

Folklore Society of Greater Washington
Minutes of board meeting on June 2, 2020

Charlie Pilzer called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM. Quorum (greater than 8) was achieved.

Present remotely:

Charlie Baum (Past-President),
Jerry Blum (At-Large),
Renee Brachfeld (At-Large),
Kim Gandy (At-Large),
Ingrid Gorman (VP),
Nancy Lisi (Publicity)
Jim McRea (Publications),
Ben Sela (Dance, started later)
Will Strang (Treasurer),
Neil Zimmerman (Secretary);

came later remotely:

Jerry Stein (past-Treasurer),

Absent:

None.

Minutes of previous regular Meeting: Jerry B moved adoption, Will seconded, passed with one abstention.

President's Report: Charlie P.: Should the FSGW have a policy statement regarding unrest? Discussion of "blackout Tuesday", racial disparity, rioting and unrest. Jerry S will draft statement and send around for email vote of Board.

Treasurer's Report: Will Strang: Have been paying for cancelled performances. Making a Budget this pandemic year will be really challenging – maybe make two budgets? We plan on going to a two-year budgeting cycle – FY 21 and FY 22 by September. Kim: Comments on terminology (e.g., P/L versus Income/Expenses), especially in the context of a Board which does not have special financial expertise. Charlie P: Agree, perhaps we'll have a Work Session to give Board "training" in understanding the reports.

Grapevine: Renee: May 13 was a success; over 200 people attended. We took in \$ 2,700 in donations.

OLD BUSINESS:

Payment to performers for events canceled because of coronavirus-19: Payments are mostly done.

Extension of policy to cancel events due to coronavirus-19 (5 minutes): Charlie P: Should we extend our date of cancellation? A variety of opinions. Possibility: A rolling monthly extension of our policy of all in-person events are cancelled. Consensus on that; will be put in Newsletter and website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grapevine Proposed Payment FY21: Renee does not yet have firm proposal. Roughly it is guaranteeing \$ 450 or higher to each teller, then split rest of net proceeds, 1/3 to each teller and 1/3 to FSGW; this would also obligate FSGW to guaranteeing the minimum. This would result roughly in a \$ 10, 000 FSGW Annual Budget Allocation for Grapevine.

There was lots of varied discussion, with some expressing surprise at such a high minimum.

Charlie P: Do we need to take action this month to allow Renee to schedule for the Fall?

Renee: No. Will agrees: We don't need to take action for at least three months.

MOTION: The FSGW will table the discussion of the Grapevine 2021 Budget until the July Board Meeting. Renee moved, Jerry B seconded, passed by affirmation.

FSGW Items stored at Ingrid's House: Charlie P: Ingrid dropped off cash box, banners, canopy.

AARP about video of dancers 50+. "Staying Sharp": Charlie P: We were contacted for AARP to get our help to get video. Will was contacted – they are asking for suggestions.

Strategic Direction for concerts & dance booking:

Charlie P asks Dance and Concert Chairs to consider starting online events.

Meetup Groups: Jim: We need \$ 150/year + people who will populate the lists. Charlie P: Are we premature in forming this group? Will: Corinne is the appropriate person to do this.

MOTION: The FSGW will establish a Meetup Group, and allocates a maximum of \$ 170 for FY 20. Will moved, Neil seconded, passed by affirmation.

Move to Adjourn: Neil moved, Will seconded at 10:12 PM.

**Written Report by René Brachfield
Event Report Grapevine May 13 2020**

Amazing -

Grapevine on Zoom

Over 200 people attended (Max of 198 Screens, but several had multiple people)

Noa Baum and Kevin Kling performed

Tim Livengood MC

Renee Brachfeld on Tech

Small tech glitches but otherwise a great event

Over \$2500 came in through PayPal. Waiting for final tally before sending performer check requests. Possible checks pending.

Renee