



Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEETING – August 2, 2022

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

Attendees Present:

Charlie Pilzer, *President*
Caroline Barnes, *Vice President*
Will Strang, *Treasurer*
Jim McRea, *Publications*
Jerry Blum, *At-Large*
Alyssa Hemler, *Dance*
Lucia Schaefer, *At-Large*
Stephen Winick, *Programs*
David Shewmaker, *At-Large*

Absent:

Guests:
Jane Gorbaty
Fred Stollnitz
Lois Shiner
Amanda Muir
Charlie Baum
Ann Dorsey
Mo Brachfield
Timothy Foley

Approval of Minutes:

- MOTION: To approve Minutes from July 5, 2022 Board Meeting
 - Vote: Will Strang moved, Jim McRea seconded
 - Resolved: The minutes of the July 5, 2022 meeting are approved as corrected and entered into the Society records.

President's Report:

- Lots of activities going on: CDSS traveling Exec coming to DC area 3rd weekend of October; Will Strang making lots of improvements to the website; we will miss Lisa Null; Charlie Pilzer & Will have been going to the Friday evening contra dances at the Bumper Car Pavilion to facilitate use of the tablets for vaccination confirmation; Amanda (as well as Will) has been working on the appearance & ease of use of the website; they are considering creating an FSGW “wiki” to consolidate useful information

Treasurer's Report:

- Assets have gone back up somewhat because of stock market fluctuations, but working account is down some due to WFF expenses.

- The idea of an FSGW “wiki” is to consolidate institutional knowledge, make it easy to access & edit, make historical information more accessible, and for planning.
- Working on automating verifying vaccination status of members coming to events.
- 2022 should be our 3rd consecutive fiscal year in the black!
- Developing a 2022-2023 budget for the September meeting.
- Trying to make the Wild Apricot user interface less user-surly for finances
- Will send around spreadsheets to help other Board members plan their 2022-2023 budgets.

Website Improvements:

- While Will is working on its programming, Amanda is working on its appearance, layout & style, both to improve usability & to make the website and newsletter more coherent in style. We hope this will help attract more members & more donations, show more about what FSGW does, have more pictures, facilitate sign-up for the E-blast.
- Mo, besides helping Amanda, is working on improving our social media outreach.

Washington Folk Festival:

- WFF 2022 report not yet available, Joel & Dwain are currently both in Massachusetts.

Concerts:

- Stephen has set up a 9/24 singing workshop + concert at Church of the Ascension featuring the group Windborne.
- Working on several other programs, some live, some online; one, hopefully, with a Native American performer, one with ?? Jenkins, one, hopefully, with an aboriginal Australian.
- Charlie Baum is working on some house concerts for 9/10 & 9/15.
- Focus Music, in Alexandria, with whom FSGW used to co-sponsor concerts, is still doing Friday evening concerts, so we will see if we can resume our cooperative relationship.
- FSGW sponsored or co-sponsored programs will offer a discount to FSGW members.

Dances:

- FSGW is planning to do a Contrastock 10/16 in the Bumper Car Pavilion from 1:00 to 9:30pm. We don't think the Mountain Madness dance in Tennessee that date will draw away much potential attendance here. There will be 3 bands & 3 callers, & it will offer a discount to FSGW members.
- Busy Graham is considering resuming the monthly Silver Spring contra dances with FSGW again as a partner, with October & December being the initial ones. (The hall will be busy with election activities in November.) Montgomery County would still cover the cost of the hall rental, but the neighborhood block grant through Carpe Diem is no longer available. Band payments would move up to FSGW scale.
- GEPAC is sponsoring a special Labor Day family dance (1:00-3:00) & contra dance (3:30-5:30) at Glen Echo, so GEPAC mask rules will apply.
- Sargon will call the family dance 9/14, Lucia having called the 1st one, which attracted ~30 dancers from 5 families, but (probably due to COVID concerns) the dancers mostly danced only with others of their own family.

CDSS Meeting:

- The CDSS traveling executive board will be coming to the DC area 10/20-23, mostly at Glen Echo; David Shewmaker is our liaison.
- There will be a dance & reception that Friday & a community meeting and possibly singing on Sunday, with a brunch at the Bumper Car Pavilion.
- This will be a good publicity & networking opportunity for FSGW, but it will cost us some money.

Board Vacancies:

- Secretary, Membership chair, & Publicity chair are still open, & we will need an elections nominations chair; we may need a Publications chair if Jim does move away.

Grapevine:

They plan to stay online for the coming year, since that attracts bigger audiences & eliminates teller travel fees, and they want to budget for tellers for the coming year:

- **MOTION:** That FSGW allocate \$500/month for October through June, a total of \$4500; Will moved & Jerry seconded, this motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Schweinhaut Song Circle:

- **MOTION:** That FSGW allocate \$150/month for all 12 months of the 2022-2023 budget, a total of \$1800, to pay the leader/accompanist. Will moved & Lucia seconded, this motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be Tuesday September 6th at 8pm on Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05 pm.

- Vote: Will Strang moved, Jerry Blum seconded.

Appendix I: Treasurer’s Report

FSGW Treasurers report of assets – July 5, 2022

Date or Month end	(working) Wells Fargo	(reserve 1) Vanguard	(reserve 2) Fidelity	Total	Reserves gain/loss	Reserves % diff
08/01/2022	65,915.93	133,944.94	114,420.86	314,281.73	+30,350.57	+13.9%
07/05/2022	79,880.84	127,215.95	109,529.59	316,626.38	+18,730.31	+8.6%
Note: A 2nd \$25,293,17 bequest from estate of Joan Clifford was received in 7/2022						
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