

*FSGW Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes of the June 2017 meeting, held June 14, 2017*

1. **Call to Order and Existence of Quorum.** April Blum (President) called the meeting to order at 8:03pm. Also present: Charlie Baum (VP), Ingrid Gorman (Publicity), Kim Gandy (Secretary), Mike Livingston (Program), Heather Livingston (Publications); Penelope Weinberger (Dance), and Judy Oppenheim (Membership) via Skype. Absent were At-large members Steve Winick, Steve Kaufman and Tim Livengood (all At-Large). Incoming board members present were Steve Roth (Dance) and Molly Hickman (Vice President). Those members, as well as Ken Mayer (At Large) and Jen Furlong (Membership) take office next month.
2. **Introduction of New Board Members.**
  - a. Rotating off are Steve Winick (At Large); Penelope Weinberger (Dance); Charlie Baum (Vice President); and Judy Oppenheim (Membership). The Board thanks all of them for their services
  - b. Incoming new Board members are:
    - i. Ken Mayer (At Large)
    - ii. Steve Roth (Dance)
    - iii. Molly Hickman (Vice President)
    - iv. Jen Furlong (Membership)
  - c. Outgoing Board member comments: Charlie has enjoyed serving and looks forward to continuing the work, including finishing the WFF manual.
  - d. Incoming Board member comments: Steve wants to make sure the Society is represented at the dances and that the dancers are represented at the Society. Molly looks forward to more online stuff and youth outreach. She is a mathematician and singer.
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes**
  - a. April Minutes were tabled from the last meeting. The board agreed to remove the reference to an un-made resolution. With that change, the minutes were adopted without objection.
  - b. Draft May Minutes were distributed by email and print copies were provided. There were no changes, and the minutes were approved without objection.
4. **Action Item Reports:**
  - a. ***Independent audit/Combined Federal Campaign*** – April reported that Jerry has obtained two bids for an independent 501c3 audit. Jerry will make a recommendation of an audit firm.
  - b. ***Pat McGee archival materials retrieval.*** (April) No change this month.
  - c. ***Hope and a Home*** – Tim is absent but April described the program for the new board members
  - d. ***Washington Folk Festival Manual.*** (Charlie) Charlie is still working on this.
  - e. ***Musical Theater adaptation*** (Mike and April) No change this month.
  - f. ***Distribution of Donated 78s and Books.*** (April). Betsy Platt is still working on this.
  - g. ***WFFL.*** (April) April and Jerry need to meet with GEPPAC staff to alert them to the possible/probable change of venue for WFF. April has spoken with Emily by phone, but only to postpone the meeting. (Charlie) Charlie has looked into DTSS as a location but reports that the cost there is as high as the combined cost of Glen Echo plus the shuttle bus. Ingrid would like for us to set a date by which we will decide, and meet with GEPPAC soon about problems (like banners, transportation, exclusion of HMT, etc.) Will try to schedule the GEPPAC meeting on Friday so that Ingrid can participate.
  - h. ***Callers Practicum*** (April and/or Penelope) Final Tuesday is next week. Callers will have a chance to prompt dances at a Glen Echo Sunday night dance in June. (FINAL)
  - i. ***Annual Life Membership Award.*** (Mike) – Family members are on board to be on the committee. The creation of the Award will be announced this October, with the first award to be made in October, 2018. (FINAL)
5. **Wish List for Bylaw Revision:** A list of what needs to be changed, so we get to all of it.
  - a. Easier method to amend Bylaws.
  - b. Change to membership structure – one person, one member. All members' dependents get the membership rate (the old rationale for "Family")
  - c. Change one Board position to IT Liaison.
  - d. Address "corporate" issues s (Revels). They can't vote, and therefore need a different type of membership, such as "affiliation."
  - e. Election of a completely unopposed slate by acclamation? Doesn't allow for write-ins?
  - f. Elect only HALF of the Board each year? Or elect Board for two-year terms -- elections held only every other year instead of every year. This will also require rethinking the "five-year" limit.
  - g. Eliminate the differentiation between "Programs" and "Concerts" which is no longer reflected in the Board personnel.

- h. Mechanism for deputizing a committee member to represent a Board member at a meeting?
  - i. Include other appropriate ways for the Board to meet (e.g., Skype or conference call).
  - j. Consider decreasing the number of mandatory Board meetings per year (i.e., not require monthly).
6. **Old Business**
- a. **Logo**
    - i. Lawn signs and banners with logo –Ingrid has ordered 5 signs with the new logo. April requested that some of these include a large arrow, facing the same direction on both sides. Also signs with the horizontal logo that say EVENT. Ingrid will determine whether her local provider can replace just the banner part on the current FSGW stands, but needs information about sizes. Judy said the original one was purchased through Vista. Kim suggested that we get multiple prices.
    - ii. Logo is on the current website, thanks to Will Strang. For the new website, the Web Migration Project Manager, Beth Soderberg still needs to pick final layout for wireframes.
    - iii. We originally allocated \$600 in September, 2016. We need to slightly increase that amount.
      - (1) Ingrid Gorman *moved that the Folklore Society of Greater Washington allocate an additional sum not to exceed \$400 to be paid to Debra Witt for additional logo redesign services.*
      - (2) Seconded by Mike. Motion passed without objection.
    - iv. How to respond to a complaint from a member or members about the logo.
      - (1) Who responds? Jerry Stein, who received the message, will be asked to respond directly to the member(s) and April can respond with a "thank you for your feedback."
  - b. **Sound Equipment.**
    - i. Dan Kahn has provided a list of FSGW equipment, and will be attending the July meeting for further discussion. FSGW has equipment stored at Joel Bluestein's house, at April's house, and the English Dance sound system, stored at Will Strang's house. FSGW shares ownership of the equipment at the Glen Echo Ballroom. FSGW uses, but does not own, Janie Meneely's sound system.
    - ii. Mike has provided a list of other equipment which is apparently being used for many FSGW concerts, some of which belongs to Janie Meneely. This becomes particularly important if there's a conflict and two organizations want to borrow it.
    - iii. Annual or semi-annual sound tech training sessions? Postponed until next month.
7. **New Business:**
- a. **Co-sponsored Monthly English Dance Event**
    - i. April intends to institute a monthly English Dance event (Challenging English) at her home starting in August. Always on the 3rd Thursday.
    - ii. No cost to FSGW. Can this be an FSGW co-sponsored event, so it can be on the calendar and in the email blast? Penelope as Dance Chair recommended that the English Committee be consulted about this before it is approved. In any case there is not a quorum to approve, because April would have to recuse herself.
  - b. **Problem Concert and Dance Patron**
    - i. Problem Attendee 1 (PA1) has periodically attended FSGW events (mostly concerts but occasionally dances). Without prior approval PA1 gets up on the stage (or sometimes stands at the front of the hall), facing the audience, and upstages the paid performers.
    - ii. What action can/should FSGW take? Penelope suggested that the Dance Chair approach PA1 when PA1 comes to another dance. April requested that someone on the Dance Committee reach out to PA1 to make an inquiry about what happened. Steve is not comfortable reaching out to someone that he doesn't know, outside of an FSGW event. Agreed that there needs to be greater knowledge on the Board of how to handle such situations.
8. **Next Meeting and Motion to Adjourn.**
- a. Does the new Board want Tuesday or Wednesday meetings? (July 4 is the next first Tuesday, so no meeting then anyway). Please note that Jen Furlong, incoming Membership chair, teaches on Mondays and Wednesdays. The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 5, 2017.
  - b. Motion to adjourn by Charlie. Seconded by Heather. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:03pm.