

1. Quorum and Call to Order.

- a. The meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m. by Anne Sergeant.
- b. Ten outgoing FSGW Board Members were present, constituting a quorum: Anne Sergeant (President), Betsy Platt (Vice President), Janine Smith (Dance), Tom Spilsbury (Treasurer), Lesley Frank (Newsletter), Charlie Baum (Special Programs), Lynn Pastore (Membership), Tim Livengood (At-Large), April Blum (Secretary) and Tom Tucker (At-Large). Charlie Pilzer (Program) arrived at 8:44 p.m.
- c. The following incoming FSGW Board Members were present: Jim Cole (President), Betsy Platt (Vice President), Tom Spilsbury (Treasurer), Anne Sergeant (Past President), April Blum (Publicity), Tom Tucker (Membership), Charlie Baum (Special Programs), Colleen Reed (Newsletter), Jane Ziki (At-Large) and Carl Mintz (At-Large).
- d. Cathy Lamont (Secretary) and David Shewmaker (Dance) were absent. Charlie Pilzer (Program) arrived at 8:44 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes.

- a. The minutes for March 2005 were reviewed.
 - i. ***Resolved: That the Minutes for March 2005 be adopted.***
Tim Livengood moved that the March 2005 minutes be approved. Janine Smith seconded. By voice vote, the Motion was approved.
- b. The minutes for April 2005 were reviewed.
 - i. ***Resolved: That the Minutes for April 2005 be adopted.***
Lynn Pastore moved that the April 2005 minutes be approved. Janine Smith seconded. By voice vote, the Motion was approved.
- c. The minutes for May 2005 were reviewed.
 - i. ***Resolved: That the Minutes for May 2005 be adopted.***
Lynn Pastore moved that the May 2005 minutes be approved. Janine Smith seconded. By voice vote, the Motion was approved.

3. Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

- a. Mary Cliff needs volunteers to help in the Marriott Key Bridge hospitality suite.

4. Accessibility.

- a. Anne has spoken with Betty Siegel, an FSGW member and occasional dancer, who is on the Kennedy Center's ADA staff. She will make arrangements for a presentation to the Board at a special Board meeting regarding ADA issues; a brief discussion regarding when this meeting would take place.

5. Future Board Meetings.

- a. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Board continue to meet on first Tuesdays.
 - i. ***Resolved: That the Board of Directors of FSGW meet on first Tuesdays.***
Tom Tucker moved that the Board continue to hold its monthly meetings on first Tuesdays. Betsy Platt seconded. By voice vote, the Motion was approved.

6. WFF.

- a. Charlie Pilzer provided an interim WFF report. Approximately 12,000 attendees over 2 days (count provided by Stan).
- b. Donations are approximately \$11,000, and there may be other funds not yet counted.
- c. It is likely that WFF has posted a loss this year, but not as big a loss as last year.
- d. There were no stage sponsors; Charlie stated that it is essential to apply for such funding earlier in the year; therefore the Board will need to make a decision and vote on the issue earlier.
- e. Charlie felt that being on the WFF committee takes significant time, and that for the coordinators, it is nearly a full-time job.
- f. Tim Livengood stated that no one "passed the bucket" at the Storytelling venue, which drew fairly significant crowds, perhaps in part because it was an air-conditioned venue.
- g. Charlie stated that there was a listing in Weekend's Best, but that there are many of simultaneous festivals, and that WFF needs more and better publicity.
- h. Anne said that those in the Ballroom appeared to be having a good time, and that she heard lots of positive comments.
- i. Jim Cole pointed out that some people he spoke with had no idea that the WFF was there -- they just happened to come to Glen Echo that day.
- j. Tom Tucker was concerned that some or all of the food concessions were short of supplies by Sunday. Colleen agreed that the lines were very long in places.
- k. All agreed that the new signs were a big improvement, and may have been at least partially responsible for the better attendance at Storytelling.
- l. About 50 lapsed members renewed.
- m. Charlie Baum stated that the crafters and House of Musical Traditions did well.
- n. There were numerous complaints about the quality and type of food offered by GSI, particularly the fact that they do not offer appropriate vegetarian fare.

7. **Committee Reports.**

- a. Special Programs. Charlie Baum reported that the Nightingale concert was expected to do well, and that he had an Israeli jug band lined up for a House concert.
- b. Storytelling. Tim Livengood said that there is a new Maryland liaison for the National Storytelling Network. He will generate a list of people for Charlie Baum who might be interested in participating in a special program.
- c. Treasurer.
 - i. The dances are making money, and membership seems to be keeping pace with expectations.
 - ii. Tom is having a difficult time getting information from Jim on a timely basis, and wondered if perhaps it might be more efficient if he (Tom) started doing all input, and simply hire someone to do taxes. That would probably run about \$1000 per year, instead of the \$3600 we are currently paying.
- d. Programs.
 - i. Charlie Pilzer stated that he is nearly finished with booking for the upcoming year's monthly programs.
 - ii. Charlie Pilzer asked the Board to consider reviewing the purpose of the monthly programs, pointing out that there was very little crossover from the dance community, and asking if there were any proposals to change the status quo.

- iii. He thought that additional publicity was critical, particularly as there are many more venues in competition than there were 20 years ago -- IMT, Focus, the Birchmere, and various coffeehouses. He also stated that although young people are joining the dance group, they are not coming to the concerts.
 - e. Dance. Attendance has been going up; the 7 p.m. workshop/lessons appear to be helping.
 - f. Archives: Tom Tucker reported that Dean Clamons sent him a list of tapes, and that he is continuing to transfer archival material.
 - g. Membership. Lynn's report does not reflect about 100 new memberships/renewals.
8. **Motion to Adjourn.**
- a. ***Resolved: That the June 7, 2005, meeting be adjourned. Janine Smith moved to adjourn; Betsy Platt seconded. By hand vote, the Motion was unanimously approved.***

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.