

AGENDA
FSGW Board Meeting
November 2, 1983

- I. Approval of October minutes
- II. Selected items of old business
 - A. FSGW incorporation - Mary Cliff
 - B. Educational Programs Committee (materials distributed in September) - Kathy Hickerson
 - C. Mini-Festival Site - Mary Cliff
- III. Getaway Committee Report - Dolores Nichols
- IV. Regular reports
 - A. Membership - Don Nichols
 - B. Program - Pete Kraemer
 - C. Special Events - Bob Clayton
 - D. Treasurer - Dick Hamlet
 - E. Publications - Jennifer Woods
 - F. Publicity - No report
 - G. Dance - Marilyn Lingard
 - H. Committees
 - 1. Washington Folk Festival - Dean Clamons
 - 2. Finance - No report
 - 3. Archive - Bill Day
 - 4. Community outreach - No report
 - 5. Sound/Lighting - Dwain Winters
 - 6. 20th Anniversary - Mary Cliff, Debbie Hutton
- V. Remaining Old Business
 - A. Washington Revels - Jennifer Woods
 - Dec* → B. Exhibits Committee - No discussion because of J. Turner's absence
 - C. Guidelines for cosponsored events - Mary Cliff, Bob Clayton
 - D. FSGW/WETA cosponsorship of concert series - Mary Cliff
 - E. Programs with local folklorists - Mary Cliff & Kathy Hickerson
 - 1. Santino proposal re "Celebration" exhibit - Mary Cliff
 - F. Open stage - Bob Clayton
 - G. FSGW Legal counsel -
 - H. FSGW liability insurance - Mary Cliff
- VI. New Business
 - 1. Location of December board meeting
- VII. Adjournment

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