

1. **Call to Order and Existence of Quorum.** April Blum (President) called the meeting to order at 8:13pm. Also present: Charlie Baum (VP), Ingrid Gorman (Publicity), Jerry Stein (Treasurer), Kim Gandy (Secretary), Mike Livingston (Programs), and Tim Livengood (At-Large). Judy Oppenheim (Membership) participated via Skype, and Steve Kaufman arrived at 8:30pm

Approval of Previous Minutes

- a. Draft February Minutes were distributed by email. There were no print copies, so the adoption of minutes was postponed to the April meeting.

2. Action Item Reports:

- a. **Independent audit/Combined Federal Campaign** (Jerry) Jerry will be out of the country next week but will pursue this matter immediately upon his return.
- b. **Pat McGee archival materials retrieval.** (April) D'Arcy Fowler has apparently finally opened a Probate matter in Tarrant County, Texas. April found a copy of a Deed which Ms. Fowler signed as "Independent Executor of the Estate of James Patrick McGee." April has contacted the office of the attorney who drafted the Deed and is awaiting a response. If that attorney cannot or will not act as an intermediary to Ms. Fowler, April will seek an Estate attorney in Tarrant County to take action (such as filing an objection with the Probate Court) on behalf of FSGW, which should result in at least a response from Ms. Fowler.
- c. **Problem Dancer #5.** (April) The complaining party is no longer dancing. The issue appears to be moot. FINAL
- d. **Hope and a Home and Grapevine.** (Tim). Last Monday the 27th we had Renee Brockfeld juggling and storytelling. Grapevine will be next Wednesday and will be excellent!
- e. **Proposed Scholarship.** (April) No change this month. April with check with Jackie next month.
- f. **Washington Folk Festival Manual.** (Charlie) Charlie has talked to lots of people and has a fair idea of what is involved. He has calls scheduled with several people to look at the ins and outs of other potential venues.
- g. **Musical Theater adaptation** (Mike) No change this month.
- h. **Distribution of Donated 78s and Books.** (April). April has handed over the boxes and file cases to Betsy Platt, who will compile a list that can be submitted to LoC. April will follow up with Betsy on progress.
- i. **WFFL Inaugural Meeting.** (Ingrid) April, Charlie, Jerry, Judy, Mary Cliff, and Ingrid participated. Dave Eisner is interested but couldn't be there. Need to have a meeting with GEPPAC to make sure our understandings about the Glen Echo difficulties are correct. Charlie will spearhead the investigation into other potential venues.

3. Old Business

a. Logo

- i. Ingrid has printed out the current crop of proposed logos for review. .
- ii. The board discussed and commented on each of the 8 designs. Discussion of pros and cons, including appearance in grayscale and invisibility of dance.
- iii. Will need to put logo on new website, banners, "yard" signs, hats, buttons, cards, etc. .

b. Web Migration Paid Project Manager

- i. It has become apparent that although FSGW is lucky to have skilled volunteers (notably Will Strang and Lynn Baumeister) who have moved the Web Migration process forward, Lynn and Will agree that our volunteer pool is too small to push the project to completion, and both recommend that FSGW hire, on an hourly basis, a paid Project Manager (PM).
- ii. Lynn Baumeister has taken on the task of finding a PM. She has interviewed 3 potential PMs, and has recommended that we offer the position to one of the three.
- iii. Lynn anticipates that completion of the project requires approximately 280 hours of PM time. This will be "front-end loaded" as is so often the case with new projects, as the PM

gets up to speed. Lynn's chosen candidate will bill FSGW at \$75 per hour. The anticipated total would be \$21,000.

- iv. This expenditure is not currently budgeted, and would result in our operating at a deficit for this year only, but we certainly have the funds available to do this.
- v. Resolution:
 - (1) Charlie Baum moved that the budget be amended to allocate an amount, not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), for the purpose hiring a contractor to serve as Project Manager of the Web/Database Migration project, with the requirement that the Project Manager will provide invoices directly to an authorized member of the web migration committee, as well as to the President and Treasurer for approval prior to payment. Seconded by Tim Livengood. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Elections

- i. The slate appears to be mostly complete, with the possible exception of Membership Chair.
- ii. The intended switch (after bylaws changes) to individual (no family) memberships will need to be explained to the Dance Committee. There was apparently some delay at the February 19 dance due to membership verification, and the Dance Chair has requested that verification be handled by an additional door person.

4. New Business:

a. GEPPAC Annual Gala

- i. Date is May 20, the same night as the FSGW Washington Spring Ball AND on the same weekend as the 30th and last Almost Heaven Dance Weekend. Theme is "Celebrate History in our Backyard." Reception at 6 pm in the Bumper Car Pavilion, dinner and dancing in the Spanish Ballroom. Honorees include the Town of Glen Echo.
- ii. Response is due by April 1.
- iii. FSGW has sponsored a table for 10 and the amount is already in the budget. First come, first served on seating. Who among current Board members will attend?
- iv. B&W ad 5 wide by 3.875 high, due in pdf or jpg by May 1 to go into program. Ingrid should have last year's ad.
- v. Tim Livengood moved that FSGW allocate Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) in order to sponsor a 10-person table at the annual Glen Echo Park Gala, scheduled for May 20, 2016. Judy Oppenheim seconded. The motion passed without objection.

b. Establishment of a New Annual Life Membership Award and Pro Bono Concert

- i. Article III, Section C of the FSGW bylaws as amended July 2008 states: "Honorary memberships may be extended to individuals only on the unanimous approval of the board and may be with or without limit of duration." From that premise, and without requiring any change in the bylaws or incurring any significant cost, Mike, as Program Chair, proposes to establish a special membership to be known as Claude Martin Memorial Honorary Life Membership. This will constitute in effect, an FSGW Young Artist Hall of Fame. This category of membership would be conferred on significantly accomplished but still rising Washington-area folk artists under age 30, selected annually in September by a committee reporting to the Board of Directors for confirmation in accordance with the bylaws.
- ii. The screening and selection Committee should consist of:
 - (1) the program chair of FSGW;
 - (2) the membership chair of FSGW;
 - (3) the president of FSGW or another person chosen by the president;
 - (4) a member of the Martin family or another person chosen by the Martin family; and
 - (5) a distinguished former FSGW board member chosen by the Board of Directors.
- iii. Criteria: The award would be presented to a musician, singer, dance teacher or caller, storyteller, or other traditional artist who is:
 - (1) recommended by the five-member award committee to the Board of Directors;
 - (2) geographically in the FSGW area
 - (3) under 30 years old at the time the award is presented.

- iv. Discussion of creation of the Life Membership.
- v. Mike Livingston moved that FSGW establish an annual award of a Life Membership to a young traditional artist.
- vi. Mike proposes a pro bono concert (dance? storytelling session? – what do we do about non-musicians?) by the young artist, the proceeds of which would be distributed to one or more individuals in a defined category.
- vii. Discussed issues related to the logistics and legal ramifications.
- viii. The Board approves generally of the idea of an annual lifetime membership, but the matter was tabled, as there are possible legal issues around other items that must be discussed with an attorney. .

5. Next Meeting and Motion to Adjourn.

- a. The next regular Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 5, 2017 or on March 29, depending on when Penelope can come.
- b. Motion to adjourn by Tim, seconded by Ingrid. Adjourned at 10:04pm.