

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

May 5, 1982

BOARD PRESENT: Cliff, Olive, Fink, Nichols, Clammons, Schatz, Winters, Goland, McCracken, Fitterer, Turner; Off-Board: Day

Absent: Hickerson

Others Present: Don Nichols, Lin da Olive, Jonathan Eberhard

Meeting called to order; minutes read, corrected; Winters moved accept as corrected; Schatz seconded; PASSED.

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TREASURER: Olive reported that things are getting straightened out with the IRS, and that we are a 501 C 3 organization.

NEWSLETTER: Deadlines are: May 15 for June 1 to July 18 issue; June 25 for July 18 to August 31 issue.

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SPECIAL EVENTS: Fitterer - Peggy Seeger and Ewen McCall will come for \$750 vs. 60% gate over \$1500; Board approved this option. (other option was \$500 vs. 90% gate).

DANCE: Summer schedule is done. This past year, the Wed. night dance looked good, but then it crashed. Sunday night has a new hall "next door" on Chevy Chase circle at Sacred Heart school. We start in June.

BYLAWS: Schatz presented the prepared bylaws and an annotated list, and requested reconsideration of the method of balloting approved by the Board in April. Winters moved to reconsider; Goland 2nd. PASSED. Schatz moved "that the ballot be set up in such a way to allow voting on the document as a whole, or by 13 individual roman numeral sections." Goland 2nd. Discussion ensued on 1) single box for Yes or No; 2) single box + 13 sections; 3) 13 sections only. Schatz amended to read "vote for the whole document or to vote for or against each substantive change." (substantive change defined as those on the committee's list). Winters 2nd. PASSED. Winters offered a friendly amendment to the amendment "that the opportunity be provided to vote YES for all Changes or NO for all changes." Olive 2nd. PASSED. Winters moved "that the Bylaws Committee be charged to draw up new instructions and send out the ballots for a vote." Olive 2nd. PASSED. Board agreed to Olive's suggested change on page 19.

WFF: Winters passed out the program, & reported on the extensive work which has been done by volunteers in changing the ballroom, putting up stages, etc. etc. etc. Resources are a problem this year, although we have been very successful in getting "in kind" donations (like \$800 worth of paint for the ceiling of the ballroom). They only have \$1000 (as compared to \$1700 last year). They need cash to feed the performers. He suggested two methods: 1) Ask staff to pay for food "at cost"; 2) if not enough, then performers could make contributions, or be asked to pay. They may be \$300 short for the food. This year they have better wholesale connections, have gotten good deals, and will cut costs by 1/3 due to being able to buy at Macro. Goland moved "the Society provide funds for feeding performers at the WFF if the funds are not forthcoming from community resources." Cliff 2nd. PASSED. Parking was discussed. There is not enough. Only 450 spaces in the lot and there are 400 performers and 60 staff. Committee has found 2000 spaces nearby; could use double-decker Spirit of '76 buses. Estimated "up front" cost is \$1300. Discussion ensued, and included the probabilities of use, the needed buses and their schedules, etc. Winters moved "that the Board endorse the proposition of buses and satellite parking, and that, should it fail to break even, the Board will subsidize the operation as necessary." Goland and Clamons 2nd. PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS: Dan Burgess of Takoma Park presented his request to do video production at the festival. After considerable discussion Winters moved "that the Coordinating committee be delegated the responsibility for assessing the video proposal and deciding whether to allow it in a limited fashion." Fitterer 2nd. PASSED.

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