



## Board Meeting Minutes

### BOARD MEETING – May 31, 2022

Caroline Barnes called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM as an online Zoom meeting. Quorum (at least 8) was established.

#### Attendees Present:

Charlie Baum, *Programs 2021-2022*

#### 2021-2023 Board:

Charlie Pilzer, *President*

Caroline Barnes, *Vice President*

Will Strang, *Treasurer*

Jim McRea, *Publications*

Jerry Blum, *At-Large*

Alyssa Hemler, *At-Large 21-22, Dance 22-23*

Lucia Schafer, *At-Large*

#### 2022-2023 Board:

David Shewmaker, *At-Large*

Stephen Winick, *Programs*

#### Absent:

Noel-Marie Delaney, *Membership 2021-2022*

#### Guests:

Jane Gorbaty

Fred Stollnitz

Lois Shiner

Amanda Muir

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#### Approval of Minutes:

- MOTION: To approve Minutes from May 3, 2022 Board Meeting
  - Vote: Jim McRea moved, Charlie Pilzer seconded
  - Resolved: The minutes of the May 3, 2022 meeting are approved as corrected and entered into the Society records.

#### President's Report:

- Have had lots of in-person events, many mentioned in E-blast
- We are currently working on putting on more concerts; online better attended than in-person
- Most board members have agreed to serve another term
- Currently driving to NY to record Magpie, so audio-only cellphone Zoom connection
- COVID cases are generally rising, but few so far at our events
- Washington Folk Festival is this coming weekend, delayed 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, public's COVID concerns may cause WFF to lose money
- Getaway (see below) may be the last if we don't get good public response

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Assets have gone down because of stock market fluctuations
- End of June we'll pay Wild Apricot ~\$8,500 to cover our next 2 years of its use
- We held a successful in-person Spring English Ball
- Amanda Muir & Mo Brachfield have begun working as FSGW "Office Staff" to help members with Wild Apricot

**Open Board Positions:**

- Three of our Board positions remain open: Publicity, Membership, & Secretary, plus our current newsletter editor will be leaving the DC area later this year. Mandy maintains our membership list data, but neither attempts to recruit nor follow-up with drop-offs, as those actions should be the Membership chair's responsibility. The 3 most common reasons people have been offering for not renewing are 1: the current lack of events, 2: they've lost income due to the pandemic, & 3: no longer need to be a member to get the newsletter & E-blast.

**Events:**

- More in-person events are occurring: recent concert drew ~25, ECD has been going on weekly, contra (joint with FND) every other week, & has moved from the Bumper Car Pavillion to the Spanish Ballroom
- The last two online concerts have had 50-60 attendees, we're starting to allow at-the-door registration at both the ECD & contra, partly facilitated by Will providing several tablets for that use.

**Wild Apricot:**

- Mo Brachfield & Amanda Muir are each serving as a part-time administrator (~25 hr/mo each). They've been updating our online information, especially our calendar, improving our FAQs, & improving the user interface in general.

**WFF Report:**

- WFF is this coming weekend, 6/4-5. The WFF Program committee has posted the full program on the website. They decided not to include participatory dance, because of the COVID risk, but there will be dance demonstrations.
- The company that provides the shuttle buses to the near-Metro parking area has raised their prices considerably, so we may lose more money than usual.

**Getaway Report**

- Kathie Mack sent out a questionnaire to all the attendees from the last several years, including those who came to the well-attended online Getaways the last 2 years, but she only received 59 responses. We suspect we likely won't get enough attendees this year to justify using the entire camp (which can accommodate 141 people), so the committee is busy evaluating the possible options. Fortunately the camp is willing to offer options of 24, 44, or 66 people and considering allowing nonresident participants (day-trippers). Committee is also considering the option of continuing to do the whole Getaway on Zoom.

## Dare to be Square:

- There were several cases of COVID, possibly because the rainy weather induced almost everyone to eat in the dining hall.
- Despite the rain, had ~120 attendees.
- The D2BS committee had to partially isolate from FSGW because D2BS was totally in-person & needed to sign contracts while FSGW was still working on its in-person policy.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### Family Dance Restart:

- Sargon & Sarah were trying to restart the Family Dance series just as the COVID pandemic erupted, so it has continued on hiatus for more than two years, but they are now hoping to restart it in July.
- The location is still TBD due to significant flux in the scheduling people in GEPAC.
- Potential schedule would be starting at 3 PM on second Sundays.
- Since schools will be out by July, won't need to deal with school protocols.

*Discussion of possible events for our 2022-2023 fiscal year occurred.*

### Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 pm.

- Vote: Will Strang moved, Charlie Baum seconded

## Appendix I: Treasurer's Report

FSGW Treasurer's report of assets – May 5, 2022

Date or Month end	(working) Wells Fargo	(reserve 1) Vanguard	(reserve 2) Fidelity	Total	Reserves gain/loss	Reserves % diff
05/30/2022	61,864.89	134,414.80	115,404.43	311,684.12	+31,804.00	+14.6%
05/02/2022	87,284.61	133,697.60	115,172.46	336,154.67	+30,854.83	+14.2%
04/04/2022	88,351.28	143,903.92	123,001.41	355,256.61	+48,890.10	+22.4%
03/01/2022	75,767.29	140,649.04	121,940.60	338,356.93	+44,574.41	+20.4%
01/04/2022	72,745.91	150,344.01	128,602.44	351,692.36	+60,931.22	+27.9%
Note: A \$25,293,17 bequest from the estate of Joan Clifford was received in 12/2021						
12/06/2021	36,651.31	146,446.72	126,705.53	309,803.56	+55,137.02	+25.3%
11/01/2021	31,321.07	147,161.63	128,693.30	307,176.00	+57,839.70	+26.5%
10/04/2021	31,268.27	140,573.28	124,831.36	296,672.91	+47,389.41	+21.7%
09/13/2021	29,994.51	144,253.69	127,604.38	301,852.58	+53,842.84	+24.7%

08/02/2021	32,687.16	142,564.25	126,135.07	301,386.48	+50,684.09	+23.2%
07/05/2021	37,822.42	141,479.16	125,569.95	304,871.53	+49,033.88	+22.5%
05/31/2021	40,699.83	138,035.50	123,377.44	302,112.77	+43,397.71	+19.9%
05/04/2021	41,232.36	137,626.97	122,757.45	301,616.78	+42,369.19	+18.9%
04/06/2021	42,545.65	134,943.68	120,784.77	298,274.10	+37,713.22	+17.3%
03/01/2021	48,267.61	131,580.49	119,473.45	299,321.55	+33,038.71	+15.2%
02/01/2021	58,058.47	129,013.97	118,010.28	305,082.72	+29,009.02	+13.3%
01/04/2021	52,794.77	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%
pre-Covid-dip high		112,766.67	105,248.56	(baseline = 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**