

## 1. Quorum and Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm by President April Blum.
- b. The following were present, constituting a quorum: April Blum (President), Charlie Baum (VP), Richard Aigen (Treasurer), Noel-Marie Taylor (Secretary), Liz Milner (Publicity), Janie Meneely (Membership), Mary Cliff (Past President), Steve Burnett (Dance), and Tim Livengood (At Large).
- c. The following Board members were absent: Roxanne Watts (Publications), Marty Summerour (Program), Molly Graham Hickman (At Large) and Steve Winick (At Large).
- d. The following non-Board member was present: Susan Stimpfle (FSGW Member & potential Board nominee).

## 2. Minutes

- a. The Minutes for the March meeting were not available for approval.
- b. Noël-Marie has reformatted approved Minutes from July 2014 to present and forwarded them to be posted on the FSGW website.

## 3. Action Item Reports

- a. Independent Audit Committee: No updates.
- b. Banners: there was an error in the banners, they are being reprinted at no additional cost. April showed us a proof piece, it is clear that the color is still not correct.
- c. Policy Page: April is working with Ryan Holman (Project Manager) on formatting and setting these up.
- d. Facebook group welcome note: final language still being decided.

## 4. Annual Elections

- a. Since this year's election is uncontested, Jim Cole and the Election Committee would like to use the opportunity to test electronic software so it would be available and trustworthy for the next contested election.
- b. Ryan Holman has been testing VotingPlace.net, and it appears to be user friendly, inexpensive, and suitable for our needs.
- c. ***Resolved: That \$400 be allocated to use VotingPlace.net as a provider of electronic election services.***  
**Charlie Baum moved that FSGW take the necessary steps to use [VotingPlace.net](http://VotingPlace.net) as a provider of election services for the FSGW 2014 election, and that an amount not in excess of \$400 be allocated for this purpose. Liz Milner seconded. By voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.**
- d. Board members were reminded that ballot statements are due to Jim Cole ASAP. Printed ballots should arrive in mailboxes on May 1, with a return deadline of May 10. Electronic ballot information will be sent out May 1, and expire at 11:59 pm May 10.

## 5. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning

Planning continues. Andy Wallace says he has lots of original materials (posters, etc) which would be suitable for display, and that he would be happy to share.

## 6. GEPPAC Gala

The annual GEPPAC Gala is Saturday, May 17, with a theme of "Capture the Moment". Liz has created and submitted FSGW's advertisement for the program, and Richard has confirmed our

sponsorship of a table. The ten available seats will need to be allocated. Note: event is same evening as the Spring Ball.

**7. Change in Insurance Carrier**

- a. Traveler's insurance annual premium is approximately \$6500, and it continues to increase annually. Coverage is \$1M per occurrence, \$100k property damage, \$1M personal, \$2M general aggregate, \$5k medical. Umbrella is \$1M per accident. CDSS's premium is \$550 per year for unlimited events – approximately one-twelfth as much as Traveler's. \$2M per occurrence, with \$4M limit (per year?). No \$5k medical. There is a \$30 fee per co-insured party (should GEPPAC or any other venue/organization request such at a future time)
- b. Based on information collected and discussion with other organizations, FSGW's insurance will change to CDSS's umbrella plan effective May 1, 2014.

**8. John and Clara Higgins Foundation**

- a. The John and Clara Higgins Foundation has funds for production of a CD anthology of Irish and Scots songs featuring singers from those countries and Irish-American songs performed by singers from the FSGW area (Connie McKenna, Betsy O'Malley, Melissa Weaver Dunning, Martha Burns, Elizabeth LaPrelle, Lisa Null). Since The Higgins Foundation is not permitted to disburse funds to individuals, they ask that FSGW receive from the Higgins Foundation funds to be used exclusively for recording, editing, and mastering six to nine cuts of accompanied and unaccompanied song. The ultimate payee would be the CD project's local producer, Betsy O'Malley. In exchange for our help, FSGW will be acknowledge on the album.
- b. **Resolved: That FSGW accept a transfer of funds for the production of recording.**  
**Charlie Baum moved that FSGW agree to accept a transfer of funds from the John and Clara Higgins Foundation intended exclusively for production costs relating to an anthology of Irish and Scots songs – production costs include but are not limited to recording, editing, and mastering. He further moved that FSGW distribute the funds for the local production of the recordings. Tim Livengood seconded. By voice vote, the Motion was passed unanimously.**

**9. Washington Folk Festival Fundraising Letter**

Dwain Winters (Washington Folk Festival Chair) submitted a fundraising letter to the Executive Board. He would like to have it sent out to all FSGW members. It was the consensus of the Board that this would be acceptable. April and Richard will provide some feedback to Duane on the formatting and information for the letter (eg, inclusion of FSGW logo, online donation instructions, etc).

**10. Next Meeting Date & Motion to Adjourn**

- a. The regular May Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.
- b. **Resolved: That the April 2014 meeting be adjourned.**  
**Janie Meneely moved to adjourn, Liz Milner seconded. By voice vote, the Motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.**

**Action Items:**

- April & Richard: work with Dwain on fundraising letter for WFF.