

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON  
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting - April 6, 1983

BOARD PRESENT: Cliff, Hickerson, Hutton, Fink, Nichols, Day, Fitterer, Shapiro, Woods,  
Turner, Winters

BOARD ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Dolores Nichols

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 by the President, at the home of Hickerson.  
Hutton moved approval of the minutes; Nichols 2nd; PASSED.

MEMBERSHIP: 68 new + 115 renewals = 183 - 123 expirations = +60 = 1930 total.

NEWSLETTER: Deadline the 15th; mailout the 27th. Ballots are included in this newsletter  
so the nominating committee will help with it at Hickerson's. It is a difficult  
newsletter with little room. The deadline for the Bios is 4/8/83 to Bill Day, and the  
length is 150 words.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Gordon Bok is in May. There is a possibility of a house concert in May,  
Since we are co-sponsoring the Gordon Bok concert with Georgetown Univ., the cost for  
the hall is only \$50. Georgetown students get FSGW member price. The Sampler had only  
50 ppl. in attendance. There were no flyers or promotion.

PUBLICITY: It is done for the special events for this month.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: There is one addition to last month's list. That is Jim Spierer for  
at large. Bios are needed. The candidates will be announced at the April program and  
therefore all who are present should go to the front of the hall just before the end  
of the first half. It was pointed out that the list of candidates has few dance  
candidates and that is a problem. Day said that the committee had tried several  
members who have a dance orientation, but had not had acceptances from them.

WFF: There is a work session at the park on April 16th starting at 9 a.m. for cleanup.  
Program is coming along well. The idea of going to the membership for cash donations  
was discussed. Hickerson stated her longstanding belief that the Publicity expenses  
should come out of the regular FSGW budget for publicity. Hutton moved "that members  
be given the opportunity to support the festival". Turner 2nd. PASSED.

GET-A-WAY: Teh contract is signed with Camp Letts; the dates and prices agreed to. It  
will be Columbus Day weekend. The suggestion was made that we use a tent for registra-  
tion so that we can have 2 dance floors under cover.

PROGRAM: Jennifer Woods will run the April program. Dwain Winters will do the sound.

BENEFIT for "friends of the Folk Archive Fund": We donated \$2900 to the Fund. We now  
own a number of Odetta records, since we had to buy them. We have 25; the House of  
Musical Traditions will take some.

OLD BUSINESS: WHFS and Ethnic Programming - Cliff said they are now negotiating with another  
station to take all the programs (1390 - WEAM) including the "folk" and "ethnic".  
Cliff will compose and send a letter to the Folklorists in the area to see how the  
society can better serve them. Fink and Gardiner will write up a contract for signers.

NEW BUSINESS: A party in the fall to be held at Adelphi Mill was discussed. The mill  
must be reserved now at a cost of \$50. Hutton moved that we have it on a Sunday or  
Saturday from 3-8 p.m. and that there be no charge to guests. It will be a pot-luck.  
Winters 2nd. PASSED. Singers - Gaulludet may buy the building just down from the  
Ethical Society. We should keep this in mind when we evaluate the signing program in  
June, and make a judgement for the fall. Other factors are Gaulludet facility - will  
it be residential? when? What has the response been so far to signers at the program?  
the Cost? and number of programs used? and the publicity and promotion. If it is  
continued, how should it be done?.... The Society has a chance to buy its own telephone  
from the phone company for \$19.95. It is a Bell telephone. Shapiro moved; Hickerson  
2nd. PASSED. Cliff moved that we give 10 Gordon Bok concert tickets to WETA for  
a promotional this weekend. Nichols 2nd. PASSED. It was suggested that we let members  
know that they can write to WAMU or use challenge grants to them for Folk music.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Benefit income \$5062; expense 2327 = \$2735. Fink asked about having  
a June program using 2 local performers who we would pay. possibilities are John Cephas  
Big Chief Ellis and Archie Edwards/Don Stover. Turner moved that the June program be  
allowed to spend up to \$400; Woods 2nd; PASSED. The presidents report will be given  
next month.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m. Next month's meeting will be at Turner's.