

FOLKLORE SOCIETY OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Board of Directors Meeting - May 4, 1983

BOARD PRESENT: Cliff, Fitterer, Hickerson, Winters, Nichols, Olive, Woods, Turner, Shapiro,  
BOARD ABSENT: Fink, McCracken, Hutton, Day  
OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Lieberman, Dolores Nichols, Dean Clammons, Bob Clayton  
Meeting called to order at home of Woods at 8:47 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP: 47 new + 91 renewals = 138 - 155 expirations = -17 = 1886 Total.

TREASURER: We now have two insured money market savings accounts; one is at 9.5% and the other is at 9.1%. The Society's net worth is over \$10,000. All budget line items are OK. Some are slightly above and some are below the amount budgeted. We should be OK unless there is a disaster. Our money markets are: Firendship Savings and Loan, and Perpetual American. It is possible to get interest as high as 11.5%, but that is on a fixed term of 4 years or more. The Board felt that that would not be wise, and that we are fine where the Treasurer did it.

NEWSLETTER: Deadline for this month is the 15th as usual. It will cover June 1 to July 16, and will have the Festival Schedule in it. It will be 10 pages and is crowded, so Board members should keep their articles short. May 26 is the mailout. The next deadline will be June 25th for the July 17-August 31 issue.

SPECIAL EVENTS: None for June yet. The need for more Society envelopes was raised. The Board approved ordering 1500 envelopes with our letterhead, address, and embossed postage stamp from the P.O. Hickerson will do it.

PROGRAM: The May program will be run by Hutton. The June Program will be John Cephas and Phil Wiggins. A film on Mardi Gras will be shown also. It is 16 mm, costs \$120 to rent. We need a projector and screen - free if possible.

PUBLICITY: We have a new "Press Release" letterhead - 2500 copies.

DANCE: There will be an all night dance at Glen Echo this summer, with a big tent. It will be in July and Stan will do it. Our Saturday night dances are being run by Ellen Maske. The Dance Weekend was a good job. It should be an annual event.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: They have recieved 70 ballots so far; mor family than single (the opposite of our membership profile). There was some confusion about how many words were allowed for the "Bios", and some candidates wrote more than the allotted 150 words. It was suggested that all candidates shoud be told of their nomination by telephone and should be told about the specifications for their "Bios". Hickerson moved two changes in the Job Descriptions for the Nominating Committee under "Responsibilities" #2. "Insert the word "names" after candidates and before "(Committee . . and add "in April" after "slate. Change April to May (before Newsletter). Woods seconded. PASSED. The Nominating and Archivist, Bill Day has a new address which is: 11610 Gail St.. Wheaton, Md. 20902.

WFF: Dean Clamons announced work sessions on May 7, 28, and 30. He said that when he became a member of the Executive Committee of the Festival he had three things he wanted to see improved - 1) Volunteers, which is going better this year; 2) Special Communities, which is targeting just the deaf and the retarded this year; and 3) Money to make the Festival self sufficient. But we will probably not have enough money to fund it completely this year. We have \$750 in hand and \$200 promised. We are working on past sources which gave \$1180 in the past, and some others. We will spend \$800 not including food. He asked the Society to underwrite the meals for \$1000 or less. Winters moved "that FSGW underwirte the food and any other incidental expenses of the WFF up to \$1000 above and beyond those funds collected for the Festival if needed. Woods 2nd. PASSED. It was requested that the new Board members receive copies of the Bylaws and other materials to help them get oriented as quickly as possible.

GET-A-WAY: The committee that has been working on the Get-A-Way recommended that we raise the price of the Get-A-Way to \$30 for children and \$45 for adults. These increases are needed because of our new location and the cost of it to us. It was suggested that an early newsletter article explain why we cannot use Prince William Park anymore and about Camp Letts and its facilities. Turner moved that Get-A-Way prices be \$35 and \$45 for children and adults respectively. Woods 2nd. PASSED. Children are age 2 - 14.

OLD BUSINESS: Some people have asked what proportion of the Odetta -Cooney concert is a donation. Olive and Winters will calculate it for publication in the next newsletter. . . . Hickerson proposed writing to the "old folkies" to see what the Society can do for them. It will be sent to the Library of Congress list of about 150 people. . . . We need 2000 extra copies of the June Newsletter to have for the WFF. This is estimated to cost about \$300. The Board agreed to get them.

NEW BUSINESS: The Sacred Harp group needs more copies of the Christian Harmony books. Woods would like to have the society advance \$240 to buy them with. This money will slowly come in to the Society as the books are sold. We pay \$8 for each and sell them for \$10. Hickerson moved and Fitterer 2nd. PASSED. . . . There will be a draft "signers agreement" for the Board to approve at the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be a joint meeting of the present and new Boards and will be held at the new home of Bill Day. It will be the second Wednesday of the month, June 8th. This is being done so that all energy can be concentrated on the Festival the first week of June.