

August 20, 1983

TO: The FSGW Board  
FROM: Kathy Westra Hickerson, President  
SUBJECT: Proposal that FSGW sponsor an open stage

Attached is a statement prepared for Board consideration by Paul Goland. The statement is to serve as background for our discussion of a possible FSGW-sponsored open stage at the Woodside Deli in Silver Spring. This matter was discussed at our July meeting, and a motion to sponsor such an event was defeated. Instead, K.C. King was directed by the Board to address the ramifications of the proposal. Among the major concerns expressed by the Board (and to be addressed by K.C.) were:

- How would we develop guidelines for FSGW sponsorship of such events?
- Could these guidelines be enforced in a commercial establishment?
- How would FSGW maintain control of music (type & quality)?
- What FSGW resources would be required each week?
  - sound system?
  - M.C., sound technician, volunteers, others?
  - publicity?
  - membership (and would a membership table be allowed?)?
  - financial resources?
- What would be the liability or risk to FSGW of sponsoring such a program?
- What would be the profit or benefit to FSGW of sponsoring such a program?

I think it will be important in our September discussion of this proposal to remember that we are not considering the merit of a new open stage at the Woodside Deli. (There's ample evidence that many of us consider it a good idea, and that many of us would be delighted if such an event were established.) What we must consider is whether this is an appropriate avenue for FSGW (as opposed to another group or individual) to pursue, and whether the concerns listed above have been addressed adequately enough to make an informed decision.