

1. **Quorum and Call to Order.**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 8:06 pm by Vice President Kathy Westra.
- b. The following 2003-2004 (outgoing) FSGW Board Members were present: Anne Sergeant, Lynn Pastore, Lesley Frank, Susan Clark, Charlie Baum, Kathy Westra, Dennis Cook, Jim Cole, Betsy Platt, and April Grastorf, constituting a quorum. Holly Steussy and Janine Smith arrived after the call to order.
- c. The following 2004-2005 (incoming) FSGW Board Members were present, constituting a quorum: Anne Sergeant (President), Betsy Platt (VP), Tom Spilsbury (Treasurer), April Grastorf (Secretary), Lynn Pastore (Membership), Charlie Baum (Special Programs), Charlie Pilzer (Monthly Programs), Lesley Frank (Newsletter), Tom Tucker (At Large) and Tim Livengood (At Large). Janine Smith (Dance) arrived after the call to order. No one has accepted the Publicity assignment for 2004-2005.
- d. The following non-FSGW-Board-members were present: Wayne Harvey, Sousan Frankeberger, Helen Powell. Ken Meyercourt arrived after the call to order.

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

- a. Approval of minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

3. **Washington Folk Festival.**

- a. Sousan Frankeberger stated that she was still looking for volunteers for the Festival, specifically for the festival office, to help as stage crew, and at the membership booth. Kathy Westra mentioned the Single Volunteers of Washington website.
- b. Ken Meyercourt of Public Access Television in Fairfax (whose arrival was delayed) has expressed interest in taping some of the WFF acts. The question of who needs to give permission/sign releases for taping (GEPPAC, WFF/CC, and/or individual performers) was discussed. Kathy Westra pointed out that most organizations doing this sort of thing have their own release forms, and added that it would probably be appropriate to assign a volunteer to the camera crew. Sousan pointed out that any release might not apply to copyrighted material. Mr. Meyercourt was expected to give a brief presentation to the Board when he arrived.

4. **Election of Officers.**

- a. Jim Cole reported that the Nominating Committee had met during the early part of May to discuss what additional steps, if any, should be taken because the election ballots had been mailed late.
- b. The Nominating Committee decided to extend the acceptance deadline to May 21, and to make announcements to that effect at all FSGW activities.
- c. Jim further reported that the turnout was thirty percent higher than in previous years, and that the result of the only contested race was 239 votes for Anne Sergeant, and 51 votes for Helen Powell.
- d. Helen Powell made the following statements:
 1. The entire election is technically invalid because of "ballot tampering."
 2. The Nominating Committee was improperly constituted because one candidate's spouse was on the Committee. Kathy Westra pointed out that the Bylaws contain no such ban, but require that no Committee member may run for office, and no Committee member was running for office.

3. Ms. Powell complained that her statement provided to the Nominating Committee for publication on the ballot was altered, and she was not told that it was altered in advance. Jim Cole said that her statement as submitted contained false accusations and remarks, and he removed them for that reason, altering only that section of her statement.
 - e. Ms. Powell requested that the slate for the office of President be resubmitted to the membership as a postcard.
 - f. Jim Cole stated that the late mailing of ballots was in part because the deadline for submissions should have been earlier, and that the printer had significant difficulties with Helen Powell's last-minute electronic transmission.
 - g. Kathy Westra recommended that the Board further consider the matter in Executive Session at the end of the evening.
 - h. ***Resolved: That the FSGW Board go into Executive Session after other business was concluded to discuss the election.***
Betsy Platt moved to go into Executive Session at the end of the evening to discuss the election. Janine Smith seconded. Charlie Baum opposed the motion; all other Board members were in favor, and accordingly the Motion was approved.
5. **Fund Raising.**
- a. Betsy reported that an additional \$2,170 in response to the request for donations letter had been received, which had not been processed with the other donations.
6. **Committee Reports.**
- a. *Newsletter.*
 1. Lesley has decided to print the July newsletter and let the August newsletter be this year's virtual issue.
 - b. *Membership:*
 1. Lynn reported that she has gotten a good response to her request for volunteers to staff the WFF membership area, and that she hoped the WFF would increase membership, as it has in the past.
 - c. *Special Programs.*
 1. Betsy (outgoing Special programs) stated that the May special program broke even, as there was no guarantee to the performers.
 2. Charlie (incoming Special programs) reported that he had currently scheduled five house concerts, 2 each in June and August, and one in July.
 3. Charlie will also try to coordinate with Debby Hutton, who is supposedly planning a series of 40th anniversary events. Charlie asked if the 40th anniversary concerts needed to show a profit; it was agreed to discuss that issue at the following meeting.
7. **Fairfax Public Access Television Request to Tape Performers.**
- a. Ken Meyercourt, a producer for a local public access television station, is interested in presenting a weekly half-hour show of singer/songwriters, and would like to tape some live performances at the WFF for later broadcast.
 - b. In response to questions about the intrusiveness and setup, he stated that he does not need special lights or sound access.

