



Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEETING – October 06, 2020

Charlie Pilzer called the meeting to order at 8:08 PM at the online Zoom meeting. Quorum (greater than 8) was established.

Attendees Present:

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

Absent:

Guests:

Jane Gorbaty
Mike Livingston
Timothy Foley
(late) Fred Stollnitz

Approval of Minutes:

- MOTION: To approve Minutes from Sept 1, 2020 Board Meeting
 - Vote: Charlie Baum moved, Will Strang seconded
 - Resolved: The minutes of the September 1, 2020 meeting are approved as corrected and entered into the Society records.

President's Report:

- First online getaway occurred over the past weekend
- Budget meeting got interrupted
- Salisbury Maryland National Folk Festival happened
- Takoma Park Folk Festival occurred- Charlie B. and Lisa were part of the presenters
- This online world will continue as coronavirus does not seem to be abating

Treasurer's Report:

- Wells Fargo accounts are down about \$700
- Investment accounts are down about \$2400 which isn't bad considering the current stock market- we are still above where we were last February
- Been exploring PayPal and the payments from the Getaway are ~\$3,528.41
- As far as Budget have not made much progress, been talking around about ideas
- Wells Fargo has made changes to their fee structure which may impact FSGW negatively
- Should FSGW move assets to a new bank?
- FSGW could get rid of the Money Market account because it is superfluous; it is not Eberhart it is just money and not earning any useful interest

Getaway Zoom Report:

- Had 314 registered participants from around the world
- Great reviews, push for continuing Zoom Getaways
- Had 2 Zoom tracks each day from 10:30 am - 7:30 pm and one in the evening
- Most people per session less than 100
- Made about \$3,500 in donations
- Expenses very minimal- just Getaway's share of FSGW zoom license
- FSGW gets 15% of donations and reserving 85% for a scholarship fund
- "Getting back to normal" does not look optimistic for next year
- Zoom updates are difficult to keep on top of, which affects breakout room abilities
- Downsides
 - singing in harmony is very difficult
 - instrument accompaniment requires extreme tech support
 - some participants need Zoom help

Grapevine Zoom Report:

- Sept was first month of registration through FSGW website
- had significantly lower turnout (under 100) - not sure why
- Most registration is now within 48 hours of the event which means trouble shooting happens generally right before
- Not sure if September presenters were paid

OLD BUSINESS:

Issue 1: consolidating money accounts

- MOTION: to close the FSGW Wells Fargo Money Market Account and distribute the money to accounts chosen by the treasurer

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- Vote: Will Strang moves, Jim McRea seconds
- Resolved: motion passes

Issue 2: continuing budget authority

- MOTION: that the FSGW budgetary authority be continued to the November 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 programming occurred

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of marketing occurred

Discussion of board positions recruitment occurred

Discussion of donations occurred

Discussion of inventory occurred

Meeting Adjourned at 9:51 pm.

- Vote: Will Strang moved, Amanda Muir seconded