



Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEETING – September 14, 2021

Charlie Pilzer called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM at the online Zoom meeting. Quorum (at least 8) was established.

Attendees Present:

Charlie Pilzer, *President*
Caroline Barnes, *Vice President*
Will Strang, *Treasurer*
Amanda Muir, *Secretary*
Charlie Baum, *Programs*
Jim McRea, *Publications*
Noel-Marie Delaney, *Membership*
Jerry Blum, *At-Large*
Alyssa Hemler, *At-Large*
Lucia Schafer, *At-Large*

Absent:

Amy Mills, *Dance*

Guests:

Fred Stollnitz
Timothy Foley
Lois

Approval of Minutes:

- MOTION: To approve Minutes from August 3, 2021 Board Meeting
 - Vote: Jim McRea moved, Will Strang seconded
 - Resolved: The minutes of the August 3, 2021 meeting are approved as corrected and entered into the Society records.

President's Report:

- Montgomery County COVID cases are rapidly evolving between High and Substantial
- COVID will most likely continue to be around, similar to the flu
- Will need to make regulations through the Fall in order to cope with changes
- Washington Revels has moved to Glen Echo, and plans to have Christmas show in the Spanish ballroom, COVID willing

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- Renee- pandemic fatigue has gotten to the Grapevine, and there is nothing programmed right now
- Streaming events have significantly lower attendance, but she still believes they have value

Treasurer's Report:

- Have no event income, continue with usual expenses
- Wells Fargo account down a bit, but better than a year ago
- Investment accounts continue to go up
- Have serious case of bored and pandemic fatigue
- Some small changes to make to proposed budget

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of FSGW COVID-19 policy changes occurred... inclusion was county data, negative tests

Issue 1: Align policy to Regional COVID status

- MOTION: to adopt the COVID-19 policy as amended September 14th, 2021 (see Appendix II)
 - Vote: Will moved, Charlie Baum seconded
 - Resolved: motion passed, Noel-Marie opposed

NEW BUSINESS:

Issue 1: Charlie B request to revise 2021 budget to reflect expenditures

- MOTION: that the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget be amended under the Concerts to specify expenses are \$11,500 and income is \$14,500
 - Vote: Charlie Baum moved, Jerry seconded
 - Resolved: motion passed

Discussion of FY 2022 Budget occurred...

Issue 2: the Budget

- MOTION: to adopt version 3 of the FSGW Budget for FY 2022
 - Vote: Charlie Baum moved, Will seconded
 - Resolved: motion passed

Discussion of the Mid-Winter Festival reservation progress occurred...

Discussion of Zoom license occurred...

Discussion of the Getaway and online concerts occurred...

Discussion of Takoma Park music jam occurred...

Meeting Adjourned at 10:04 pm.

- Vote: Alyssa moved, Lucia seconded

Appendix I: Treasurer's Report

Date or FSGW Treasurers report of assets – September 13, 2021
Month end Wells Fargo Vanguard Fidelity Total Reserves gain/loss % diff

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09/13/2021	129,994.51	144,253.69	127,604.38	301,852.58	+53,842.84	
	+24.7%					
08/02/2021	132,687.16	142,564.25	126,135.07	301,386.48	+50,684.09	+23.2%
07/05/2021	137,822.42	141,479.16	125,569.95	304,871.53	+49,033.88	+22.5%
05/31/2021	140,699.83	138,035.50	123,377.44	302,112.77	+43,397.71	+19.9%
05/04/2021	141,232.36	137,626.97	122,757.45	301,616.78	+42,369.19	+18.9%
04/06/2021	142,545.65	134,943.68	120,784.77	298,274.10	+37,713.22	+17.3%
03/01/2021	148,267.61	131,580.49	119,473.45	299,321.55	+33,038.71	+15.2%
02/01/2021	158,058.47	129,013.97	118,010.28	305,082.72	+29,009.02	+13.3%
01/04/2021	152,794.77	127,206.75	116,715.94	296,717.46	+25,907.46	+11.9%
12/01/2020	27,346.43	125,928.08	114,143.40	267,417.91	+22,056.25	+10.1%

Note: \$25,209.70 of Online NYE Sea to Sea money arrived and left from Dec thru April

