

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1981

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Clamons, Cliff, Fink, Fitterer, Hickerson, Nichols, Turner  
Winters, McCracken, Schatz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Goland, Hanslin, Kravets, Olive

OTHERS PRESENT: Don Nichols

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by the President.

The minutes were read and approved.

MEMBERSHIP: Nichols: 89 new members, plus 50 renewals, 116 expirations for an increase of 23 members and a total of 1487 paid members.

NEWSLETTER: Hickerson: The rise in postal rates means we have a \$40 per month increase in mailing costs. Nichols requested that the newsletter be sure to tell members that the tape library is a membership privilege.

PROGRAM: Fink: Laduvane is the program for December. Jan. - Johnny Cunningham and Tim Britton. Feb. - Jackie Torrance. March - Dillon Bustin and Lutus Dickie. April - Art Theme. May - to be decided (Er e Tage perhaps.). June - Fred Foster Bloodgood - medicine show pitchman. We could use a piano or organ musician to provide "setting". Would like to have Jane and Hoyle or Crazy Otto.

DANCE: McCracken: Ginny Armstrong Park will be in town in March. Will do dance. Small wonder house concert made \$130. Glen Echo money was cut. Wants FSGW to run summer dance series. Board agreed that we would put ad in Newsletter for someone to run it, but that FSGW should not sponsor it. Wed nite dance is a success. Made \$28. It is held in Takoma Park but draws from all over. Sunday nite dance is having trouble because it is getting too big, for the hall. We may go to another dance.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Fitterer; asked about performers doing two concerts in one year. Andy Cohen did a house concert last summer and was promised a "real" concert. His house concert was well attended with no publicity. Fink says he would be perfect to play with Fred; but \$ a problem. He wanted Feb. or April which is no good for Program. Can we give Bob Valder a house concert? Dick Levine? Schatz moved to pay Valder; Nichols seconded; motion passed. Events: Jan 3 - Noel Sing We Clear; Feb. - Robin and Linda Williams; Trapazoid, Blue Falme Review would like concerts. Ken Rosen, a freelance writer who writes for a folk magazine in England has asked to get in to our concerts FREE. He is not working press. Winters suggested this be postponed until next board meeting. CAROLING ON METRO: Dec. 12th with Cody Pphanstil. Hickerson requested the printing of 200 more songsheets. Turner moved; Schatz seconded; PASSED. The evening party is all set with a concert, eating, and group singing. Michael Cooney wants to come give concert in the spring.

MINI-FESTIVAL: George mason Univ. has turned us down. Cliff has looked at other sites: Marymount - will get back to us; Thomas Jefferson - good but requires 6 month reservation; St. Albans - looks best, theatre \$300/300 people, gym with mats for dance \$400/ 1/2 day or 450/ whole day, and Stewart Bldg lounge \$500. Good location. UDC Van Ness - has nothing; Silver Spring Armoury theatre style 600 \$450/ day with chairs and 5 mtg rooms downstairs for 150 additional = \$600. Federal govt too expensive; WACO unfinished; MOTION made by Hickerson that we use St. Albans unless one of the other sites is superior. Fitterer seconded. PASSED. Price discussed. Debbie Hutton does NOT want advanced sales. \$7 non-member on day of fest.; \$6 member on day; \$6 non-member advance; \$5 member advance.

BYLAWS:Schatz; they had a good working meeting; voted for an archivist; needs old minutes of meetings. Questions are what are the Corporate records? Are we non-profit? We should pursue tax-exempt status. The tax records are with the Treasurer. Duties of officers should be defined better, not in bylaws themselves, but in an accompanying separate document. Positions should be described. Winters MOVED that the bylaws Committee be given the additional charge of preparing a document separate from the Bylaws which outlines the duties and responsibilities of FSGW elected and appointed officers. Seconded by Schatz. PASSED. Martin Blumsack (493-4218) has volunteered to be parliamentarian for the Society. He works at NIH.

WWF: Winters: First organizational meeting will be in Jan. Letters to and from the Natl Park Service are passing.

WHACO - wants photos that will xerox well

OLD BUS: Newsletter will be distributed at Board meetings

NEW BUS: None

Meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

Next meeting will be at McCrackens on Jan 6, 1982