

1. Quorum and Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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), Janie Meneely (Membership), Marty Summerour (Program), Mary Cliff (Past President), Steve Burnett (Dance), Roxanne Watts (Publications), Liz Milner (Publicity), Tim Livengood (At Large), and Molly Graham Hickman (At Large).
- c. The following Board member was absent: Steve Winick (At Large).
- d. The following newly elected Board members were present: Kim Gandy (incoming Secretary), Susan Stimpfle (incoming Publications), Jadzia Sawa (incoming At Large).
- e. The following non-Board member was present: Jim Cole (Elections Chair).

2. Minutes

- a. The Minutes for the May meeting were submitted for review and accepted with minor revisions.
- b. At the March 2014 meeting it was agreed by Roxanne Watts and April Blum that Vice President Charlie Baum would craft language acceptable to all, to facilitate approval of the November 2013 Minutes. That process is not complete. Once consensus wording has been agreed upon, the November 2013 Minutes will be submitted for approval by the then Board.

3. Action Item Reports

- a. GEPPAC Gala – Richard reports that eight of the ten seats at FSGW’s table were used. A good time was had by all who attended.
- b. Bylaws and uncontested elections – April has sent queries to FSGW’s lawyer about the possibility of changing how voting is done. Questions were raised about the possibility of doing a vote by acclamation or having all voting done online.
- c. New Insurance Certificate – has been received and submitted to GEPPAC as requested.
- d. Greenbelt Dance outreach – Steve spoke with them. They have a venue but want FSGW to run the events. Noel-Marie is willing to work with them to determine what is needed.
- e. Storage area – April has emailed Donna about the possibility to see if it would be possible to set up a (preferably locked) storage area at Glen Echo.

4. Election Committee Report and Recommendations

- a. Jim Cole presented a report on the elections process, and suggestions for changes for the future.
 1. It was noted that only about 10% of the paper ballots and 8% of electronic ballots were returned.
 2. Each year, it becomes more difficult to find candidates. Jim encourages all board members to be on the lookout through the year for potential candidates for future elections.
 3. Further review of the online voting process must take place. Jim suggests that it begin now, rather than in January when a new Election Committee is formed.
- b. The FSGW 2013-14 Board officially expresses its thanks to Charlie Bean, Mary Cliff, Jim Cole and Jerry Stein, the 2014 FSGW Election Committee, for their invaluable work on behalf of the members of FSGW.
- c. Suggestion from the board: have a raffle for all those who vote. If you return your ballot, you are entered to win.

5. Washington Folk Festival

- a. The 14-day in advance signage deadline was in the contract between GEPPAC and FSGW Washington Folk Festival; but the contract was not forwarded to FSGW until May 21, not in time for sign approval.

- b. Dwain will meet with the Park Service late this month or early in July, and will provide a full report to the Board in August. He reports that his crews have been taking down and packing all equipment, and everything except the MacArthur Boulevard banner was stored by last Sunday evening. "The festival was well received and well attended and the weather was the best we have had in years. There were no major glitches during the event and all of our production partners seem to be satisfied."
- c. Dwain has the FSGW button machine, which needs a new base. Once that has been completed, April will store the machine and button parts; if a storage area is made available at Glen Echo, the machine and parts will be kept at Glen Echo. (Dwain also has his own button machine – both machines are in use at the FSGW WFF.)
- d. Roxanne reported that the new FSGW banners, as displayed, were not as they had been approved by the Board and Glen Echo Park. The colors are not matched to what we were expecting. This needs to be addressed before we pay for them.

6. Concerts

Discussion about forming a committee to take care of the many aspects involved in concerts (including gate, refreshments, etc.) continued. Mary agreed to help organize this committee.

7. Problem Dancer 3 (PD3)

Steve updated the Board on the continued issues. A warning was given to PD3, yet his behavior continues to cause problems. He has added harassing dance organizers who have commented on his behavior to the list of issues. A letter stating that he is no longer welcome at FSGW dance events is being prepared, and will be presented to him at the Thursday Silver Spring dance, or mailed if he is not in attendance. GEPPAC and local contra dance organizers will be notified of our actions.

8. Sending Email from Board Addresses

April has asked Ryan Holman (PM) and Will Strang (Webmaster) about adding the capacity to send email OUT as your Board position. So "official" email from the president would come FROM "president@fsgw.org" and the current president (whoever that is) would always have access to that email capacity. This will be set up for all positions except At Large.

9. Legacies

April has proposed language for use in a Will or Trust to make a distribution to FSGW from an estate or trust. Esther Bushman to review and get back to April. Information on donating to this Legacy Fund should be put in the newsletter every year.

10. Day of Week for Board Meeting

Per the bylaws, the Board is required to meet monthly. Ideally, this should happen early in the month in order to facilitate the distribution of newsletters. After discussion, the Board has decided to try meeting on the first Wednesday of the month for July (July 2).

11. Miscellaneous Updates

- a. Getaway registration will open soon. Prices will remain unchanged from last year.
- b. Marie Genovese, who brings pastries and coffee to the Mini-Fest each year to sell, has donated the entire earned surplus from 2014 to FSGW.

- c. FSGW has received a small check from GEPPAC as a distribution from the funds raised after the government shutdown in fall of 2013.

12. Smithsonian Folklife Festival Hospitality Room

- a. For thirty years, Mary Cliff and a cadre of volunteers have provided drinks, snacks, camaraderie, and smiles for the many people who have participated in the annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

- b. ***Resolved: That FSGW thank Mary Cliff and her Volunteers for all their service to the Folklife Festival.***

April moved that The Folklore Society of Greater Washington officially thank Mary Cliff and other staff for their services. Over the past thirty years, Mary Cliff has organized, staffed, and managed a hospitality suite for participants in the annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival, facilitating music jams, initiating conversations, creating cross-cultural bridges, and providing snacks and smiles. Mary Cliff's investment of time and money in this activity over the years reflects her passion for the traditions that the Folklore Society of Greater Washington fosters and supports. The entire board seconded. The motion was unanimously and loudly approved.

- c. Mary is hopeful that her requests to the new head of folk life festival will be amenable to our continuing to do this. We have thrown parties end of each week and on 4th of July. Festival pays for soft drinks and paper goods, otherwise we handle the work and food. It offers a sense of camaraderie for the workers and performers.

13. Next Meeting Date & Motion to Adjourn

- a. The regular July Board meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 2, 2014.

- b. ***Resolved: That the June 2014 meeting be adjourned.***

Mary moved to adjourn, Marty seconded. By voice vote, the Motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.