11/10/2020	26,186.10	122,838.49	111,092.92	260,117.51	+15,916.18	+7.3%
10/05/2020	21,136.34	119,688.20	108,153.37	248,977.91	+9,926.34	+4.5%
08/31/2020	21,815.20	121,517.25	108,884.60	252,217.05	+12,386.62	+5.7%
08/03/2020	23,751.64	117,052.91	106,509.14	247,313.69	+5,546.82	+2.5%
07/06/2020	28,418.41	114,073.75	104,161.83	246,653.99	+220.35	+0.1%
06/02/2020	29,503.20	111,511.23	101,300.54	242,314.97	-5203.46	-2.4%
05/05/2020	30,650.56	106,193.26	95,963.14	232,806.96	-15,858.83	-7.3%
04/06/2020	34,481.27	100,919.09	90,955.89	226,356.25	-26,140.25	-12.0%
03/25/2020	33,581.81	87,688.84	96,000.54	217,271.19	-34,325.85	-15.7%
03/03/2020	36,344.38	108,885.54	99,980.64	245,210.56	-9,149.05	-4.4%
end of Feb 2020		107,614.57	99,102.66		-11,229.00	-5.2%
pre-Covid-dip high		112,766.67	105,248.56		(total 218,015.23)	
	0.0%					
1/21/2020	28,619.19	114,403.43	103,821.83	246,844.45		
12/2019	23,224.46	112,184.47	102,230.49	237,639.42		
11/2019	17,861.62	110,191.15	100,202.95	228,255.72		
10/2019	19,176.85	107,789.58	98,445.01	225,411.44		
09/2019	39,960.56	106,288.85	97,080.95	243,330.36		
06/2019	15,900.81	110,576.98	111,243.31	237,721.10		

FSGW lost money in FY2016 thru FY2019, and so withdrew \$199,000 from reserves.

Vanguard total withdrawn: \$179,000 Fidelity total withdrawn: \$20,000

Appendix II: FSGW COVID-19 Policy (Amended Sept. 14)

FSGW policy regarding COVID-19 and participation at in-person events.

The goal is to keep all healthy and to enable all to feel safe. FSGW hopes that everyone will approach participating at in-person events from a “good neighbor” perspective. Each of us is essential to keeping the community healthy. Thank you!

Folklore Society of Greater Washington will follow the data in the CDC community transmission level Dashboard: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>. FSGW will permit events with in-person attendance if the level of Community Transmission of COVID-19 is Low in the jurisdiction where the event is to be held for the 14 days prior to the event. An event will automatically be postponed or cancelled if the level of Community Transmission of COVID-19 is Moderate, Substantial or High at the time of the event.

- 1) FSGW sponsors three levels of in-person event. FSGW will indicate the COVID-19 Policy Tier in event publicity.

Tier 1: FSGW requires that participants be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Proof of vaccination must be provided. A participant may decline to share their vaccination status, but if so, they will not be allowed to attend the event in person.

Tier 2: Same requirements as Tier 1. Additionally, if you are not vaccinated, you may provide proof of a Rapid COVID-19 antigen test taken within six hours of the event. Rapid COVID-19 Antigen tests are available at many clinics throughout the DMV area, and most urgent care sites. Please note that these generally require an appointment in advance. At-home tests will not be accepted. Universal masking will be required.

Tier 3: Same requirements as Tier 2 for FSGW participants. Tier 3 events occur at shared venues, where there may be individuals sharing the venue who are not following the FSGW COVID-19 policy.

- 2) FSGW requires that participants be registered. Attendance limits will be enforced. Preregistration is encouraged. Walk Up registrations will be accepted until the attendance limit is reached.
- 3) FSGW will keep a contact trace log via the registration. Name, email and a telephone number must be provided. FSGW will not keep copies of the proof of vaccination. FSGW may keep track of a participant’s vaccination status.
- 4) FSGW requires that if a participant is feeling sick, they will stay home. Or if a participant has been exposed to someone who's been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the previous 2 weeks, they will stay home.

5) FSGW requires participants who test positive for COVID-19 within two weeks after an attended event to promptly contact the event organizer or the president of FSGW.

6) FSGW will follow the directives issued by the Federal Government, the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and jurisdictions within the states of Maryland and Virginia.

7) FSGW will follow the rules established by the venue. Events held in private residences are subject to the rules established by the event host.

8) In the event of a COVID-19 case being identified, FSGW will deliver the event contact trace log to the appropriate authority for follow up.

FSGW reserves the right to alter this policy including canceling an event as necessary.

Participant: Any person registered for or at an event. This includes audience, dancers, singers, volunteers, performers and staff.

Fully Vaccinated: A full 2 weeks after the end of a full course of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Symptoms of COVID-19: may include fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, loss of smell or taste, muscle or body aches. The Delta variant symptoms may also include headache, runny nose, or sore throat.

Adopted July 6, 2021

Amended August 3, 2021

Amended September 14, 2021