



Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEETING – January 05, 2021

Charlie Pilzer called the meeting to order at 8:05 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:

Fred Stollnitz
Jane Gorbaty
Timothy Foley
Janine Smith
Donna Rogall
Mo Brachfield
Liz Milner

Approval of Minutes:

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

President's Report:

- This year will be different!
- New Year's Eve had two big events: NYE Sea to Sea and NYE Many Midnights Singaround
- Next online event for Charlie Pilzer is Golden Fest on Vimeo
- FSGW is embracing online events

Treasurer's Report:

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- Wells Fargo accounts are doing very well because of donations from NYE Sea to Sea event
 - Most of the money will be given to the musicians
- Wells Fargo accounts currently average around \$35,500
- Investment accounts are doing ok
- Looking at closing the Money Market account because of the lack of transactions
- ECD will not rent the Silver Spring Civic Center hall in May

Grapevine Report:

- Doing well
- Currently booked through June
- Performers from February through June are accepting a minimum of \$250 instead of the larger payments of before
- There has been a gradual drop off of audience numbers
- January will feature Connie Reagan Blake and Carolina Quiroga-Stultz, a young storyteller from Latin America

New Year's Eve Many Midnights Sing Around Report:

- 250 registrants total, audience size at any one time never >75
- Started at 2 pm EST and lasted 14.5 hours
- Unsure of the final donation amount
- Cost was \$0, excluding Zoom license

Concert Program Report:

- December concert
 - Took in about \$1,800 in donations
 - 188 registrants, but audience size maxed out at 136; 56 people were still watching at 11:15 pm
 - Surplus is around \$650
- This coming Sunday is 40 Degrees South from Australia
 - Need to pay an international organization, need to learn what to do instead of W-9 form

New Year's Eve Sea to Sea Report:

- Hundreds of people attended
- There were no troubles with Zoom
- The program had amazing volunteers to help with technical problems
- 2,455 people registered
- There is a kudos board from participants with glowing reviews
- FSGW got shared credit by co-sponsoring

Dance Concert Report:

- The concert on Jan. 17th- performer canceled due to COVID related reasons, and Ben Sela is looking for a replacement

NEW BUSINESS:

Issue 1: Updating Wells Fargo contacts

MOTION: The Board adopts the following Corporate Resolution on Key Executive with Control of Entity:

CORPORATE RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS the board membership of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington (“FSGW”) has changed;
and WHEREAS it is desirable to change the Key Executives with Control of Entity on FSGW’s accounts at Wells Fargo, NA;
and WHEREAS Jerry Stein is no longer the Past Treasurer of FSGW;
and WHEREAS William Strang has been duly elected and is presently serving as Treasurer of FSGW;
and WHEREAS Charles L. Pilzer has been duly elected and is presently serving as President of FSGW;
BE IT RESOLVED that Jerry Stein shall be removed as Key Executive with Control of Entity;
RESOLVED FURTHER that William Strang and Charles L. Pilzer shall continue as Key Executive with Control of Entity.

- Vote: Will Strang moves, Jerry Blum seconds
- Resolved: motion passes unanimously

Issue 2: FY2021 budget

- MOTION: for the FSGW board to adopt version 4 of the FSGW budget for the FY2021
 - Vote: Will Strang moves, Jim Gillard seconds
 - Discussion: the changes are the addition of the Orpheus Workshop budget, opening of a Vimeo account, Lisa Null/ Higgins Foundation publicity grant, and a second \$2,500 donation from the Higgins Foundation
 - Resolved: motion passes unanimously

Discussion of the board election committee occurred

Issue 3: Election Committee Chair

- MOTION: that Renee Brachfeld serve as the Election Committee Chair for the 2021 FSGW board elections
 - Vote: Charlie Baum moves, Will Strang seconds
 - Discussion: of fulfilling by-laws occurred
 - Resolved: motion passes unanimously

Discussion of media publicity occurred... inclusion was photo archiving

Action Items Recorded:

Amanda Muir- contact WFF coordinators and gather photos

*Charlie Baum- contact Getaway coordinators and gather photos of song circles and
upcoming programs*

Ben Sela- gather photos from upcoming performance and settle newsletter blast business

Discussion of the Orpheus Workshop occurred

Discussion of the Mid-Winter Festival Concert occurred

Discussion of the Nominating Meeting occurred

Meeting Adjourned at 10:26 pm.

- Vote: Jerry Blum moved, Jim McRea seconded