

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting  
October 6, 1982

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OTHERS PRESENT: Ellen Maske, Nan Goland, Gail McHerny, Dean Clamons, Dolores Nichols, Bob Clayton, Linda Lieberman.

Called to order at 8:20 at home of Debbie Hutton.

Minutes read and approved; Hutton moved; Woods 2nd; Passed.

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NEWSLETTER: no report

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WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL: no report.

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