- c. He also stated that he could put together a one-hour show on the Festival.
 - d. Kathy Westra asked Mr. Meyercourt to coordinate his request through Dean Clamons, and that we were concerned about copyrighted material and proper releases.
 - e. Betsy Platt stated that there have been issues regarding dancers at tapings in the past.
 - f. Susan Clark stated that before a taping, the audience needs to be told, so that anyone who does not want to be on screen has the opportunity to say so.
 - g. Charlie Baum pointed out that the performers have to remember that they are in front of a live audience, and should play to the audience, and not to the camera.
8. **Co-Sponsorship.**
- a. Kathy Westra pointed out that events continue to be treated and listed as co-sponsored without meeting the current criteria:
 1. All co-sponsored events must be approved in advance by the Board, and
 2. The event's insurance policy must list FSGW as a co-insured party for the event.
 - b. Anne Sergeant reminded the Board that there is an additional cost for each new venue, so events held at locations other than those already used by FSGW can add to annual insurance costs.
 - c. Calculation of the insurance premium is done after the fact.
 - d. Betsy Platt requested co-sponsorship status for a series of Teens and Tweens dances to be held in July, August and October.
 - e. ***Resolved: That the Teens and Tweens dances be accepted as FSGW co-sponsored events. Charlie Baum moved that FSGW co-sponsor a series of Teens and Tweens dances, provided insurance coverage meets FSGW criteria. Susan Clark seconded. Betsy Platt and Kathy Westra abstained from voting. All other Board members were in favor, and accordingly the Motion was approved.***
9. **By-laws.**
- a. There was general agreement that the By-laws need significant revision. Concerns have been expressed about various shortcomings and issues that are not addressed in the Bylaws at many previous Board meetings.
 - b. Kathy Westra volunteered to chair a committee to overhaul the By-laws.
 - c. ***Resolved: That a committee be formed to propose amendments to the FSGW Bylaws, to be presented to the membership for approval.***
Betsy Platt moved that Kathy Westra be appointed to head a committee to revise the Bylaws. Janine Smith seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.
10. **Executive Session.**
- a. At 9:45 pm the Board went into Executive Session. Present were Anne Sergeant, Kathy Westra, Betsy Platt, Lynn Pastore, Jim Cole, Dennis Cook, Charlie Baum, Lesley Frank, Susan Clark, Janine Smith, April Grastorf, and Holly Steussy, constituting a quorum.
 - b. ***Resolved: That the FSGW Board supports the actions of the Election Committee and the election results shall stand without further action.***
Charlie Baum and Janine Smith moved that as the Election Committee's actions were reasonable and appropriate, the election results should stand. Lynn Pastore seconded. Jim Cole and Anne Sergeant recused themselves. Dennis Cook abstained. Kathy Westra, as chair *pro tem* for the Executive Session, did

not vote. Of the eight remaining members, Betsy Platt voted against the motion, and the remaining seven members voted in favor. The Motion was approved.

11. **Next Meeting and Motion to Adjourn.**

a. The regular July 2004 meeting will be held July 6, 2004.

b. ***Resolved: That the June 2004 meeting be adjourned.***

Betsy Platt moved to adjourn, Dennis Cook and Susan Clark simultaneously seconded. By voice vote, the Motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm.