



Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEETING – September 1, 2020]

Charlie Pilzer called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM at the online Zoom meeting. Quorum (greater than 8) was established.

Attendees Present:

Charlie Baum, *Past-President*
April Blum, *Vice President*
Will Strang, *Treasurer*
Amanda Muir, *Secretary*
Ben Sela, *Dance*
Jim McRea, *Publications*
Jerry Blum, *At-Large*
Renee Brachfeld, *At-Large*
Jim Gillard, *At-Large*

Absent:

(late) Charlie Baum

Guests:

Mike Livingston
Bill Rucker
Mia Gardner
Jane Gorbaty

Approval of Minutes:

- MOTION: To approve Minutes from August 4th Board Meeting
 - Vote: Will Strang moved, Jim McRea seconded
 - Resolved: The minutes of the September 1, 2020 meeting is approved as corrected and entered into the Society records.

President's Report:

- Charlie's studio work has been picking up
- Found amazing 7-hour video podcast called "Folk on Foot" of musicians reuniting for the first time since quarantine- demonstrates what one can do with livestream
- Learning more about livestreaming each day, would be happy to be a resource

- Will be meeting with Will this weekend to help develop the budget to send out for the review
- Have request from Takoma Park Folk Festival asking for a sponsorship

Treasurer's Report:

- Report of assets- the investment accounts keep going up
- Wells Fargo accounts keep going down
 - Income from current programs is very little
 - Fixed costs: bookkeeper, membership administrator, website helper, WildApricot, CDSS Membership Insurance, Newsletter
- May need to also look into cutting some of FSGW fixed costs (listed above)
- Want to make a proposal that FSGW reduce the amount of bank accounts

NEW BUSINESS:

Issue 1: Continuing resolution to keep a budget per month- enabling board members to commit money in the future- so that FSGW is able to continue operations

- MOTION: that the FSGW budgetary authority be continued to the October board meeting at the average monthly rate per program in the 2020 budget
 - Vote: Will Strang moves, Charlie Baum seconds
 - Resolved: Motion passes

Discussion of the Weekend Getaway program occurred

Discussion of the Bylaws Committee progress occurred

Discussion of possible Midwinter Festival logistics occurred

Discussion of upcoming programs occurred

Discussion of minimum payments for online performers occurred

Issue 2: Election Day coincides with FSGW's usual board meeting time of the first Tuesday of the month.

- MOTION: to move the November monthly board meeting to the following Tuesday November 10th due to election day
 - Vote: Jim moves, Renee seconds
 - Resolved: Charlie Baum abstains, motion carries

Issue 3: Sponsorship of Takoma Park Folk Festival

- MOTION: to donate \$500 dollars to the 2020 Takoma Park Folk Festival
 - Vote: Jerry moves, Charlie Baum seconds
 - Amended: change \$500 to \$250 by Jim McRea
- AMENDED MOTION: to donate \$250 dollars to the 2020 Takoma Park Folk Festival
 - Vote: Jerry moves, Charlie Baum seconds
 - Resolved: motion passes

Meeting Adjourned at 10:09 pm.

- Vote: Jim McRea moved, Charlie Baum seconded

Appendix: Treasurer's Report