants to reach a broader audience with some depth of understanding of what we do. Hickerson: House concerts have no guarantees and have not been publicized, except in our newsletter. Some are well attended, some not. She feels we should guarantee a small amount. Last two house concerts have been capacity. Dickens: Publicity has gone out. We need to rent chairs. Hickerson: Motion to rent 100 chairs. Turner: Seconded. Passed. Cathy Fink will do it at Allied. Funky ones are 45¢ each and civilized ones are 55¢ each. Need a wagon at \$5 for delivery and \$5 pickup. We will provide sound for the lobby.

PUBLICATIONS: Hickerson: 1600 newsletters were mailed. Went smoothly. 10 pages, just under the wire. The Permit is great. Next deadline is September 15. Board members met the deadline. Other things in the mail are bad. They don't get there. Send and call or send two copies ^{separately}.

WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL: King: At Glen Echo. Many rooms have been condemned. It is about to fold. This is very depressing. The National Park Service hoped our society could help.

Get Away: Schatz - Proceeding - feels better ^{if}. Staff work is hard! Very full workshop schedule, four areas continuously. Dance in the Area Lodge, plus crafts. No problems after two visits to the park. The cabins holding 8 people will not work, so reduced the number to 6, reducing the overall capacity by 8. Total of 176.

Open Sings: King - October, Battle of the Sexes. Leader, _____?

MiniFest: No volunteer yet for January. ^a One day ^{event} Cliff will coordinate it. Get D. ~~Alise~~ ^{Olive} to nail down place.

Dues: D. Nichols - Moved new dues, \$10, individual and \$15, family. It was Seconded. Schatz would rather pay more for concerts. She says we have a large surplus. Kravets: supports raising dues, the 20¢ stamp was not considered in the budget. Fitterer: If stamps, etc., plus back-up don't

use it all, then keep it. She doesn't like to raise ticket prices.
 Hickerson: Raise dues and raise prices for non-members to programs, \$2 to \$3. King: Starting to need bigger halls for programs, these will cost more. Winters: we need each year to pay for itself. Kravets: Dues are more certain and more predictable. Cliff: Until last year's WFF we had never asked anyone to donate. Turner: New hall will cost money and we need a reserve at least as big as at present. Fink: Raise dues. Winters: Dues may not be enough. Reconsider, splitting motion to 1) raise dues, 2) amount tabled. King: This is what traffic will bear. Winter: Motion that we split the motion as above. Kravets seconded.

Vote: Yes, 4, no, 5, amendment failed.

Vote: on original motion to raise dues: yes, 9, 1 no, motion carried. Dues raised.

Nichols: Motion, effective November 1, 1981. King seconded. Passed.

Budget: Winters: Budget issues. 1) WFF - Self sustaining, plus kitty for seed money, a zero (0) income. 2) For programming which gate collected. Gates are plowed back into that function. Suggested that we should see total inflow and outflow, not hidden. 3) Dance. Had been low visibility. It should get high needs seed money for first year. Also, Dance Weekend needs seed money. 4) Get-a-way as a money raiser. Motion: Winter WFF - that figure becomes 2,300 - 2,100 - 200, and any net left over be forwarded to next year festival. Fitterer seconded. Passed. (one abstained).

Motion: King moved that program now read 1,000 - 6,400 - 5,400. Schatz seconded. Discussion. Withdrawn. Winter: Move all line entries include credit and debit on all accounts. King seconded. Unanimously passed.

Get-a-ways: It has always been an intent to raise money. They were the major fund raisers for 10 years. Schatz - The purpose is to get members together and to learn. King moved that Get-a-way be 5,600 - 4,000 - 1,600. Winter seconded. Passed unanimously.

PUBLICITY: per event - xerox, postage at 20¢, envelopes (2 sizes), flyers, etc. half-times, no additional typesetting - \$62,90 per event (it was \$45, two years ago). It does build our overall visibility. Savings - 3 events a month. Piggyback penciled in.

DANCE: No income. Looks like a lucrative area to expand. Winter: we heard good ideas, no plan. 40 dances came out evne. We need specifics and figures on Sunday night dances. Fink: suggests that Gloria Johnson keep track of this Sunday night. Turner will call (726-8667). Pat needs to come with attendance.

SPECIAL EVENTS: 30 events, 12,500 - 10,000 - 2,500.

PROGRAM: Fink: 5,400 ^{needed} 400 (3,600) last year; ^a big jump. 9 Programs at 500 = \$4,500.

1,000 - 4,900 - -3,900 (4,900 is performers plus halls)

MISCELLANEOUS: Sound equipment - ^{needs} repairs, or trade up - board, monitors - answering machine. Tabled until October. Winters: Moved adopt the budget, except for Dance and Membership. King seconded. Passes. Unanimously.

LIABILITY: Special Events - at Gaston Hall (2) and minifest - \$100. Assign Get-a-way as an event to be covered. Winter: Moved, Fitterer seconded. Passed. Cliff: to buy more tape. \$100 Winter moved. Fitterer seconded. Passed.

BY LAWS COMMITTEE: Schatz chairman, Nichols, Olive, Carol Bruce.

WHACO: \$5 assessed.

Adjourned: at 12:02 a. m.

Next Meeting: October 7.