

*Minutes of the FSGW Board of Directors meeting
December 7, 2016*

1. **Call to Order and Existence of Quorum.** April Blum (President) called the meeting to order, and a quorum was present: Charlie Baum (VP), Kim Gandy (Secretary), Ingrid Gorman (Publicity), Mike Livingston (Program), Heather Livingston (Publications), Penelope Weinberger (Dance), Steve Kaufman (At Large), and Tim Livengood (At-Large)
2. **Approval of Previous Minutes.**
 - a. Draft November Minutes were distributed by email (but late), and copies were also provided.
 - b. There were two corrections, and the balance of the minutes were adopted without objection.
3. **Action Item Reports:**
 - a. *Independent audit/Combined Federal Campaign* (Jerry)
 - b. *Web Migration progress* (April) No change this month.
 - c. *Pat McGee archival materials retrieval.* (April) No change this month.
 - d. *Photo Archive* – No change this month.
 - e. *Problem Dancer #5.* (April) No change this month.
 - f. *Hope and a Home* met on Nov. 21 and Tim told stories to 16-17 kids. **Grapevine** featured Margaret Chatham and Kristin Pedemonti, who told stories to a smaller audience than usual, 29 people and \$291 was raised. It was the day after the election and some people said Grapevine was the only thing that got them out of the house. (Tim).
 - g. *Proposed Scholarship.* (April) No change this month.
 - h. *Washington Folk Festival Manual.* (Charlie) No change this month.
 - i. *Getaway Report* (Charlie) Financial. Final.
 - j. *"Free Admission" language* for coupons. (Mike) Bearer is entitled to free admission to any FSGW event with an admission price not more than \$25 (except events designated "no passes") or family admission to any FSGW designated "family event." No cash value. Single use only. Not valid for "suggested donation" events.
 - k. *Musical Theater adaptation* (Mike)
 - l. *Newsletter Calendar* unwieldiness (Heather). Every single concert is in there, but in very small type. Feedback welcome.
 - m. *Concerns about Maintenance at the Spanish Ballroom* (April). The spot on the Ballroom floor is less slick. Still significant issues with the restrooms. Received a complaint from a dancer. Emailed Reuven again.
 - n. *Distribution of Donated 78s and Books.* (April). Need to check with Library of Congress.
 - o. *Roger McGuinn Concert.* (Mike) No new developments.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. *Mini-Fest 2017 will be February 4th*
 - i. April will write a brief article for the January newsletter
 - ii. Ingrid had been reaching out about the Family/Children track, and Mike is working on finding a co-chair for this track. Is there an Overall coordinator for the overall Mini-Fest? April says there is usually a meeting of the coordinators in January, keeping everyone in the loop.
 - iii. April will get the dance track together and communicate with Coracree. Ingrid would like to have a "mini Family Dance."
 - iv. Charlie is working on the concert, and asked for referral of acts that would like to be on the main stage in the Cafetorium. Already lined up groups include: Trio Sefardi, Karpouzi Trio, Mitchelstown Trio, Karen Ashbrook and Paul Oorts, the Martin Family, the Morris Chorus, and many others.
 - b. **Logo** (30 minutes – 9:05)
 - i. what are the absolute "must haves" each of the Board members would like incorporated?

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- ii. Do we focus on "FSGW" rather than "Folklore Society of Greater Washington"?
 - iii. Do we seek additional input from other graphics artists?
5. **New Business:** (50 minutes – 9:55)
- a. **FSGW and CDSS**
 - i. David Shewmaker arrived at 8:30pm to discuss CDSS, the Country Dance and Song Society, so this item was taken early. David urged FSGW (which is a member of CDSS) to provide half scholarships to the CDSS weekends, and CDSS will match those funds to provide a full scholarship. Application deadline is in March. Penelope noted that we have already committed to doing this for the Catapult week.
 - ii. CDSS also has Pinewoods Next Generation Initiative Scholarships. Would FSGW want to match funds? Does FSGW want to sponsor multiple dance scholarships?
 - iii. David also asked if FSGW would make a year-end gift. What did we do last year?
 - b. **Year-End Donation Letter.**
 - i. Reviewed Mike's proposed letter and offered suggestions. The goal is to mail these tonight and Ingrid will prepare the reply device, including Paypal information and space for a credit card.
 - c. **TradMad Publicity Sponsor.**
 - i. Again this year, the week-long folk event (at the end of August) held at Pinewoods camp in Massachusetts would like FSGW to co-sponsor (publicity only, no financial risk) this August 2017 event. In return, FSGW members get reduced rates.
 - ii. Since there is no financial risk, this merely requires "sense of the Board" approval, not a formal resolution. The sense of the board was that this would be OK.
 - d. **Takoma Park Folk Festival 2.0 Abbott Stage**
 - i. Apparently some new volunteers intend to re-start TPF, and are asking FSGW to co-sponsor the Abbott Stage, which FSGW has done for many years.
 - ii. The email to Charlie Baum mentions "helping out with the flyer." This was a contentious issue in 2015, and it needs to be clear to TPF that FSGW will provide an "in kind" donation – use of our mailing list and inclusion of the TPF flyer/schedule as a "tip in" to the September issue of the Newsletter. But the cost of printing and any additional fee charged by the printer or mailing house for doing the tip in is to be paid by TPF.
 - iii. Motion made by Mike Livingston: *I move that FSGW co-sponsor the Abbott Stage at the 2017 Takoma Park Folk Festival, and that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) be allocated for such sponsorship. I further move that FSGW also allow the inclusion of the TPF flyer/schedule as a "tip in" in the Sept. newsletter with TPF paying the cost of printing the flyers and any mailhouse charge for the "tip in."* Seconded by Charlie Baum. The motion carried.
 - e. **2018 Getaway Dates.**
 - i. Friday, October 12, 2018 through Monday, October 15, 2018. Charlie will coordinate with Jerry Stein to make the deposit which will hold the dates at the facility. Note: 2017 dates are September 15-18.
 - f. **Society.**
 - i. Brainstorming session postponed to January meeting: What can we do to make FSGW more of a Society? How can we get the dancers to sing and the singers to dance with each other? Some sort of free annual event for members only?
6. **Next Meeting and Motion to Adjourn.**
- a. The next regular Board meeting will be Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

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- b. Motion to adjourn by Heather, seconded by Ingrid. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:30pm