

8/6/19

Charlie Pilzer called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM. Quorum (greater than 8) was achieved.

Present: Jerry Blum (At-Large), Don Fahey (Program), Kim Gandy (At-Large), Ingrid Gorman (VP), Will Strang (Treasurer), Neil Zimmerman (Secretary), Renee Brachfeld (At-Large), Ben Sela (Dance), Jim McRea (Publications), Nancy Lisi (Publicity), Charlie Baum (Past-President), Jerry Stein (past-Treasurer).

Absent: None

Minutes: Jerry B moved adoption, Jim seconded, passed without objection.

WFF:

Last year, three coord's were Molly, Joel, Dwain. There has been no FSGW Board Resolution since at least 2013 to appoint WFF coordinators.

Report on WFF 2019: Qualitative: Went well. Financial: Lost \$ 6 400. Projection for 2020 (if authorized): \$ 2, 000 net loss. Two major additional sources of income for 2020: Ask Friends of Festival (FoF) earlier, to garner \$ 4, 800 more; Sign up new stage sponsors in December, to garner \$ 5, 200 more. The WFF has lost cumulatively \$ 58, 100 between 2015 and 2019.

Dwain Winters is retiring after many years as one of the WFF Coordinating Committee. He is quite optimistic that the WFF is sustainable both in terms of volunteer staff, and in terms of budget.

Discussion of sustainability of the WFF, with various opinions but no consensus.

MOTION: The Board authorizes the Coordinating Committee for the WFF to proceed with planning for the WFF 2020, but does not authorize any expenditures. Moved by Renee, seconded by Don; passed by affirmation.

Discussion of choosing a Coordinator. Suggestion to regularize relationship between FSGW Board and WFF Committee, perhaps by submitting a written proposal in advance.

MOTION: Appoint Joel Bluestein as a current member of WFF Coord Comm. Moved by Renee, seconded by Don; passed 12 -1, no abstentions.

Treasurer's Report:

MOTION: "The FSGW Board hereby affirms that Current Treasurer William Strang and Past Treasurer Jerry Stein shall each be "Key Executive with Control of Entity" for

FSGW bank accounts. Former Treasurer Richard Aigen shall no longer be "Key Executive with Control of Entity" for FSGW bank accounts." Moved by Will, seconded by Jim; passed unanimously.

In less than two years, the FSGW lost \$ 130, 000 or about one third of its net worth.

TPFF Donation: Ingrid led discussion, Kim and Jim discussed tip-in. Charlie P. asked and Jerry/Charlie B answered that donation is in 2019 budget, so no formal action is necessary.

Chesapeake Weekend: No action needed.

Archive Materials: Charlie P: Getting tapes transcribed to digital, one hour of tape takes two hours of studio work. He may offer free storage space. Charlie P will deal with this, for at least a couple of months.

Dance: Ben Sela:

Hash Dance: 140 advance tickets, plus walk-ins; very hot; earned money. Secured end of March for 2020.

Reimbursing FND: The FND asked Charlie P for reimbursement. The sense of the Board is that the Dance Committee should reimburse, and that the FND should be asked to work directly with the Dance Chair in future. Accordingly, Charlie P referred this matter to the Dance Committee.

Bal DC: Don Fahey: Bal DC is asking for \$ 2 975 for venue, which was previously authorized. They are now asking for an additional \$ 3 950. They did not get a grant from CDSS.

Suggestion: Before the Board authorizes further expenditures, we should ask the Bal DC to put "skin in the game"; perhaps 1/3rd of cumulative amount would come from Bal DC Committee. Some agreement on this but not a full discussion. Don and Charlie P agree to invite Bal DC to come to our September meeting.

Dance Calling Terms: Ben Sela:

MOTION FOR PROCESS:

Regarding the process of deciding on a policy for calling terms at FSGW Contra Dances:

1) The Dance Chair shall make a draft of a (short, non-detailed) policy and a (longer, as detailed as he/she wishes) implementation document. Our intention is that the policy document be quite short and non-detailed, so that it sets out the general policy of frequency of gendered and non-gendered calling, while leaving the Dance Chair sufficient flexibility in implementing that general policy.

2) The Dance Chair shall communicate the draft of the policy to the Board, which will subsequently vote on a Motion to accept the policy.

Moved by Neil, seconded by Don. Passed with 12 yesses, with two abstentions.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 3 (day after Labor Day).

Proposed Budget: Will be due 10 days before beginning of next fiscal year (September 1)f. The Board may wish to pursue how to enforce the Budget in future years.

Board Donations: Charlie P would like all members of the Board to donate before general letter to Membership requesting donations.

Move to Adjourn: Don moved, Kim seconded, passed by affirmation at 10:26 PM.